



**Date of Notice:** April 6, 2020

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Special Event Permit - San Diego Triathlon Classic

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Peninsula

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** Liberty Station Park, surrounding roadways, Cabrillo Memorial Drive

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a triathlon race event that would include Olympic and Sprint swimming, bicycling, and running events, a sports expo, a fenced-in beer garden, announcements/entertainment, the temporary use of portable restrooms, portable bleachers, tables chairs, and bike racks that would occur in Liberty Station Park and surrounding roadways on September 12, 2020. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 6 AM on September 11, 2020, until 2 PM on September 12, 2020. A public announcement system would be used for announcements and entertainment, and sound amplification would occur from 5:30 AM until 12:30 PM on September 12, 2020. A transition area would be located in the western portion of Liberty Station Park near Farragut and Cushing Roads. For the swimming course, participants would enter the water in the channel adjacent to the transition area and complete a rectangular course of 750 meters for the Sprint event and 1500 meters for the Olympic event. For the cycling course, participants would exit transition area and turn left on Cushing Road, turn left onto Laning Road, turn right onto Harbor Drive, veer left onto Scott Street, begin lap at Avenida de Portugal, continue on Scott Street, turn right onto Bessemer Street, turn left onto Rosecrans Street, pass thru base entrance, turn right onto McClelland Road, turn right onto Patterson Road, make a u-turn just past Fleming Road, turn right onto McClelland Road, turn left onto Cabrillo Memorial Drive, continue through roundabout at end of drive and return on Cabrillo Memorial Drive/Catalina Boulevard, turn right onto Canon Street, turn left onto Locust Street, turn right onto Avenida de Portugal, turn right onto Scott Street, begin lap 2 for the Olympic course and retrace the route listed above, otherwise, turn left on Scott Street to complete Olympic and Sprint courses, veer right onto Harbor Drive, turn left onto Laning Road, turn right onto Cushing Road, circle Ingram Plaza, turn left onto Farragut Road, and enter transition area. For the running course, participants would exit the transition area, head toward Farragut Road, turn left on Farragut pathway, turn right onto park pathway, turn right and loop around the USS Recruit, cross Halsey Bridge, u-turn back across Halsey Bridge, turn right onto pathway, continue on Chauncey pathway, loop around Chauncey, head west on Cushing Road, u-turn back along Cushing Road, turn left onto diagonal pathway, continue onto Chauncey Road pathway, and finish near the transition area. Sprint participants would complete one lap (5K), and Olympic participants would complete two laps (10K). Road closures associated with this event would occur from 5 AM until 12 PM and would include Cushing Road between Chauncey and Farragut Roads, SB

lane of Laning Road between Cushing Road and North Harbor Drive, EB lanes of North Harbor Drive between Laning Road and Scott Street, EB lane of Scott Street between North Harbor Drive and Avenida de Portugal, Bessemer Street between Scott Street and Rosecrans Boulevard, NB lane of Rosecrans Boulevard between Bessemer Street and Strothe Road, McClelland Road between Rosecrans Boulevard and Cabrillo Memorial Drive, Patterson Road between McClelland and Fleming Roads, Cabrillo Memorial Drive south of Electron Drive, Locust Street between Canon Street and Avenida de Portugal, and Avenida de Portugal between Locust and Scott Streets. There would be a public announcement system used for announcements and background music, and sound amplification would occur from 5:30 AM until 12 PM. On September 11, 2020, set-up would occur from 6 AM until 5 PM, and the Expo/Registration would occur from 10 AM until 3 PM. On September 12, 2020, set-up would occur from 4 AM until 5 AM, the event would occur from 5 AM until 12 PM, and dismantling would occur from 12 PM until 2:30 PM.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** CEQA exemptions §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land); §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures); §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines: §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alterations of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use; §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor, temporary use of land that has negligible or no permanent effects on the environment; §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which allows for construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to, temporary use items in publicly owned facilities or other facilities designated for public use; §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which allows for the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the project would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.

In addition, the exceptions set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15300.2 do not apply to this project wherein: a) the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; b) no cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place were identified; c) there is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; d) the project would not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; e) the project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and f) the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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On April 6, 2020, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**April 20, 2020**). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2020, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

1. Appeals filed via E-mail: Send the appeal by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov); your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. The [appeal application can be obtained here](#). You must separately mail the appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed via US Mail: Send the appeal by US Mail to City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Appeals filed by US Mail must have a United States Postal Service (USPS) postmark by the appeal deadline to be considered valid. The [appeal application can be obtained here](#). You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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