

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Check one or both)

TO: ☒ Recorder/County Clerk  
P.O. Box 1750, MS A-33  
1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 260  
San Diego, CA 92101-2422

☐ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: City of San Diego  
City Planning Department  
202 C Street, Floor 5, MS 413  
San Diego, CA 92101

**PROJECT TITLE:** 2024 Farmers Insurance Open

**PROJECT LOCATION-SPECIFIC:** Torrey Pines Golf Course, Torrey Pines Road in the University Community Planning Area in Council District 1.

**PROJECT LOCATION-CITY/COUNTY:** San Diego/San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:** Special Event Permit for a golf tournament that would include the temporary use of Torrey Pines Golf Course, food vendors, alcoholic beverages, merchandise vendors, portable restrooms, canopies, tables, and chairs that would occur at the Torrey Pines Golf Course on January 21-28, 2024. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 6:30 AM on November 6, 2023, until 5:30 PM on March 15, 2024.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** City of San Diego

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Century Club of San Diego/Andrew Harmatys, 9404 Genesee Avenue, #310, La Jolla, CA 92037, 949-705-7209

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ( ) MINISTERIAL  
( ) DECLARED EMERGENCY  
( ) EMERGENCY PROJECT  
(X) CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION: 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)  
( ) STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** 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 Section 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.

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Rebecca Malone, Program Manager. City of San Diego Planning Department, 202 C Street, Floor 5, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92101. Telephone: (619) 446-5371. E-mail: [RMalone@sandiego.gov](mailto:RMalone@sandiego.gov).

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT:**

1. ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING.
2. HAS A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BEEN FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT?  
( ) YES                      (X ) NO

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO HAS DETERMINED THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA.



Rebecca Malone, AICP, Program Manager, Planning Department

10.23.2023

DATE

**CHECK ONE:**

- (X) SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY  
( ) SIGNED BY APPLICANT

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK OR OPR: