



**Date of Notice:** January 30, 2025

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

## **CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Marie Widman Memorial Park ADA Walkway Improvement

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Skyline-Paradise Hills

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Council District 4

**LOCATION:** Marie Widman Memorial Park at 449 Ritchey Street, San Diego, CA 92114

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In January 2024, the wooden footbridge off of Imperial Ave. leading into Marie Widman Memorial Park (park) was damaged during a storm event. The proposed scope of work involves removing the remaining existing concrete pathway and creating a new entrance pathway into the park closer to the intersection of Imperial Ave. and Woodman St., allowing for a safe path of travel around the covered storm channel behind the existing headwall which will allow ADA access to the park (see Exhibit A, Project Area, for more details). The proposed scope of work involves minor clearing, grubbing, and grading to install a new 200 linear feet of concrete level pathway that is five feet in width. Before construction begins, tree protective fencing will be placed around trees within the proximity of the project. Where work would occur adjacent to existing trees at the park, the City Arborist will be present to approve all root prune cuts larger than 3 inches in diameter. The pruned roots would then be buried with backfill. Furthermore, no heavy equipment is allowed within the critical root zone. Work also includes replacing the existing electrical pull box.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

**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 that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry

or agricultural purposes. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On January 30, 2025, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to 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 the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**February 6, 2025**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov) by 5:00 pm on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business hours. 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 United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked before or on the final date of the appeal.
2. Appeals filed In-Person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 pm on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

**POSTED ON THE CITY'S CEQA WEBSITE**

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Exhibit A: Project Area

