



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: November 19, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-25003.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Design Consultant Services for Montezuma Neighborhood Park Improvements Phase 1

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: College Area

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6

LOCATION: The proposed project would be located at 4929 Catoctin Drive, San Diego, CA 92115.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow for engineering-related services at the existing City of San Diego Montezuma Neighborhood Park. The proposed project would include improvements to the existing park, including off-leash dog areas, concrete walkways, security lighting, benches, drinking fountains, waste receptacles, bike racks, grading and earthwork, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, landscaping and irrigation, and public art. The contract scope includes project management, engineering services, preparation of construction documents, geotechnical investigation, community outreach, bid and award support, and construction-phase design services. The geotechnical investigation would include research, soil borings, subsurface utility exploration, testing, reporting, and related field reconnaissance for the Montezuma Neighborhood Park Improvements Phase 1 project.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as improvements to an existing neighborhood park; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On November 19, 2025, 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 Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice, November 26, 2025. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in person as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: 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 application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 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 within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 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>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building – Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. 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. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

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

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