



Date of Notice: December 19, 2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Special Event Permit -31st Annual Hanohano Ocean Challenge

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mission Bay Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: Bonita Cove, the waters within Mission Bay Park, ocean waters

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for an outrigger canoe, surfski, kayak, canoe and paddleboard racing event that would include the races, vendors, food trucks, and the use of tents, portable toilets, and trash/recycling containers at Bonita Cove in Mission Bay Park on January 24, 2026. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 3 PM on January 23, 2026, until 4 PM on January 24, 2026. Set-up would occur from 3 PM until 5:50 PM on January 23, 2026. On January 24, 2026, the event would occur from 6 AM until 4 PM, and dismantling would occur from 3 PM until 4 PM. The racing routes would occur within Mission Bay and in the ocean waters west of Mission Bay. See map attached.

There would be no road closures associated with this event.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Accessory Structures).

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(s): 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 (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; and where 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 December 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 Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**December 29, 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 via 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@san Diego.gov by 5:00p.m. 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 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm 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, 1st Floor Lobby, San Diego, CA 92101. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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Hanohano Ocean Challenge Short Course

The Short Course will begin in Bonita Cove marshaled and started by Safety Boat #1.

First Wave: OC-1 , OC-2 and all surfers

Second Wave (2 min delay) All SUP

Third Wave: (2 Min delay) All Prone

*Paddleboards and SUPs will all start off boards in knee deep water

Participants will start on airhorn and proceed to left jetty at entrance to Bonita Cove taking care to steer clear of shallow rocks. Follow lead boat toward Sea World under both bridges (Mission Bay Drive and Ingraham St) staying to the right. Left hand turn at buoy set mid channel past Sea World tower.

Paddlers will hug jetty to the right and proceed counterclockwise around Vacation Isle and return to Bonita Cove minding traffic patterns.

Finish will be between Buoy and Boat adjacent to start line. Please read Finish Procedures.





Hanohano Ocean Challenge, January 27, 2024

Long Course Approx; 9 miles

Starting Procedure: Line up at North Jetty heading North. Start will be a horn blast from Escort Boat. Please No Running Starts... You'll be wrecking the race for everyone else. Follow "Lead Boat" to Crystal Pier... Left turn around "Turn Boat" toward the Yukon... approx. 45 degree angle. Left turn on Turn Boat, Head to Turn Buoy off South Jetty... Left Turn on Buoy. Stay to the right (South Jetty) until the line of white 5 MPH Buoys, turn into Bonita Cove. All Paddlers Must finish **between** Yellow Buoy and Boat. Review Finish Procedures.

Course subject to change depending on weather! Please attend Pre-race meeting!