



Date of Notice: January 16th, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Government Island Vessel Signage

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mission Bay Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 2

LOCATION: Government Island in Mission Bay

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of San Diego (City) staff will manually install two metal signs, each measuring four feet by eight feet, on the north and south ends of Government Island in Mission Bay to direct vessel traffic. Signs read, "VESSEL TRAFFIC" with an arrow pointing to the right. The entire project site is within the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area, therefore the proposed activity is consistent with the MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines in that no invasive species planting are proposed, no grading is proposed that would alter drainage patterns, no brush management activities are proposed, no toxics such as manure or other potentially toxic chemicals are proposed, no nighttime lighting or permanent lighting is proposed, no barriers are proposed as the area is already restricted, noise associated with installation is expected to be minimal through use of hand held tools to install the signs and will occur outside of the Least Tern Breeding Season (April 15th through September 15th). Staff will access the project areas using existing dirt paths.

The signs will be positioned outside the designated least tern breeding area as identified in the Mission Bay Natural Resource Management Plan. Each sign will be mounted on two wooden posts and equipped with bird deterrent spikes on both the top of the signs and the posts. The total height of the signs are not to exceed six feet. The signs will be installed within the islands foundation rocks through digging three feet holes for the sign posts and pouring cement around the posts. The estimated installation time is approximately one hour per sign during daylight hours. The Parks and Recreation Department will assist with the placement of the signs in the disturbed rock portion of the island, and the SDPD Northern Harbor Unit will be responsible for ongoing maintenance, such as replacement of bird deterrent spikes.

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), and Section 15311 (a) (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 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; and Section 15311 (a) (Accessory Structures) which consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to on-premise signs. 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 16th, 2026, 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 Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**January 26, 2026**). 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 by 5:00pm 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, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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