



**Date of Notice:** March 12, 2026

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

## **CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Ken Whalen Surf Challenge

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mission Beach

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** San Fernando Place, Mission Beach, San Diego, CA 92109

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Approval of a Park Use Permit (PUP) for the Ken Whalen Surf Challenge which will take place at Mission Beach on September 13, 2026. The Ken Whalen Surf Challenge would include the temporary use of canopies and sound amplification. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur starting at 6:00 am. Set-up would begin starting at 6:00 am, the event would then occur until 2:30 pm, and clean-up would occur from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Approximately 250 attendees would be anticipated during the course of this event.

There would be no street or parking closures associated with these events.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

**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 allows for 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 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. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. 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 March 12, 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 City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**March 19, 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@san Diego.gov](mailto: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, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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Ocean

Judges

Surfboard

Trophy

Photo

Prizes

CAF Tent

Check IN

Sand

Judges

relax tent

food tent

T Shirts tent

Games

Layout for:  
Ken Whalen Surf Challenge.

Boardwalk

SAN FERNANDO  
PLACE