



Date of Notice: May 13, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Right of Entry Permit – Mission Hills-Grant Elementary Tree Removals

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Uptown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: Mission Hills Park, 1521 Washington Place, San Diego CA 92103

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Right of Entry Permit between the City and Sundt Construction to traverse through a small portion of Mission Hills Park to complete tree work at Grant TK-8 School. This access is not for heavy equipment staging or continuous vehicular traffic, but for: Crew access; Incidental Controlled movement of small equipment; and Temporary handling of tree sections during removal, if needed.

The temporary closure area includes: Playground-adjacent zone; Sand play area; and Bench/seating areas within the tree work radius. In addition, public protection measures will include: Installation of temporary chain-link fencing (minimum 6 ft height) around closure area; Supplemental construction fencing ("snow fence") and barricades as needed; Use of traffic delineators and warning signage; and Controlled access points for workers only. Closure will remain in place for the duration of active tree removal.

Nesting Bird Surveys

A biologist possessing a federal 10(a)(1)(A) species recovery permit issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for coastal California gnatcatcher will provide non-protocol level surveys of habitat with a potential to support coastal California gnatcatcher within 500 feet of proposed Project activities (i.e., on the slope south of the Project site; Survey Area). The biologist will utilize visual and auditory detection methods while slowly meandering through natural breaks in vegetation throughout the Survey Area. If coastal California gnatcatcher is detected, the biologist will watch for breeding and nesting behavior, in accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and Sections 3503 and 3503.5 of the California Department of Fish and Game Code (FGC). If an active coastal California gnatcatcher nest is found, the biologist will record Global Positioning Coordinates and take photographs of the nest location as feasible while avoiding disturbance to the nest. The biologist will also record any active nests of other species observed incidentally during the surveys. The biologist will notify of the survey results via email after the survey is complete.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State 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; 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 May 13, 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 (**May 20, 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 5:00p.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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