



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: May 27, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-20015.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Ocean Beach Branch Library

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Ocean Beach

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within the existing Ocean Beach Branch Library, at 4801 Santa Monica Avenue, and City-owned property at 4817 Santa Monica Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow award of a design-build construction contract for the Ocean Beach Branch Library project. The proposed project would renovate the existing 4,648-square-foot library at 4801 Santa Monica Avenue; demolish the existing two-story annex building at 4817 Santa Monica Avenue; and construct an approximately 4,136-square-foot library expansion, including a new community room, restrooms, and a courtyard. Additional improvements would include twelve on-site parking spaces, eight on-street parking spaces, landscaping and hardscaping, biofiltration features, utility connections, and sidewalk repairs. The proposed project would be consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

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), 15303 (New Construction), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation), and 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects).

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 operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as renovation of an existing library, construction of a new expansion to an existing library, and demolition of an existing two-story annex building; Section 15303 (New

Construction), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as construction of a new library expansion and new parking spaces; 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows for minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, such as project site grading, landscaping and hardscaping, biofiltration features, utility connections, and sidewalk repairs; Section 15331 (Historic Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation), which allows for the maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings, (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, such as renovations to a designated historic library; Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects), which allows for in-fill development where projects are consistent with the general plan and applicable zoning designations, the project site is less than five acres in size surrounded by urban uses, is of no value as habitat for endangered species, can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, and would not result in significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, such as the construction of a library expansion in an urbanized area; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply. The proposed project site would be located within the Ocean Beach Cottage Emerging designated historical district, and all work has been determined to be consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines.

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On May 27, 2026, 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, June 3, 2026. 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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