



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 24, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-25003.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Montezuma Neighborhood Park Improvements Phase 1

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: College Area

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within the existing City-owned Montezuma Neighborhood Park at 4941 Catoctin Drive and within the public right-of-way on Catoctin Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow award of a construction contract for improvements to the existing Montezuma Neighborhood Park. The proposed project would construct two new fenced off-leash dog park areas, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant concrete walkways and curb ramps, and would install new security lighting, interpretive signage and site furnishings. The project would also include hardscape improvements, landscaping, irrigation, site grading, vegetation and tree removal, and demolition of approximately 3,600 square feet of existing concrete walkways. All work would occur within the existing boundaries of the developed, City-owned park and existing developed public right-of-way.

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), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15303 (New Construction).

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), that allows for the operation, repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as demolition and replacement of existing concrete walkways, hardscape improvements, landscaping and irrigation improvements, and vegetation and tree removal; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement of existing structures where the new

structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as replacement of existing concrete walkways, curb ramps, site furnishings; Section 15303 (New Construction), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as the construction of two new fenced off-leash dog park areas and ADA-compliant concrete walkways and curb ramps, installation of new security lighting, interpretive signage, site furnishings and landscaping; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On September 24, 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, October 1, 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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