



**Date of Notice:** August 4, 2021

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

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Special Event Permit – Mission Bay Triathlon

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mission Bay Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** Bonita Cove, Ventura Cove, and surrounding roadways

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a triathlon/duathlon race event that would include the temporary use of swimming, bicycling, and running events, portable restrooms, canopies, tables, chairs, a stage, a fenced-in beer garden, and entertainment that would occur at Bonita Cove, Ventura Cove, and the surrounding roadways in Mission Bay Park on October 10, 2021. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 6 AM on October 9, 2021, until 2 PM on October 10, 2021. The swim, run, and bicycle transition area would occur in the Ventura Cove parking lot. The swim events would occur in Ventura Cove. The bicycle events would begin in the transition area, head east on West Mission Bay Drive, veer left onto the off-ramp from Ingraham Street, turn right onto Ingraham Street, take the Sunset Cliffs exit, turn left onto Sea World Drive, turn left onto East Mission Bay Drive, turn left onto Fiesta Island Road, circle Fiesta Island counter clockwise, turn right onto Sea World Drive, take the West Mission Bay Drive off-ramp, follow ramp onto West Mission Bay Drive, and return to the transition area. The 5K run event would leave the transition area along the walkway heading east, continue under West Mission Bay Drive, turn right on the walkway and continue along the bayside boardwalk, circle Mission Point Park, turn right along Ocean Front Walk, turn right onto pathway in Mission Beach Park, turn left onto Mission Beach Park, and finish in Bonita Cove Park. Road closures would occur on October 10, 2021, from 6 AM until 10 AM and would include Sea World Drive westbound between East Mission Bay Drive and the mid-point of the Sunset Cliffs Boulevard bridge, the on-ramp to Sunset Cliffs Boulevard between W. Mission Bay Drive and Ingraham Street, the Ingraham Street on-ramp from Sea World Drive, the West Mission Bay Drive on-ramp from Ingraham Street, W/B West Mission Bay Drive between Gleason Road and the Ingraham Street off-ramp, and Fiesta Island Road. The Ventura Cove parking lot would be closed for public use from 4:30 AM until 2 PM on October 10, 2021. There would be one stage with entertainment/race announcements, and sound amplification would occur from 5:30 AM until 11 AM on October 10, 2021. On October 9, 2021, setup would occur from 6 AM until 4 PM, and registration would occur from 10 AM until 4 PM. On October 10, 2021, set-up would occur from 4 AM until 5:30 AM, the event would occur from 5:30 AM until 12 PM, and dismantling would occur from 12 PM until 1 PM. On October 11, 2021, dumpsters and portable restrooms would be picked up by 10 AM.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** CEQA exemptions §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land); §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures); §Section 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 and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines: §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alterations of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use; §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor, temporary use of land that has negligible or no permanent effects on the environment; §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which allows for construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to, temporary use items in publicly owned facilities or other facilities designated for public use; §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 has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the project would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.

In addition, the exceptions set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15300.2 do not apply to this project wherein: a) the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; b) no cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place were identified; c) there is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; d) the project would not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; e) the project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and f) the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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On August 4, 2021, 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 Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**August 18, 2021**). During

the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2021, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

1. Appeals filed via E-mail: Send the appeal by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov); your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. The [appeal application can be obtained here](#). 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 postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed via US Mail: Send the appeal by US Mail to City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Appeals filed by US Mail must have a United States Postal Service (USPS) postmark by the appeal deadline to be considered valid. The [appeal application can be obtained here](#). You must separately mail the required 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 postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

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