



Mission Bay Park Improvements Program EIR Update

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

August 1, 2023



AGENDA

Brief Review/Overview

- Team Update

Current Status

- PEIR – Content and Process

Next Steps

- Public Engagement



Review/Overview - Purpose

Context: Charter Section 55.2

- Proposition C passed by voters November 2008
 - Established Section 55.2 of San Diego Charter
 - Improvement Fund, Priority Projects & Oversight Committee
- Designates a portion of lease revenue from Mission Bay Park for capital improvements
 - Mission Bay Park
 - Regional Parks defined in Charter or by Ordinance
- Measure J passed in November 2016
 - Extended Section 55.2, Combined Priorities, Created Flexibility, & Changed Funding Distribution



Review/Overview - Purpose

Context: Charter Priority Elements

1. Restoration of **navigable waters** and elimination of navigable hazards
(*currently in post-construction*)
2. **Wetland expansion, water quality improvements**, and protection and expansion of eelgrass beds, including:
 - a. Rose Creek Wetlands (Campland-by-the-Bay)
 - b. North Fiesta Island
 - c. Tecolote Creek
 - d. Cudahy Creek
 - e. Fiesta Island Culvert
3. Restoration of **shoreline** treatments



Review/Overview - Purpose

Context: Charter Priority Elements

4. Expansion of **endangered or threatened species** preserves and upland habitats on North Fiesta Island and SD River floodway levee.
5. **Deferred maintenance** projects or an environmental improvement of a natural asset. Recommended projects include the following:
 - a. Missing Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths
 - b. SD River Trail Improvements (Estuary Trail Enhancement Plan)
 - c. North Ocean Beach Gateway Path
 - d. Sustainable Lighting
 - e. Monument Signage and Landscaping
 - f. Parking Lot Repair/Resurfacing
 - g. Playgrounds
 - h. Comfort Stations
 - i. Oceanfront Walk Seawall and Bulkhead

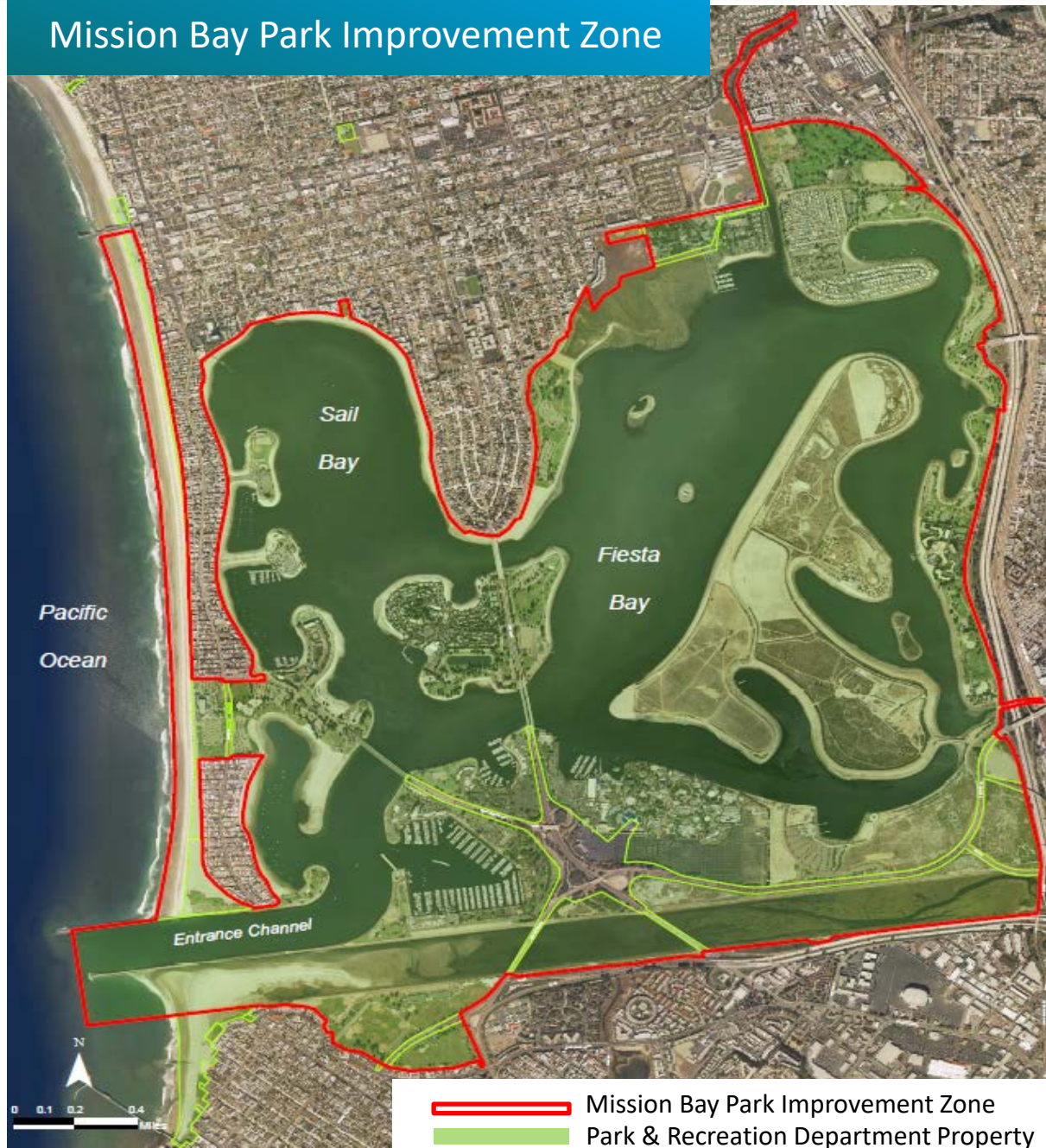


Current Status - Contract

Engineering & Capital Projects – Environmental Permitting and Support

- City has authorized a contract extension to continue work with Dudek for up to 36 additional months
 - Per Dudek this will enable completion
 - New Public Engagement effort

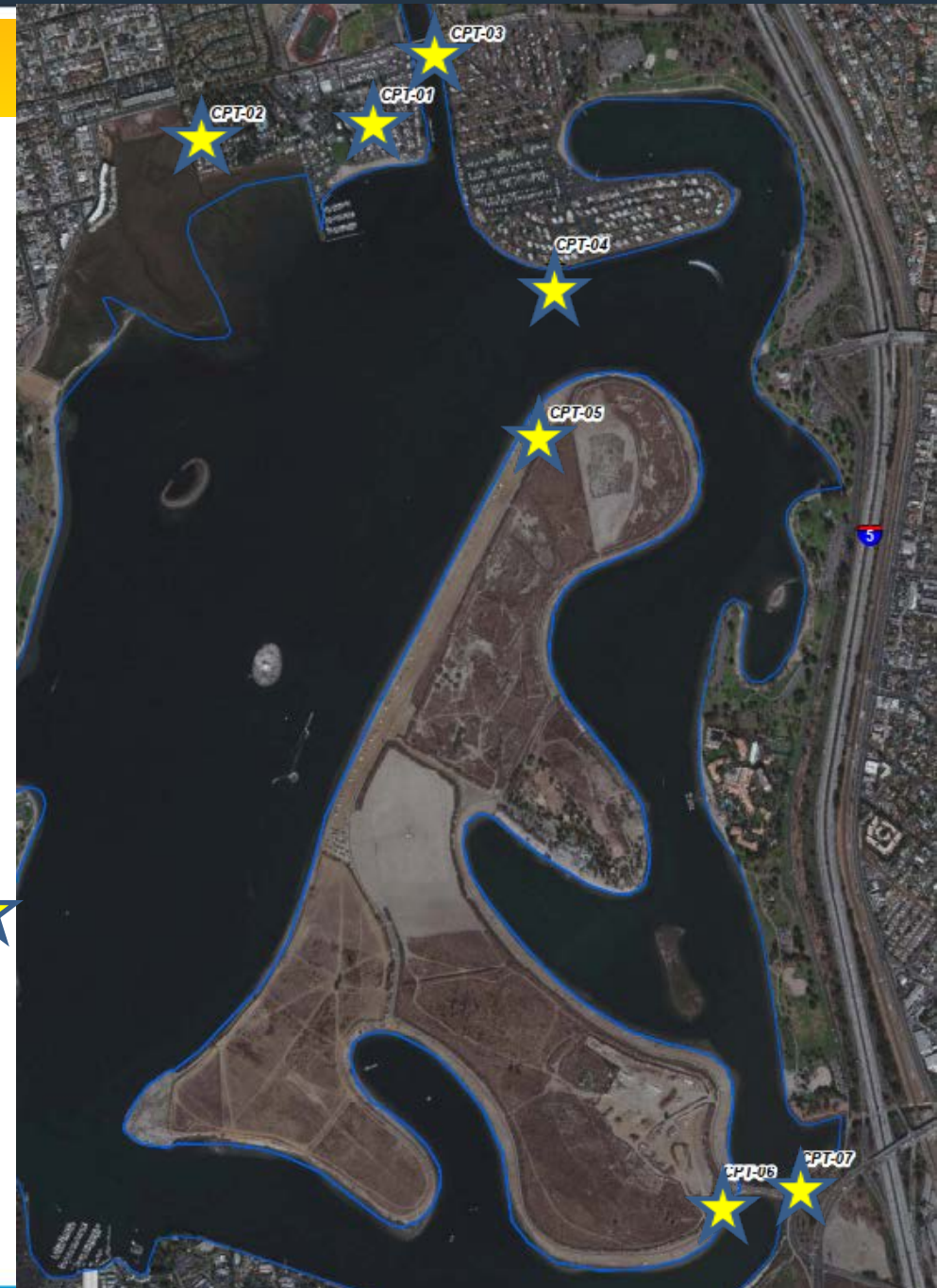
Mission Bay Park Improvement Zone



Current Status - Assessments

- **Baywide Assessments Completed**
 - Biological Resources Assessments
 - Eelgrass Surveys*
 - Vegetation Mapping*
 - Jurisdictional Delineation
 - Special Status Plant Surveys
 - General Wildlife Surveys
 - Focused Surveys for Sensitive* Species
 - Geotechnical Review
 - Cone Penetration Tests (CPT)★
 - Shoreline Assessment
 - Water Quality Modeling
 - Signage and Wayfinding Redesign

*Updates pending





Current Status - Assessments

Baywide Assessments - Example Biological

LEGEND

	Water Quality/Wetland Restoration		Vegetation Communities/Land Cover	S, Subtidal	Jurisdictional Delineation USACE/RWQCB/C... of San Diego Non-wetland Waters USACE/RWQCB/C... of San Diego Wetland Waters USACE/RWQCB/C... of San Diego Non-wetland Waters USACE/RWQCB/C... of San Diego Wetland Waters CDFW/CCC/City of San Diego Wetland Waters CCC only
	Seawall Improvements		BCH, Beach	SB, Shallow Bay	
	Upland Habitat Restoration		CBM, Coastal Brackish Marsh	SCSM, Southern Coastal Salt Marsh	
	Shoreline Restoration		DCSS, Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub	SF, Southern Foredunes	
	Mission Bay Park Improvement Zone		DEV, Developed	SPMF, Saltpan/Mudflats	
	Eelgrass Mapping		DH, Disturbed Habitat	TC, Tidal Channel	
	Eelgrass Mitigation		DW, Disturbed Wetland (Arundo)	UH, Unvegetated Habitat	
	Eelgrass Wasting Disease		EST, Intertidal Estuary	dDCSS, Disturbed Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub	
	Eelgrass Percent Cover 0%		FWM, Coastal and Valley Freshwater Marsh	dFWM, Disturbed Coastal and Valley Freshwater Marsh	
	Eelgrass Percent Cover 1 to 25%		NNR, Non-Native Riparian	dSCSM, Disturbed Southern Coastal Salt Marsh	
	Eelgrass Percent Cover 26 to 50%		OW, Open Water		
	Eelgrass Percent Cover 51 to 75%				
	Eelgrass Percent Cover 76 to 100%				
	Eelgrass Percent Cover No Data				





Current Status - PERs

Preliminary Engineering Reports (PERs)

PERs Submitted for City Review

- Tecolote Creek and Fiesta Island Causeway*
- Cudahy*
- Seawall*
- Upland Habitat Expansion
- Deferred Maintenance
- Shoreline Restoration
- Bike and Pedestrian Path**
- Rose Creek**
- North Fiesta Island**

* *PERs now in internal distribution with other City departments*

** *Revisions pending due to other projects and/or agencies*



Current Status – PERs

PERs Map

Priority #2- Wetland
and Water Quality



Current Status – PERs

LEGEND

- Mission Bay Park Improvement Zone
- Water Quality/Wetland Restoration
- Seawall Improvements
- Upland Habitat Restoration
- Shoreline Restoration
- Bike/Pedestrian Path Improvements





Current Status – PERs

De Anza Natural

Draft Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan

March 6, 2023

De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan

De Anza Natural

De Anza Natural proposes amendments to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan to reimagine, repurpose and revitalize De Anza Cove in the northeast corner of Mission Bay Park. De Anza Natural incorporates nature-based solutions to create a more resilient space that can be enjoyed into the future, with a focus on safeguarding the viability of the marsh areas and providing new opportunities for eco-tourism and environmental education.

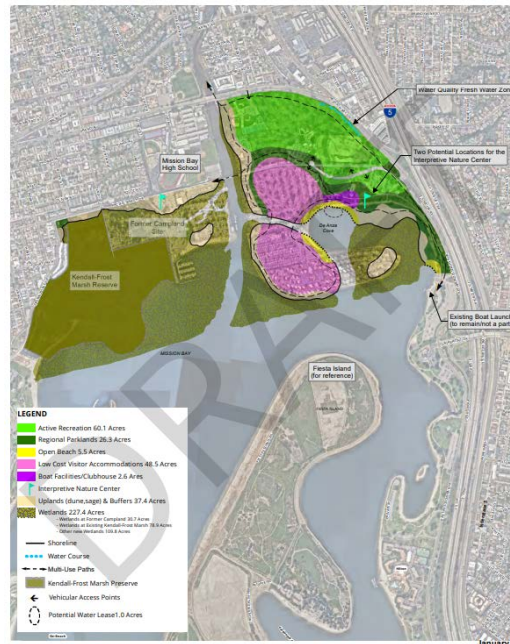
The plan amendment recognizes the benefits of wetlands, which reduce the impacts of sea level rise and improve water quality. Sea level rise modeling developed by the United States Geological Survey for Mission Bay and De Anza has been taken into account during the development of De Anza Natural. Additionally, the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) has set a target to restore 700 acres of salt marshland and other associated tidal wetland and riparian habitats citywide by 2035. One of the primary goals of the De Anza Natural plan amendment is to identify wetland restoration areas, which will contribute significantly to meeting CAP wetland restoration targets, increase Mission Bay's resilience to the impacts of climate change, provide critical habitat for sensitive species, and create passive recreation and educational opportunities. Once the De Anza Natural plan amendment is adopted with identified wetland restoration areas, implementation will be led by the Park and Rec Department through the General Development Plan (GDP) process. As part of the GDP process, ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the proposed nature-based solutions are incorporated to ensure that habitat for endangered species is sustained. The De Anza Natural plan is being undertaken as part of a settlement of a San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board enforcement action.

The City of SAN DIEGO Planning Department



Draft Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan

March 2023



De Anza Natural Figure 14a: Site Plan

1 in = 0.22 miles
0 250 500 1,000 Feet



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Next Steps

Calendar Year 2023:

- City Authorization of Contract Extension (*completed*)
- City Concurrence on all submitted PERs (*in process*)
- Revisions to PERs due to other Projects / Agencies (*in process*)
- Finalize Project Description (all PERs combined)
- Draft and Release Notice of Preparation (NOP) - Winter

Calendar Year 2024:

- Site Development Permit Review
- Preparation and Review of Draft EIR - Summer
- Draft EIR for Public Review
- Certify EIR
- Implement Projects



Next Steps

Internal – Coordinate with Partners

- Distribution and Review of PERs
 - Parks & Recreation, Stormwater, Transportation, Sustainability and Mobility, Development Services
- Ongoing conversation & coordination with Planning (De Anza)



Next Steps

External – Revived Public Outreach

- Update Outreach Strategy Plan and Re-engage Community:
 - Attend Planning Group Meetings and Town Councils Meeting
 - Revisit Lessees and Mission Bay Park Improvement Oversight Committee
 - Provide updates to stakeholders (Friends of Rose Creek, San Diego River Park, Kendall Frost etc.)



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