



Date of Notice: January 3, 2020

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

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Invasive Bullfrog Study by San Diego State University

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** East Elliott, Navajo, Tierrasanta, and Rancho Encantado

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 5 and 7

**LOCATION:** Mission Trails Regional Park

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Right of Entry Permit with San Diego State University ("Permittee") allowing Permittee to access the permit area for the purposes of research. Permittee will conduct research on whether invasive bullfrogs may be attracted to calls made by other amphibians to locate ephemeral water sources for breeding and foraging. This research will be conducted through a call playback experiment. No animals will be captured or handled directly. The researchers would access riparian areas of the San Diego River at Mission Trails Regional Park at night and place speakers that playback frog calls in specific locations approximately 100 m from the river. Wildlife cameras will record the numbers and identity of any amphibians that are attracted to those calls, including bullfrogs.

All sampling sites shall be accessed by foot only with consideration taken to minimize trampling native habitat; vehicular access is allowed on approved designated access roads only and under permission and in coordination with the designated City Contact. Permittee shall coordinate with Senior Park Ranger prior to finalizing study locations in order to ensure locations are compatible with recreational use, management activities, and to avoid rare plant populations. Prior to commencing the Activity, Permittee shall secure all necessary permits and authorizations required for this Activity from all applicable local, State and Federal agencies, including, but not limited to, all applicable State and Federal wildlife agencies.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection).

**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 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection), which allows basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. 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 January 3, 2020 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 in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**January 17, 2020**). The appeal application can 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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