



**Date of Notice:** August 26, 2021

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

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**PROJECT NAME:** COVID-19 Vaccination Event at Sea World San Diego

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mission Bay Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** District 2

**LOCATION:** Sea World San Diego, 500 Sea World Dr., San Diego, CA 92109

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Consent to COVID-19 vaccination event between the City of San Diego (City) and Sea World LLC (Lessee) which allow Sharp Healthcare and the County of San Diego (Health Providers) to conduct a COVID-19 vaccination event on September 8, 2021 between 11 AM to 3 PM within the leasehold boundaries. The event will accommodate up to 500 reservations through the County's system. The Lessee will use their Education Center as the vaccination site and will have cones and traffic control on the property through the parking lot to guide vaccine participants to the vaccination site (separate of any directional indicators for park guests). This event will not interfere with the general public's ability to access and use the dedicated parkland upon which the vaccination event will be located. The City is authorizing this event as an emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic as a post pandemic/state of emergency.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) (Emergency Projects).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

This action is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) (Emergency Project) as the action is necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and is also necessary to address a sudden and unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In allowing Sharp Healthcare and County of San Diego to use of the Sea World premises as a COVID-19 vaccination site, the City would be taking necessary action to prevent or mitigate adverse effects to public health, safety, or welfare related to the spread of COVID-19.

Furthermore, environmental issue areas associated with use of the facilities within the Sea World leasehold, including traffic and parking, were previously analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sea World Master Plan Update (Project No. 99-0618/SCH No. 1984030708) certified by the San Diego City Council on July 10, 2001 (Resolution No. R-295138).

Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines states that when an EIR has been certified or a Negative Declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent or supplemental Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration shall be prepared for that project unless one or more of the following events occur:

1. Substantial changes are proposed to the project;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to circumstances under which the project is being undertaken;
3. New information, which was not known or could not have been known at the time the Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration was certified as complete, becomes available.

Based on the above criteria and taking into consideration the additional analysis conducted by the Planning Department along with review of the previously certified Final EIR, it was concluded that the activities associated with the proposed single-day vaccination event would not result in substantial changes to the project; that the project would not result in new impacts or changed circumstances that would require a subsequent or new EIR; and there is no new information available that was not part of the original environmental document and/or considered with subsequent review of the project which identifies new significant effects not addressed in the previous document or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects previously analyzed in the certified Final EIR. Thus, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, there is no change in circumstance, additional information, or project changes to warrant additional environmental review for this action.

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On August 26, 2021, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to 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 the 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 (**September 10, 2021**). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2020, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov); your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**. 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. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Elena Pascual** at [EPascual@sandiego.gov](mailto:EPascual@sandiego.gov).

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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