



**Date of Notice:** October 5, 2023

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

## **CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Mission Bay Golf Course Driving Range Lighting Replacement / M-23-0051

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mission Bay Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** Mission Bay Golf Course (2702 N Mission Bay Dr, San Diego, CA 92109)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Replacement in-kind of existing driving range light fixtures with more efficient LEDs within the City of San Diego-owned property of Mission Bay Golf Course located at 2702 N Mission Bay Dr, San Diego, CA 92109. The proposed project also includes excavation (to a maximum depth of 18 inches) for the installation of new PVC conduits to the existing driving range light fixture poles containing the necessary circuitry, including new junction boxes installations at the base of each light pole. The existing underground PVC conduits will be abandoned in-place.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

**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 that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations To Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project area is not located within or adjacent to the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) (approximately 650 feet away), work will be conducted outside of the bird breeding season (September 16 – January 14), and no nighttime work is proposed. Therefore, no impacts to raptors and other nesting bird species would occur. City staff will perform the proposed excavation work and implement as-needed stormwater construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent stormwater pollution. The exceptions to the exemptions 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 historic 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.

#### *Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources*

The proposed project is within the recorded boundaries of the prehistoric village of *La Rinconada de Jamo* (P-37-005017; CA-SDI-5017). A geoarchaeological assessment (GA) was prepared for the entire Mission Bay Golf Course property ([Geoarchaeological Assessment for Sewer & Water GJ 827](#) dated June 2015 by LSA), which found no cultural resource material at the golf course. However, the GA concludes that any cultural resources that may be present are covered with artificial fill material ranging in depth from 5 to 10 feet. The GA recommended archaeological monitoring only for excavation that may extend below the artificial fill and that would be located near the recorded site. Previous review of the GA by Myra Herrmann, qualified archaeologist with the City's City Planning Department, determined that archaeological monitoring would be necessary for deep excavation that may extend below the artificial fill along the northerly edge of the golf course. Further, per the City's General Plan Historical Resources Guidelines, "a Native American observer must be retained for all subsurface investigations, including geotechnical testing and other ground disturbing activities whenever a Native American Traditional Cultural Property or any archaeological site located on City property or within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of a City project would be impacted." The maximum depth of excavation for this project is 18 inches and will not extend beyond the artificial fill. Therefore, no cultural or Tribal cultural monitoring is required and no impacts to cultural or Tribal cultural resources would occur.

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On October 5, 2023, 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 (**October 19, 2023**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: 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 form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov) by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business 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) before or on the final date of the appeal.
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>. Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#)

(including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm 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.

The appeal application can also 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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