

Date of Notice: June 26, 2023

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**PROJECT NAME:** Right of Entry Permit between the City of San Diego and the Zoological Society of San Diego D/B/A San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Balboa Park, Mission Bay Park, Mission Beach, Peninsula, Linda Vista, and Mid-City: Eastern Area

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2, 3, 4, and 7

**LOCATION:** 1) Balboa Park, 2125 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101; 2) Mission Bay Park, 2682 Ingraham St., San Diego, CA 92109; 3) Mission Beach Park, 804 W. Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 92109; 4) Bill Cleator Community Park, 4412 Nimitz Blvd., San Diego, CA 92107; 5) Kearny Mesa Community Park, 3170 Armstrong St., San Diego, CA 92111; 6) Chollas Lake Community Park, 6350 College Grove Dr., San Diego, CA 92105. See Exhibit A, Permit Area, for figures of the Permit areas.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Right of Entry Permit between the City of San Diego (City) and the Zoological Society of San Diego D/B/A San Diego Zoo Wildlife Allowance (Permittee) to allow the Permittee to collect various plant samples throughout the Permit areas. Plant samples to be collected include: branch, leaf litter, foliage, flowers, seeds, and fruit. Plant samples will only be taken from species with multiples. Permittee will use hand tools to collect the specimens and the collection activities will be accomplished in a manner as to avoid damage to plants/turf and property (including irrigation systems) or interference with scheduled park events and activities. Collection practices are not to include the stripping of leaves, branches, and flowers from plants or trees, and plants and trees will be left in an attractive state. The Permittee will not conduct any collection activities within construction sites or within leased areas in Balboa Park or Mission Bay Park, and collection activities will occur outside of fences only. Permittee will notify a City Parks & Recreation Department representative a minimum of 10 days prior to starting any collection activities in the Permit area(s). Plant material collected pursuant to this Permit shall be used to support collaborative conservation efforts among zoological collections and will be used as needed for Permittee's zoo animals, research, and documentation.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is 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 that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection) which exempts basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. 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 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.

**CITY CONTACT:** Tyler Canales, District Manager

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On June 26, 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 ten (10) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (July 11, 2023). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- 1. <u>Appeals filed via Email</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u>can be obtained at <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <a href="https://email.org/hearings1@sandiego.gov">hearings1@sandiego.gov</a> 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. <u>Appeals filed In-Person:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u> can be obtained at: <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Bring the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (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.

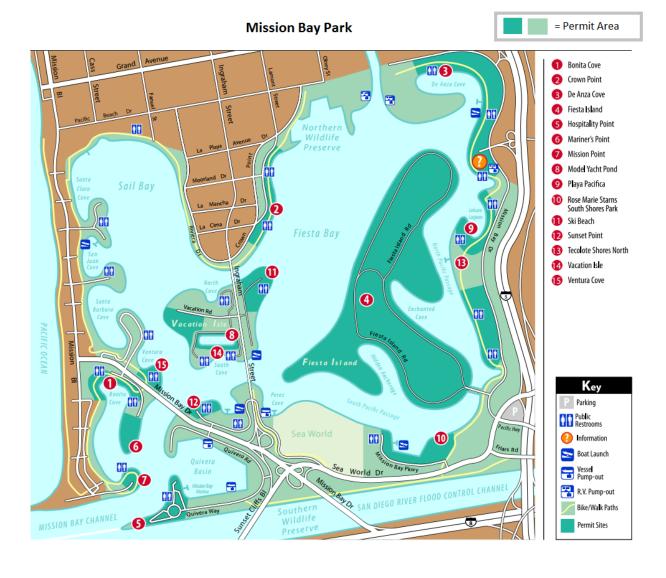
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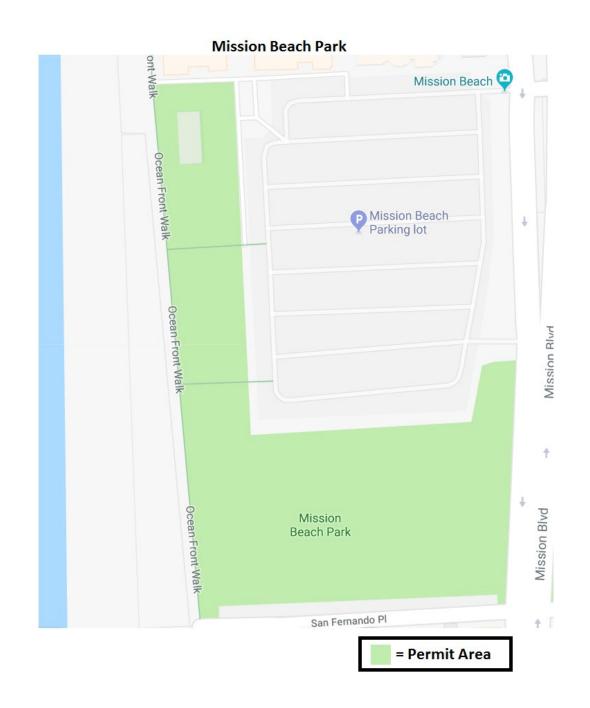
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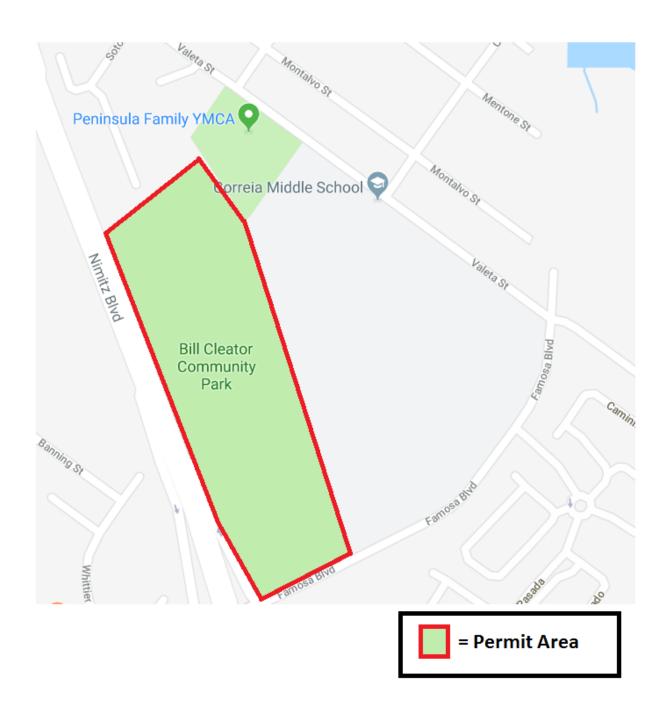
## Balboa Park







## **Bill Cleator Community Park**



### Kearny Mesa Park

