



Date of Notice: April 22, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Wildlife Browse – Zoological Society of San Diego D/B/A San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance ROE Permit

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park, Mission Bay, Mission Beach, Peninsula, Kearny Mesa and Mid-City: Eastern Area

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2, 3, 4, 7

LOCATION: Balboa, Mission Bay, Mission Beach, Bill Cleator Community, Kearny Mesa and Chollas Lake Parks

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Activity is limited to selective collection of browse material throughout the six permit areas, including Balboa Park, Mission Bay Park, Mission Beach Park, Bill Cleator Community Park, Kearny Mesa Park, and Chollas Lake Park. The activity is confined to developed parkland and excluding natural areas.

Various plant samples of branch, leaf litter, foliage, flowers, seeds, and fruit will be collected from the following tree species: Eucalyptus, Acacia, Ficus, and other ornamental trees. Browse collected will be used as needed for PERMITTEE's zoo animals, research, and documentation. PERMITTEE must conduct collection activities in a safe manner for the public and CITY's patrons and staff. PERMITTEE's collection activities should 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. Plants should be left in an attractive state. Trees should be pruned to International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 industry standards.

PERMITTEE shall not conduct any collection activities within construction sites or within leased areas in Balboa Park or Mission Bay Park. Collection activities may occur outside of fences only. PERMITTEE shall only allow collection of browse to be conducted by PERMITTEE's employees (with ID and/or in uniform) in an authorized vehicle owned or controlled by PERMITTEE. Plant material collected pursuant to this Permit shall be used to support collaborative conservation efforts among zoological collections.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Sections 15304 (e) (Minor Alterations to Land) and 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 State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (e) (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment; Section 15306 (Information Collection) which consists of 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 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 April 22, 2022, 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 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**May 6, 2022**). Per the revised Public Notice issued by the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2021, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to 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: Vanessa Sandoval, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed In-Person: The appeal application can be obtained in the Lobby of the City Administration Building located at 202 'C' Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The completed appeal package must include the required appeal fee in the form of a check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Vanessa Sandoval, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Vanessa Sandoval** at vmsandoval@sandiego.gov. The revised Public Notice can be found here: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/office_of_the_city_clerk_public_notice_rev09252020_v2.pdf.

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

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