

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR
202 "C" STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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Those items with an asterisk (*) will include consideration and adoption/approval of the appropriate environmental document.

The Commission may take one vote to approve one or more items identified as being part of a Consent Agenda. If an item is approved in that manner, the action approved is as stated in Staff's recommendation, which is normally set forth in the agenda and the Report to Planning Commission, and which Staff may modify prior to the vote by informing the Commission verbally or in writing. The Consent Agenda may be voted on quickly, so if you wish to be heard, please submit your Request to Speak form prior to the start of the meeting.

Members of the Public should provide materials to the Planning Commission via the Planning Commission Secretary so they are able to thoroughly review and consider materials prior to the day of the hearing.

Pursuant to California Senate Bill 343 (Section 54957.5(b) of the Brown Act), late-arriving documents related to Planning Commission meeting agenda items which are distributed to the Planning Commissioners prior to and during the Planning Commission meeting may be inspected upon request in the official project file which is maintained by the City's Project Manager, located at the Development Services Department's offices at 1222 First Avenue, San Diego, 92101. This relates to those documents received after the agenda is publicly noticed and during the 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting. Please note: Approximately one hour prior to the start of the Planning Commission Meeting, the documents will be available just outside Council Chambers in the lobby of the 12th floor of the City Administration Building in a binder labeled "SB 343." Late-arriving materials received during a Planning Commission meeting are available for review by making a verbal request of Development Services staff located in Council Chambers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments relating to items on today's docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard.

Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair; however, comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes **total per subject** regardless of the number of those wishing to speak. Submit requests to speak to the Commission Secretary **prior** to the start of the meeting. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Commission on any issue brought forth under "Announcements/Public Comment."

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN**CONSENT AGENDA****APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA****DIRECTOR'S REPORT****COMMISSION COMMENT****APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- July 20, 2017
- July 27, 2017
- August 3, 2017

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1: * **CITY OF SAN DIEGO VERNAL POOL HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN - PROJECT NO. 441044**

City Council District: All Plan Area: All

Staff: Kristen Forburger

Recommend to the City Council approval of the Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan (VPHCP), Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), Vernal Pool Management and Monitoring Plan (VPMMP), General Plan Amendment, Otay Mesa Community Plan Amendment, Kearny Mesa Community Plan Amendment, Land Development Code and Land Development Manual Biology Guidelines Amendment, and Local Coastal Program Amendment.

The Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan (VPHCP) Plan Area (206,124 acres) includes lands subject to the City's jurisdiction or leased by the City within the Jurisdictional boundary of the City, as well as three areas owned by the City's Public Utilities Department in the unincorporated portion of San Diego County.

The purpose of the Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan (VPHCP) is to provide an effective framework to protect, enhance, and restore vernal pool resources within the City's jurisdiction, while improving and streamlining the environmental and permitting process for impacts to seven (7) threatened and endangered species associated with vernal pools (i.e., the covered species). Once fully implemented, the VPHCP will provide protection for the covered species by adding to the City's existing Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA), established by the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan. The VPHCP will provide funded management strategies, directives, and recommendations for covered lands containing vernal pools within the City's jurisdiction, to preserve and restore their physical function and biotic components, and promote the recovery of the seven covered species. Additionally, the VPHCP would provide the City with federal coverage and a federal Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the covered species, which will allow the City to issue permits for public and private development projects that impact certain vernal pools based on consistency with the VPHCP.

Type of Environmental Document: An Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement is included as part of the project. Report No. PC-17-085

TODAY'S ACTION IS:

Process 5. Recommend to City Council to approve or deny the project.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to City Council to approve the project.