



Developed Regional Parks Division Profile

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Overview

Developed Regional Parks Division operates and maintains two developed regional parks, Balboa and Mission Bay Parks, while providing management and maintenance at San Diego City beaches and shoreline parks. The Division provides Park Ranger services at Balboa, Mission Bay, Mission Hills, Chicano, Presidio Parks, Downtown, and Sunset Cliffs to Torrey Pines City Park (Gliderport). The Division is responsible for City-wide park maintenance specialty services at over 300 parks including mowing, sweeping, aquatic features, park forestry, irrigation, hardscape and infrastructure, playground apparatus' and surfacing, small engine, equipment repair as well as passive and sports turf maintenance. The Division also provides park maintenance and historic/cultural resource management at Pioneer and Presidio Parks as well as manages the Citywide Civic Dance program, Balboa Park Activity Center, Morley Field Sports Complex, and the Municipal Gymnasium. In addition, the Division provides special events permitting and management, and maintains navigational and safety buoys in Mission Bay.

The staff of Developed Regional Parks Division works with many committees, boards and councils that serve in an advisory capacity to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Balboa Park Committee and Mission Bay Park Committee serve in an advisory capacity to the Park and Recreation Board, Mayor, and City Council on policy issues relating to the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of the parks. Other committees, boards and councils are listed in the table below.

Advisory Bodies

| Committees Supported by Developed Regional Parks Division | | |
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| Committees | Contact Names | Phone Numbers |
| Balboa Park Committee | Christina Chadwick Johnny Chou Victor Nava | (619) 235-1154 (619) 235-1106 (619) 235-1124 |
| Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Advisory Group | Vicky Hara | (619) 235-1104 |
| Central Balboa Park Assembly | Johnny Chou Victor Nava | (619) 235-1106 (619) 235-1124 |
| Community Forestry Advisory Board | Erich Kast Magen Shaw | (619) 235-5924 (619) 235-1114 |
| Forever Balboa Park | Christina Chadwick Victor Nava | (619) 235-1154 (619) 235-1124 |
| Mission Bay Park Committee | Christina Chadwick Mike Rodrigues | (619) 235-1154 (619) 980-3819 |
| Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee | Christina Chadwick Mike Rodrigues | (619) 235-1154 (619) 980-3819 |
| Presidio Park Council (Temporarily Suspended) | Araceli Dominguez Victor Nava | (619) 235-1120 (619) 235-1124 |
| San Diego Foundation | Victor Nava | (619) 235-1124 |
| Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council | Dan Daneri Vincent Paniagua | (619) 235-5914 (858) 581-9976 |
| La Jolla Shores Association | Dan Daneri | (619) 235-5914 |
| La Jolla Parks and Beaches | Dan Daneri | (619) 235-5914 |

Facts and Figures

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| FY 2023 Budgeted Positions | 385.55 |
| FY 2023 General Fund Budget | \$51,877,089 |
| FY 2023 Budgeted Revenue | \$43, 466,246 |
| Balboa Park Attendance | 28,000,000 |
| Mission Bay Park Attendance | 18,000,000 |
| Shoreline Parks Attendance | 21,000,000 |
| Volunteers | 1,152 |
| Total Volunteer Hours | 16,457 |
| Park Use Permits Issued | 3,311 |
| Facility Use Permits Issued | 345 |

**Developed Regional Parks Division
Park Ranger Program
Chief Ranger: Michael Ruiz**

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Park Areas: All

Council Districts: Citywide

Overview: The Chief Ranger is responsible for overseeing and implementing the Park Ranger Training Program to include in-service training plans and professional development; establishing park ranger policies and procedures; developing, implementing, and monitoring training and the operations of Citywide park ranger programs; providing inter-agency coordination with law enforcement agencies; developing and implementing safety programs, procedures, and guidelines; identifying training opportunities; assessing the operations of the Park Ranger Program in order to maximize service delivery to the community and work with Department management, local and regional entities, community groups, and law enforcement agencies on these efforts; researching and identifying programs to meet the needs of the community, as well as identifying opportunities for improvement and proposing changes to existing programs; implementing special events; and managing the Park Ranger Volunteer Program.

**Developed Regional Parks Division
Development Permits, Water Conservation, and Pest Management**

Park Areas: All

Council Districts: Citywide

Overview: Manages the Parks Coastal Development Permits (CDP) and serves as the department's California Coastal Commission (CCC) liaison, which includes submitting several high-profile CDP on behalf of the City of San Diego. Manages compliance of permit conditions. Coordinates with multiple City Departments, Federal, and State agencies. It is also responsible for park development projects, Right of Entry Permits, and renovation/construction projects within the division.

The Water Conservation program provides water management services to comply with water management goals. Manages the department's water budget, coordinates with Public Utilities and all Parks and Recreation divisions to examine water usage and investigate over usage. Conduct irrigation audits to diagnose possible irrigation system problems, manages the department's decommissioned turf acreage, assists with review of plans for new or renovated park development for plant, tree, and irrigation recommendations.

The Pest Management program provides pesticide recommendations on behalf of the department to the County of San Diego and coordinates the department's monthly pesticide usage report for the County's department of Agriculture, Weights, and Measures. Conducts evaluations of park sites and provides technical guidance and recommendations for the use of integrated pest management practices and department maintenance standards. Assists with review of plans for new or renovated park development for plant and tree recommendations. Its Pest Management Crew is state licensed for the application and handling of pesticide and herbicide chemicals

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Developed Regional Parks Division
Balboa Park: Rangers, Horticulture, Maintenance
DISTRICT MANAGER: Victor Nava

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Park Areas: Balboa Park, Presidio Park, Pioneer Park, Grant Elementary Joint Use, Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use

Council District: 3

Overview: This program maintains Balboa Park, Presidio Park, and Mission Hills Park and provides grounds maintenance services, site inspections, project oversight, and works with established Balboa Park philanthropic organizations. This work unit also includes the Park Ranger Program and provides support to numerous large special events and volunteer projects. Activities include preservation of the horticultural and historical landscape through conservation and propagation, botanical interpretation and management of horticultural resources, and distribution of plants from the Kate O. Sessions Nursery for parks throughout the City.

Balboa Park was recognized in 2015 by the American Planning Association as one of America's best public spaces. Horticultural assets include over 17,000 trees of 450 species and 14 specialty gardens that display a wide variety of collections from xerophytic plants to tropical plants. The Central Mesa is a designated National Historic District and is home to over 15 museums and cultural institutions, 40 garden clubs and societies and over 80 non-profit organizations. The Botanical Building displays more than 2,000 rare, unusual plants. Florida Canyon, with 150 acres of native landscape, is the largest area of native open space in the downtown area. Morley Field Sports Complex amenities include 25 tennis courts, 5 ball fields, a swimming pool, Disc Golf Course, Petanque Courts, Archery Range, Velodrome and Par Fitness Course.

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Balboa Park: Cultural and Recreation Programs
DISTRICT MANAGER: Johnny Chou**

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Park Areas: Balboa Park

Council District: 3

Overview: This program provides for the management, administration, regulation, maintenance, and operation of Balboa Park public buildings and comfort stations. Additionally, staff coordinate facility usage, special events, tournaments, day camps, dance camps, and dance recitals. The staff manages the Balboa Park Activity Center, Morley Field Athletic Complex, and Municipal Gymnasium.

Management responsibilities include the issuance of thirty-six (36) Special Use Permits, fifty (50) Park Use Permits for special events, multiple Right-of-Entry Permits, and over three hundred (300) permits for facility and park usage. Staff is the liaison to the park cultural institutions, non-profit organizations, Office of Special Events, Real Estate Assets Department, and others.

In addition to providing custodial services at the public buildings, Department administration buildings, and comfort stations, the on-site custodians set-up and breakdown tables, chairs, and audio-visual equipment for the hundreds of annual facility users.

Staff co-ordinate and manage cultural art activities including, dance, theater, music, and other artistic endeavors.

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Balboa Park Facilities

- Balboa Club
- Balboa Park Activity Center
- Balboa Park Administration
- Balboa Park Carousel
- Balboa Park Club
- Balboa Park Disc Golf Course
- Balboa Tennis Club
- Blind Community Center
- Botanical Building and Lily Pond
- Boy Scouts of America
- Bud Kearns Pool
- Camp Fire USA
- Casa de Balboa
 - Museum of Photographic Arts
 - San Diego History Center
 - San Diego Model Railroad Museum
- Casa del Prado
- Centro Cultural De La Raza
- Girl Scouts San Diego Imperial Council
- Hall of Nations
 - House of Italy
 - House of Pacific Relations)
- House of Charm
 - Mingei International Museum
 - San Diego Art Institute
- House of Hospitality
- House of Pacific Relations (International Cottages):
 - China
 - Chamorros
 - Czech & Slovak Republics
 - Denmark
 - England
 - Finland
 - France / Philippines
 - Germany
 - Hungary
 - India
 - Iran
 - Ireland
 - Israel
 - Korea
 - Mexico
 - Norway
 - Poland
 - Palestine
 - Panama

- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Puerto Rico
- Scotland
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey
- Ukraine/Russia
- USA
- Japanese Friendship Garden
- Marston House
 - Carriage House
 - Lath Structure
 - Mansion
- Morley Field Athletic Complex
- Municipal Gymnasium
- The Old Globe Theater Complex
- Palisades Building
- Photo Arts Building
- Redwood Bridge Club
- Fleet Science Center
- San Diego Air & Space Museum
- San Diego Automotive Museum
- San Diego Comic-Con Museum
- San Diego Lawn Bowling
- San Diego Mineral and Gem Society
- San Diego Museum of Art
- San Diego Museum of Us (California Building)
- San Diego Natural History Museum
- San Diego Velodrome
- Sandieson (Morley Field Athletic Complex Office)
- Spanish Village Art Center (6 buildings)
- Spreckels Organ Pavilion
- Starlight Bowl
- Timken Museum of Art
- United Nations Building
- Veterans' Memorial Center and Museum
- War Memorial Building
- World Beat Center

**Developed Regional Parks Division
Mission Bay Park
DISTRICT MANAGER: Mike Rodrigues**

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Park Areas: Mission Bay Park

Council District: 2

Overview: This program manages and maintains the 4,400-acre Mission Bay Park, which includes 2,288 acres of recreational water surface, 1,887 acres of park land, 1,019 acres of turf, and 134 acres of marsh. Staff is the liaison to Mission Bay Park Lessees.

Management of operations, grounds/custodial maintenance and aquatic maintenance which includes maintenance of 28 public restrooms, 12 playgrounds, numerous park pathways, maintenance of navigational aids, and inspection of public boat moorings. In addition, management of operations and administration of the Ranger Program.

The Ranger Program focuses on safety, enforcement of the Municipal Code and State laws as well as interpretive programs. The Park hosts major annual public events such as the World Championship Over the Line Tournament, San Diego Crew Classic and San Diego Bayfair in addition to large picnics for organizations. Mission Bay Park attracts over 18 million visitors annually.

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MISSION BAY PARK AGREEMENTS

| Lessee | Location | Mailing Address |
|---|--|--|
| Associated Mobile Estates/01 dba Campland on the Bay | Rose Creek | 2211 Pacific Beach Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Associated Students SDSU/UCSD - Mission Bay Aquatic Center | Santa Clara Point | 1001 Santa Clara Place San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Bahia Sternwheelers/01 | Bahia Belle Sternwheeler Bahia Marina | 998 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Bahia Sternwheelers/02 | William D. Evans Sternwheeler Bahia Marina | 998 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Bartell Hotels, Inc. dba The Dana | Dana Landing/Sunset Point | 1710 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| BH Partnership dba Bahia Resort Hotel | Bahia Point | 998 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Boy Scouts of America/02 (SD County Aquatic Center) | Fiesta Island | 1750 Fiesta Island Road San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Braemar Partnership and 9 th and A Partnership | Sail Bay/Catamaran Pier | 998 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Braemar Partnership /02 | Sail Bay/Catamaran Pier | 998 West Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Driscoll – Mission Bay | Quivira Basin | 1500 Quivira Way San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Everingham Brothers Bait Company | Quivira Basin | P.O. Box 2449 La Mesa, CA 91943 |
| Richard and Linda Gleason dba Mission Bay Sportcenter | Santa Clara Point | 1010 Santa Clara Place San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Kencal Ownership, LLC dba Hyatt Regency Islandia | Quivira Basin | 1441 Quivira Road San Diego, CA 92109 |
| LHO Mission Bay Hotel, LP dba San Diego Paradise Point Resort | Vacation Isle | 1404 West Vacation Road San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Mission Bay Beach Club | Foot of Clairemont Drive | 2688 E. Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Mission Bay Resort | East Mission Bay/Pacific Passage | 1775 East Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Mission Bay Yacht Club | El Carmel Point | 1215 El Carmel Place San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Retirement Fund Trust of Plumbing dba Marina Village | Quivira Basin | 1842 Quivira Way San Diego, CA 92109 |
| San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club | Rose Creek | 2606 N. Mission Bay Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| San Diego Rowing Club and Intercollegiate Rowing | El Carmel Point | 1220 El Carmel Place San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Sea World, Inc. | Sea World Drive/South Shores/Perez Cove | 500 Sea World Drive San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Seaforth Sportfishing | Quivira Basin | 1717 Quivira Road San Diego, CA 92109 |
| Sportsmens Seafood | Quivira Basin | 1617 Quivira Road San Diego, CA 92109 |
| United States of America FAA 21 | Government Island | P.O. Box 92007 Los Angeles, CA 90009 |
| Wesco Sales Corporation | Dana Landing | 2590 Ingraham Street San Diego, CA 92109 |

**Developed Regional Parks Division
Shoreline
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Park Areas: Shoreline Parks and Beaches

Council Districts: 1, 2

Overview: This program manages and maintains 13.6 miles of City coastline from Torrey Pines City Park to Sunset Cliffs Natural Park and 26.2 miles of the Mission Bay shoreline. The City's coastline includes 100 acres of naturally maintained beaches, 150 acres of fully maintained beaches, 390 acres of shoreline parkland, 15 restroom and changing facilities, 2.4 miles of oceanfront boardwalk, a 1,931-foot concrete fishing pier (Ocean Beach Pier) and a 800-foot wood fishing pier (Crystal Pier).

Management of coastal operations, custodial and landscape maintenance of Shoreline Parks, and mechanized beach and bay maintenance of shoreline areas includes:

- Care for and maintain beach regulation signs and stencils
- Remove sand from boardwalk and fishing pier
- Clean restroom and beach shower
- Remove of trash from beach barrels
- Remove illegal dumps, abandoned boats, dead marine animals, and kelp and sea grasses
- Rake and remove kelp
- Transport and deposit sand
- Contour sand to proper shoreline slope for erosion control
- Rake and sift sand to remove dangerous objects
- Create shoreline sand berms
- Recover bay sand transported into shoreline coves and inlets
- Create sand dunes for endangered wildlife
- Support Lifeguard Service operations

Shoreline Parks' Park Rangers are assigned a variety of tasks including monitoring humans and pinnipeds at the La Jolla Children's Pool, public safety, enforcement of the Municipal Code and State laws as well managing special events and providing information to visitors.

Shoreline Parks hosts many major coastline events and activities such as national hang-gliding championships, local and national surfing contests, volleyball tournaments, run-swim competitions, triathlon competitions, major film and photo shoots, and numerous weddings. This work unit maintains the La Jolla Cove which was rated the sixth best beach in the country by Trip Advisor in 2015.

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SHORELINE PARKS AGREEMENTS

| | Lease Holds | Location |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Ocean Beach Pier Café | Ocean Beach Pier/Ocean Beach Park |
| 2 | Wavehouse Recreational Complex (Belmont Park) | Mission Beach Park |
| 3 | Crystal Pier Hotel | Crystal Pier /Pacific Beach Park |
| 4 | Torrey Pines Glider Port | Torrey Pines City Park |

**Developed Regional Parks Division
Citywide Park Maintenance Services 1
DISTRICT MANAGER: Vacant**

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Park Areas: All

Council Districts: Citywide

Overview: This program provides maintenance and support services for Parks and Recreation facilities throughout the City that require specialized equipment and maintenance. Services provided include mechanized turf maintenance, mowing park maintenance, machinery maintenance and repair, irrigation system repair and maintenance, swimming pool/aquatic feature repair and maintenance.

On an annual basis more than 71,384 acres of turf are mowed, 4,124 acres aerified, and 465 acres renovated. More than 1,300 field irrigation repairs and 2,400 irrigation head repairs are the norm for a year. The Aquatics Features Unit maintains 33 fountains and 50 irrigation booster pumps as well as 14 municipal pools inspections.

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Citywide Park Maintenance Services 2
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Park Areas: All

Council Districts: Citywide

Overview: This program provides repairs, installations, maintenance and support services for Parks and Recreation park sites and facilities throughout the City that require specialized skill, knowledge, and equipment. Services provided include park facility repairs and enhancements, furniture and amenities installation, fabrication and welding services, fencing repairs, concrete walkways and pad repair, trail and pathways grading and maintenance, playground and athletic equipment maintenance and repair, construction of drought tolerant gardens, nature exploration areas and xeriscape landscape, park forestry services, including tree trimming and removals.

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**Developed Regional Parks Division
Budget Administration and Permit Center
SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT ANALYST: Rosa Abrego**

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Park Areas: All

Council Districts: Citywide

Overview: This program provides for the overall Division management and supervision of almost 450 employees. Responsibilities include administering departmental policies and procedures; preparing and administering the Division budget; issuing permits for park and facility sites; planning and coordinating work assignments. Clerical support is provided to the division, including document preparation, accounting, purchasing, and payroll.

The fiscal staff are responsible for budget preparation and control in long-range financial planning and productivity improvement studies; reviewing findings and recommendations; conferring with supervisors, department staff, and others in the solution of administrative, fiscal, organizational and productivity analysis; compiling of data for work load, revenue, and activity reports to management; and preparing correspondence and reports.

The Permit Center dispenses permits and information for over 100 park sites and facilities located in Balboa Park, Mission Bay, Mission Hills, Presidio Park and Shoreline Parks. Among the park and facility permits issued, over 300 beach bars, mooring, and non-profit surf camp permits are renewed and issued each year for Mission Bay and Shoreline Parks. Filming on park land and permits for special events are also coordinated through the Permit Center along with the Office of Special Events and other City departments. A working knowledge of all sites, rules, regulations, municipal codes, policies, fees, and operations is required to answer customer inquiries and produce a valid permit. The public, caterers, and event planners receive general information that facilitate booking an event into the appropriate venue based upon attendance, type of event, equipment, and availability.

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