

## MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project No. 703663 SCH No. 2023060692

**SUBJECT:** Crown Point Playground and Parking Lot Improvements. The project would renovate an existing 6,955 square-foot playground through installation of new picnic facilities, shade shelters, and playground equipment. Additionally, the project would repair and resurface an approximately 69,473 square-foot parking lot adjacent to the playground and install curb ramps and a storm water treatment system and modify existing planter islands and irrigation on site. Improvements would also include restriping and resurfacing the aforementioned parking lot including Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessible parking stalls; demolishing and replacing existing sidewalks between the parking lot and playground area and comfort station area, with approximately 1,378 square-feet of new ADA-compliant sidewalks. Landscaping associated with the project would include the removal and replacement of one mature tree; and the installation of new shade trees and landscaping, All repair and resurface work would occur within the existing paved parking lot and developed areas. The project site is located within the Mission Bay Park Community Plan Area and Adjacent to RM-4-10 and RM-2-5 Residential Zones; Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone, Coastal Overlay Zone; Coastal Height Limit Overlay Zone and the Parking Impact Overlay Zone. (Council District 2.). Applicant: City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects.

Update: September 12, 2023. A minor correction has been made to the final document when compared to the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The correction is shown in strikeout and underline format. The recorded archaeological site number discussed in the Initial Study was inadvertently entered incorrectly and has been revised to show the correct site number. The correction to the archaeological site number would not result in any changes to the environmental impacts associated with the project. As such, no recirculation of the MND is required. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15073.5 (c)(4), the addition of new information that clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications does not require recirculation as there are no new impacts and no new mitigation identified. An environmental document need only be recirculated where there is identification of a new significant environmental impact, or the addition of a new mitigation measure required to avoid a significant environmental impact.

## I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

See attached Initial Study.

#### II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

See attached Initial Study.

#### III. DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an Initial Study which determined that the proposed project could have a significant environmental effect in the following areas(s): **Cultural Resources** (**Archaeology**) and **Tribal Cultural Resources**. Subsequent revisions in the project proposal create the specific mitigation identified in Section V of this Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project as revised now avoids or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects previously identified, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report will not be required.

#### IV. DOCUMENTATION:

The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above Determination.

#### V. MITIGATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM:

# A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – PART I Plan Check Phase (prior to permit issuance or Notice to Proceed)

- Prior to the issuance Bid Opening/Bid Award or beginning any construction related activity on-site, the Development Services Department (DSD) Director's Environmental Designee (ED) shall review and approve all Construction Documents (CD), (plans, specification, details, etc.) to ensure the MMRP requirements have been incorporated.
- In addition, the ED shall verify that the MMRP Conditions/Notes that apply ONLY to the construction phases of this project are included VERBATIM, under the heading, "ENVIRONMENTAL/MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS."
- 3. These notes must be shown within the first three (3) sheets of the construction documents in the format specified for engineering construction document templates as shown on the City website:

http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/information/standtemp.shtml

**4**. The **TITLE INDEX SHEET** must also show on which pages the "Environmental/Mitigation Requirements" notes are provided.

# B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – PART II Post Plan Check (After permit issuance/Prior to start of construction)

1. PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING IS REQUIRED TEN (10) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK ON THIS PROJECT. The PERMIT HOLDER/OWNER is responsible to arrange and perform this meeting by contacting the CITY RESIDENT ENGINEER (RE) of the Field Engineering Division and City staff from MITIGATION MONITORING COORDINATION (MMC). Attendees must also include the Permit holder's Representative(s), Job Site Superintendent, and the following consultants:

### **Qualified Archaeologist and Native American Monitor**

Note: Failure of all responsible Permit Holder's representatives and consultants to attend shall require an additional meeting with all parties present.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

- a) The PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT is the **RE** at the **Field Engineering Division – 858-627-3200**
- b) For Clarification of ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, it is also required to call **RE** and MMC at 858-627-3360
- 2. MMRP COMPLIANCE: This Project, Project Tracking System (PTS) 703663, shall conform to the mitigation requirements contained in the associated Environmental Document and implemented to the satisfaction of the DSD's ED, MMC and the City Engineer (RE). The requirements may not be reduced or changed but may be annotated (i.e. to explain when and how compliance is being met and location of verifying proof, etc.). Additional clarifying information may also be added to other relevant plan sheets and/or specifications as appropriate (i.e., specific locations, times of monitoring, methodology, etc.)

Note: Permit Holder's Representatives must alert RE and MMC if there are any discrepancies in the plans or notes, or any changes due to field conditions. All conflicts must be approved by RE and MMC BEFORE the work is performed.

3. OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: Evidence that any other agency requirements or permits have been obtained or are in process shall be submitted to the RE and MMC for review and acceptance prior to the beginning of work or within one week of the Permit Holder obtaining documentation of those permits or requirements. Evidence shall include copies of permits, letters of resolution or other documentation issued by the responsible agency.

## **None Required**

4. MONITORING EXHIBITS: All consultants are required to submit to RE and MMC, a monitoring exhibit on a 11x17 reduction of the appropriate construction plan, such as site plan, grading, landscape, etc., marked to clearly show the specific areas including the LIMIT OF WORK, scope of that discipline's work, and notes indicating when in the construction

schedule that work will be performed. When necessary for clarification, a detailed methodology of how the work will be performed shall be included.

5. OTHER SUBMITTALS AND INSPECTIONS: The Permit Holder/Owner's representative shall submit all required documentation, verification letters, and requests for all associated inspections to the RE and MMC for approval per the following schedule:

DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL/INSPECTION CHECKLIST					
Issue Area	Document Submittal	Associated			
		Inspection/Approvals/Notes			
General	Consultant Qualification	Prior to Preconstruction			
	Letters	Meeting			
General	Consultant Construction	Prior to Preconstruction			
	Monitoring Exhibits	Meeting			
Cultural Resources	Monitoring Report(s)	Archaeological/Historic Site			
(Archaeology)		Observation			
Bond Release	Request for Bond Release	Final MMRP Inspections Prior			
	Letter	to Bond Release Letter			

#### C. SPECIFIC ISSUE AREA CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

## HISTORICAL RESOURCES ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- I. Prior to Permit Issuance or Bid Opening/Bid Award
  - A. Entitlements Plan Check
  - 1. Prior to permit issuance or Bid Opening/Bid Award, whichever is applicable, the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) Environmental designee shall verify that the requirements for Archaeological Monitoring and Native American monitoring have been noted on the applicable construction documents through the plan check process.
  - B. Letters of Qualification have been submitted to ADD

- Prior to Bid Award, the applicant shall submit a letter of verification to Mitigation
  Monitoring Coordination (MMC) identifying the Principal Investigator (PI) for the
  project and the names of all persons involved in the archaeological monitoring
  program, as defined in the City of San Diego Historical Resources Guidelines (HRG). If
  applicable, individuals involved in the archaeological monitoring program must have
  completed the 40-hour HAZWOPER training with certification documentation.
- 2. MMC will provide a letter to the applicant confirming the qualifications of the PI and all persons involved in the archaeological monitoring of the project meet the qualifications established in the HRG.
- 3. Prior to the start of work, the applicant must obtain written approval from MMC for any personnel changes associated with the monitoring program.

## II. Prior to Start of Construction

#### A. Verification of Records Search

- The PI shall provide verification to MMC that a site-specific records search (quarter-mile radius) has been completed. Verification includes but is not limited to a copy of a confirmation letter from South Coastal Information Center, or, if the search was inhouse, a letter of verification from the PI stating that the search was completed.
- 2. The letter shall introduce any pertinent information concerning expectations and probabilities of discovery during trenching and/or grading activities.
- 3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC requesting a reduction to the ¼ mile radius.

## B. PI Shall Attend Precon Meetings

- 1. Prior to beginning any work that requires monitoring; the Applicant shall arrange a Precon Meeting that shall include the Pl, Native American consultant/monitor (where Native American resources may be impacted), Construction Manager (CM) and/or Grading Contractor, Resident Engineer (RE), Building Inspector (BI), if appropriate, and MMC. The qualified Archaeologist and Native American Monitor shall attend any grading/excavation related Precon Meetings to make comments and/or suggestions concerning the Archaeological Monitoring program with the Construction Manager and/or Grading Contractor.
  - a. If the PI is unable to attend the Precon Meeting, the Applicant shall schedule a focused Precon Meeting with MMC, the PI, RE, CM or BI, if appropriate, prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring.
- 2. Acknowledgement of Responsibility for Curation (CIP or Other Public Projects)

The applicant shall submit a letter to MMC acknowledging their responsibility for the cost of curation associated with all phases of the archaeological monitoring program.

### 3. Identify Areas to be Monitored

- a. Prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring, the PI shall submit an Archaeological Monitoring Exhibit (AME) (with verification that the AME has been reviewed and approved by the Native American consultant/monitor when Native American resources may be impacted) based on the appropriate construction documents (reduced to 11x17) to MMC identifying the areas to be monitored including the delineation of grading/excavation limits.
- b. The AME shall be based on the results of a site-specific records search as well as information regarding the age of existing pipelines, laterals and associated appurtenances and/or any known soil conditions (native or formation).
- c. MMC shall notify the PI that the AME has been approved.

## 4. When Monitoring Will Occur

- a. Prior to the start of any work, the PI shall also submit a construction schedule to MMC through the RE indicating when and where monitoring will occur.
- b. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC prior to the start of work or during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program. This request shall be based on relevant information such as review of final construction documents which indicate conditions such as age of existing pipe to be replaced, depth of excavation and/or site graded to bedrock, etc., which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.

## 5. Approval of AME and Construction Schedule

After approval of the AME by MMC, the PI shall submit to MMC written authorization of the AME and Construction Schedule from the CM.

#### III. During Construction

## A. Monitor Shall be Present During Grading/Excavation/Trenching

- The Archaeological Monitor shall be present full-time during all soil disturbing and grading/excavation/trenching activities which could result in impacts to archaeological resources as identified on the AME. The Construction Manager is responsible for notifying the RE, PI, and MMC of changes to any construction activities such as in the case of a potential safety concern within the area being monitored. In certain circumstances OSHA safety requirements may necessitate modification of the AME.
- 2. The Native American consultant/monitor shall determine the extent of their presence during soil disturbing and grading/excavation/trenching activities based on the AME and provide that information to the PI and MMC. If prehistoric resources are

- encountered during the Native American consultant/monitor's absence, work shall stop and the Discovery Notification Process detailed in Section III.B-C and IV.A-D shall commence.
- 3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program when a field condition such as modern disturbance post-dating the previous grading/trenching activities, presence of fossil formations, or when native soils are encountered that may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.
- 4. The archaeological and Native American consultant/monitor shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSVR). The CSVR's shall be faxed by the CM to the RE the first day of monitoring, the last day of monitoring, monthly (Notification of Monitoring Completion), and in the case of ANY discoveries. The RE shall forward copies to MMC.

## B. Discovery Notification Process

- In the event of a discovery, the Archaeological Monitor shall direct the contractor to temporarily divert all soil disturbing activities, including but not limited to digging, trenching, excavating or grading activities in the area of discovery and in the area reasonably suspected to overlay adjacent resources and immediately notify the RE or Bl, as appropriate.
- 2. The Monitor shall immediately notify the PI (unless Monitor is the PI) of the discovery.
- 3. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone of the discovery and shall also submit written documentation to MMC within 24 hours by fax or email with photos of the resource in context, if possible.
- 4. No soil shall be exported off-site until a determination can be made regarding the significance of the resource specifically if Native American resources are encountered.

#### C. Determination of Significance

- 1. The PI and Native American consultant/monitor, where Native American resources are discovered shall evaluate the significance of the resource. If Human Remains are involved, follow protocol in Section IV below.
  - a. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone to discuss significance determination and shall also submit a letter to MMC indicating whether additional mitigation is required.
  - b. If the resource is significant, the PI shall submit an Archaeological Data Recovery Program (ADRP) and obtain written approval of the program from MMC, CM and RE. ADRP and any mitigation must be approved by MMC, RE and/or CM before

ground disturbing activities in the area of discovery will be allowed to resume. Note: If a unique archaeological site is also an historical resource as defined in CEQA Section 15064.5, then the limits on the amount(s) that a project applicant may be required to pay to cover mitigation costs as indicated in CEQA Section 21083.2 shall not apply.

- (1). Note: For pipeline trenching and other linear projects in the public Right-of-Way, the PI shall implement the Discovery Process for Pipeline Trenching projects identified below under "D."
- c. If the resource is not significant, the PI shall submit a letter to MMC indicating that artifacts will be collected, curated, and documented in the Final Monitoring Report. The letter shall also indicate that that no further work is required.
  - (1). Note: For Pipeline Trenching and other linear projects in the public Rightof-Way, if the deposit is limited in size, both in length and depth; the information value is limited and is not associated with any other resource; and there are no unique features/artifacts associated with the deposit, the discovery should be considered not significant.
  - (2). Note, for Pipeline Trenching and other linear projects in the public Right-of-Way, if significance cannot be determined, the Final Monitoring Report and Site Record (DPR Form 523A/B) shall identify the discovery as Potentially Significant.
- D. Discovery Process for Significant Resources Pipeline Trenching and other Linear Projects in the Public Right-of-Way

The following procedure constitutes adequate mitigation of a significant discovery encountered during pipeline trenching activities or for other linear project types within the Public Right-of-Way including but not limited to excavation for jacking pits, receiving pits, laterals, and manholes to reduce impacts to below a level of significance:

- 1. Procedures for documentation, curation and reporting
  - a. One hundred percent of the artifacts within the trench alignment and width shall be documented in-situ, to include photographic records, plan view of the trench and profiles of side walls, recovered, photographed after cleaning and analyzed and curated. The remainder of the deposit within the limits of excavation (trench walls) shall be left intact.
  - b. The PI shall prepare a Draft Monitoring Report and submit to MMC via the RE as indicated in Section VI-A.
  - c. The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate State of California Department of Park and Recreation forms-DPR 523 A/B) the resource(s) encountered during the Archaeological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Historical Resources Guidelines. The DPR forms shall be submitted to the South Coastal Information Center for either a Primary Record or SDI Number and included in the Final Monitoring Report.

d. The Final Monitoring Report shall include a recommendation for monitoring of any future work in the vicinity of the resource.

## IV. Discovery of Human Remains

If human remains are discovered, work shall halt in that area and no soil shall be exported off-site until a determination can be made regarding the provenance of the human remains; and the following procedures as set forth in CEQA Section 15064.5(e), the California Public Resources Code (Sec. 5097.98) and State Health and Safety Code (Sec. 7050.5) shall be undertaken:

#### A. Notification

- 1. Archaeological Monitor shall notify the RE or BI as appropriate, MMC, and the PI, if the Monitor is not qualified as a PI. MMC will notify the appropriate Senior Planner in the Environmental Analysis Section (EAS) of the Development Services Department to assist with the discovery notification process.
- 2. The PI shall notify the Medical Examiner after consultation with the RE, either in person or via telephone.

## B. Isolate discovery site

- 1. Work shall be directed away from the location of the discovery and any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlay adjacent human remains until a determination can be made by the Medical Examiner in consultation with the PI concerning the provenience of the remains.
- 2. The Medical Examiner, in consultation with the PI, will determine the need for a field examination to determine the provenience.
- 3. If a field examination is not warranted, the Medical Examiner will determine with input from the PI, if the remains are or are most likely to be of Native American origin.

#### C. If Human Remains ARE determined to be Native American

- 1. The Medical Examiner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours. By law, ONLY the Medical Examiner can make this call.
- 2. NAHC will immediately identify the person or persons determined to be the Most Likely Descendent (MLD) and provide contact information.
- 3. The MLD will contact the PI within 24 hours or sooner after the Medical Examiner has completed coordination, to begin the consultation process in accordance with CEQA Section 15064.5(e), the California Public Resources and Health & Safety Codes.
- 4. The MLD will have 48 hours to make recommendations to the property owner or representative, for the treatment or disposition with proper dignity, of the human remains and associated grave goods.

- 5. Disposition of Native American Human Remains will be determined between the MLD and the PI, and, if:
  - a. The NAHC is unable to identify the MLD, OR the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 48 hours after being granted access to the site, OR;
  - b. The landowner or authorized representative rejects the recommendation of the MLD and mediation in accordance with PRC 5097.94 (k) by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to the landowner, the landowner shall reinter the human remains and items associated with Native American human remains with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further and future subsurface disturbance, THEN
  - c. To protect these sites, the landowner shall do one or more of the following:
    - (1) Record the site with the NAHC;
    - (2) Record an open space or conservation easement; or
    - (3) Record a document with the County. The document shall be titled "Notice of Reinterment of Native American Remains" and shall include a legal description of the property, the name of the property owner, and the owner's acknowledged signature, in addition to any other information required by PRC 5097.98. The document shall be indexed as a notice under the name of the owner.
  - d. Upon the discovery of multiple Native American human remains during a ground disturbing land development activity, the landowner may agree that additional conferral with descendants is necessary to consider culturally appropriate treatment of multiple Native American human remains. Culturally appropriate treatment of such a discovery may be ascertained from review of the site utilizing cultural and archaeological standards. Where the parties are unable to agree on the appropriate treatment measures the human remains and items associated and buried with Native American human remains shall be reinterred with appropriate dignity, pursuant to Section 5.c., above.

#### D. If Human Remains are NOT Native American

- 1. The PI shall contact the Medical Examiner and notify them of the historic era context of the burial.
- 2. The Medical Examiner will determine the appropriate course of action with the PI and City staff (PRC 5097.98).
- 3. If the remains are of historic origin, they shall be appropriately removed and conveyed to the San Diego Museum of Man for analysis. The decision for internment of the human remains shall be made in consultation with MMC, EAS, the applicant/landowner, any known descendant group, and the San Diego Museum of Man.

## V. Night and/or Weekend Work

## A. If night and/or weekend work is included in the contract

- 1. When night and/or weekend work is included in the contract package, the extent and timing shall be presented and discussed at the precon meeting.
- 2. The following procedures shall be followed.

#### a. No Discoveries

In the event that no discoveries were encountered during night and/or weekend work, the PI shall record the information on the CSVR and submit to MMC via fax by 8AM of the next business day.

#### b. Discoveries

All discoveries shall be processed and documented using the existing procedures detailed in Sections III - During Construction, and IV – Discovery of Human Remains. Discovery of human remains shall always be treated as a significant discovery.

c. Potentially Significant Discoveries

If the PI determines that a potentially significant discovery has been made, the procedures detailed under Section III - During Construction and IV-Discovery of Human Remains shall be followed.

- d. The PI shall immediately contact the RE and MMC, or by 8AM of the next business day to report and discuss the findings as indicated in Section III-B, unless other specific arrangements have been made.
- B. If night and/or weekend work becomes necessary during the course of construction
  - 1. The Construction Manager shall notify the RE, or BI, as appropriate, a minimum of 24 hours before the work is to begin.
  - 2. The RE, or BI, as appropriate, shall notify MMC immediately.
- C. All other procedures described above shall apply, as appropriate.

#### VI. Post Construction

- A. Submittal of Draft Monitoring Report
  - 1. The PI shall submit two copies of the Draft Monitoring Report (even if negative), prepared in accordance with the Historical Resources Guidelines (Appendix C/D) which describes the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Archaeological Monitoring Program (with appropriate graphics) to MMC via the RE for review and approval within 90 days following the completion of monitoring. It should be noted that if the PI is unable to submit the Draft Monitoring Report within the allotted 90-day timeframe as a result of delays with analysis, special study results

or other complex issues, a schedule shall be submitted to MMC establishing agreed due dates and the provision for submittal of monthly status reports until this measure can be met.

- a. For significant archaeological resources encountered during monitoring, the Archaeological Data Recovery Program or Pipeline Trenching Discovery Process shall be included in the Draft Monitoring Report.
- b. Recording Sites with State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate State of California Department of Park and Recreation forms-DPR 523 A/B) any significant or potentially significant resources encountered during the Archaeological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Historical Resources Guidelines, and submittal of such forms to the South Coastal Information Center with the Final Monitoring Report.

- 2. MMC shall return the Draft Monitoring Report to the PI via the RE for revision or, for preparation of the Final Report.
- 3. The PI shall submit revised Draft Monitoring Report to MMC via the RE for approval.
- 4. MMC shall provide written verification to the PI of the approved report.
- 5. MMC shall notify the RE or BI, as appropriate, of receipt of all Draft Monitoring Report submittals and approvals.

#### B. Handling of Artifacts

- 1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all cultural remains collected are cleaned and catalogued
- 2. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all artifacts are analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the history of the area; that faunal material is identified as to species; and that specialty studies are completed, as appropriate.
- C. Curation of artifacts: Accession Agreement and Acceptance Verification
  - 1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all artifacts associated with the survey, testing and/or data recovery for this project are permanently curated with an appropriate institution. This shall be completed in consultation with MMC and the Native American representative, as applicable.
  - 2. When applicable to the situation, the PI shall include written verification from the Native American consultant/monitor indicating that Native American resources were treated in accordance with state law and/or applicable agreements. If the resources were reinterred, verification shall be provided to show what protective measures were taken to ensure no further disturbance occurs in accordance with Section IV – Discovery of Human Remains, Subsection C.

- 3. The PI shall submit the Accession Agreement and catalogue record(s) to the RE or BI, as appropriate for donor signature with a copy submitted to MMC.
- 4. The RE or BI, as appropriate shall obtain signature on the Accession Agreement and shall return to PI with copy submitted to MMC.
- 5. The PI shall include the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution in the Final Monitoring Report submitted to the RE or BI and MMC.

## D. Final Monitoring Report(s)

- The PI shall submit one copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report to the RE or BI as appropriate, and one copy to MMC (even if negative), within 90 days after notification from MMC of the approved report.
- The RE shall, in no case, issue the Notice of Completion until receiving a copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report from MMC which includes the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution.

#### VI. PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION:

Draft copies or notice of this Mitigated Negative Declaration were distributed to:

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

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Pacific Beach Historical Society (377)

Carmen Lucas (206)

South Coastal Information Center (210)

San Diego Archaeological Center (212)

San Diego Natural History Museum (213)

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VII.	RESUI	TS OF PUBLIC REVIEW:	
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		opment Services Department	
			July 25, 2023
			Date of Final Report

## Analyst: Kelli Rasmus

Attachments: Initial Study Checklist

Figure 1: Location Map Figure 2: Site Plan Figure 3: Site Plan

City staff response(s) to the San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc. comment(s) letter. San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc. Environmental Review Committee 8 July 2023 To: Mr. Jeffrey Szymanski Development Services Department City of San Diego 1222 First Avenue, Mail Station 501 San Diego, California 92101 Subject: Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration Crown Point Playground and Parking Lot Improvements Project No. 703663 Dear Mr. Szymanski: I have reviewed the subject DMND on behalf of this committee of the San Diego County Archaeological Society. A-1: Noted. The site number has been corrected in the Final Based on the information contained in the initial study and the DMND, which IS/MND. incorporates the City's normal monitoring program, we agree with the proposed cultural A-1 resources mitigation measures. Our only comment is to note the incorrect site number (SDI-115711) is given in the last paragraph on page 25. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the project's environmental review Sincerely, Environmental Review Committee SDCAS President File P.O. Box 81106 San Diego, CA 92138-1106 (858) 538-0935

#### INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

- 1. Project title/Project number: Crown Point Playground and Parking Lot Improvements
- Lead agency name and address: City of San Diego, 1222 First Avenue, MS-501, San Diego, California 92101
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Jeff Szymanski / (619) 446-5234
- 4. Project location: The project is located within the Crown Point Area of Mission Bay Park (Council District 2) along the 3700 block of Crown Point Drive within the Pacific Beach Community Planning Area.
- 5. Project Applicant/Sponsor's name and address: Eriberto Valdez, Associate Planner, Environmental and Permitting Support Section, Engineering and Capital Projects Department
- 6. General/Community Plan designation: Park, Open Space, Recreation/Park
- 7. Zoning: Adjacent to RM-4-10 and RM-2-5
- 8. Description of project (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation.):

The project proposes to renovate an existing 6,955 square-foot playground through installation of new picnic facilities, shade shelters, and playground equipment. Additionally, the project would repair and resurface an approximately 69,473 square-foot parking lot adjacent to the playground and install curb ramps and a storm water treatment system and modify existing planter islands and irrigation on site. Improvements would also include restriping and resurfacing the aforementioned parking lot including Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessible parking stalls; demolishing and replacing existing sidewalks between the parking lot and playground area and comfort station area, with approximately 1,378 square-feet of new ADA-compliant sidewalks. Landscaping associated with the project would include the removal and replacement of one mature tree; and the installation of new shade trees and landscaping. All repair and resurface work would occur within the existing paved parking lot and developed areas.

Renovation of the playground would utilize conventional construction methods which includes the use of excavators and similar large construction equipment. Excavation for the playground renovations would occur within the same general footprint as the existing play area which is overlain by artificial fill. Resurfacing of the parking lot would require a 2-inch grind and overlay as well as full-depth replacement of the existing asphalt. Excavation of subgrade (soil) is not anticipated within the parking lot area. The project would require excavation below the east sidewalk along Corona Oriente Drive for installation of a storm water treatment system. Excavation of approximately 4.6 cubic yards of native soil would be required to install the system.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

The project is surrounded by residential development to the west and northwest, Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve to the north and Mission Bay to the south and east.

- Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):
   None required.
- 11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun?

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

In accordance with the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 52, the City of San Diego sent notifications to three Native American Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area. The Notifications were distributed to the local Kumeyaay community for consultation on April 6, 2023, for 30 days concluding on May 8, 2023. No responses were received within the 30-day consultation period. Please see Section XVII of the Initial Study for more detail.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

			ld be potentially affected by t the checklist on the following		t, involving at least one impact that is a	
	Aesthetics		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Public Services	
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Recreation	
	Air Quality		Hydrology/Water Quality		Transportation	
	Biological Resources		Land Use/Planning	$\boxtimes$	Tribal Cultural Resources	
$\boxtimes$	Cultural Resources		Mineral Resources		Utilities/Service System	
	Energy		Noise		Wildfire	
	Geology/Soils		Population/Housing	$\boxtimes$	Mandatory Findings Significance	
DETER	MINATION: (To be con	npleted	by Lead Agency)			
On the b	pasis of this initial evaluation:					
	The proposed project COUL be prepared.	D NOT ha	ve a significant effect on the	environm	ent, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will	
$\boxtimes$	Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.					
	The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.					
	The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.					
	Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.					

#### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact answer should be explained where it is based on project specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis.)
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses", as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or (mitigated) negative declaration. *Section 15063(c)(3)(D).* In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated", describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significant.

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	HETICS – Except as provided in Public es Code Section 21099, would the				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$
that wo	City of San Diego CEQA Significance uld block public views from designa rks and scenic vistas may result in a	ted open spa	ce areas, roads, or		
installat resurfac adjacen	ject consists of the renovation of an ion of new picnic facilities, shade she sing of an approximately 69,473 squate to the shore of Mission Bay in the playground and resurfacing of an edistas.	elters, and pl are-foot exist Crown Point	ayground equipm ting parking lot. Th area of Mission Ba	ent and the re ne project site y Park. Renov	epair and is located vation of an
	re, because the project is not introd would occur.	ucing visual i	mpediments to sc	enic resource	s, no
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$
There a	re no designated scenic resources s	uch as trees,	rock outcroppings	or historic bu	uildings
within a	state scenic highway located within				_
to imple	ementation of the project.				
c)	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				$\boxtimes$
Accordi	ng to the City's Thresholds projects	that coverely	contract with the	currounding	

According to the City's Thresholds, projects that severely contrast with the surrounding neighborhood character may result in a significant impact. To meet this threshold one or more of the following conditions must apply: the project would have to exceed the allowable height or bulk regulations and the height or bulk of the existing patterns of development in the vicinity of the project by a substantial margin; have an architectural style or use building materials in stark contrast to adjacent development where the adjacent development follows a single or common architectural theme (e.g. Gaslamp Quarter, Old Town); result in the physical loss, isolation or degradation of a community identification symbol or landmark (e.g., a stand of trees, coastal bluff, historical landmark) which identified in the General Plan, applicable community plan or local coastal program; be located in a highly visible area (e.g., on a canyon edge, hilltop or adjacent to an interstate highway) and would strongly contrast with the surrounding development or natural topography

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through excessive eight, bulk signage or architectural projections; and/or the project would have a cumulative effect by opening up a new area for development or changing the overall character of the area.

The project consists of the renovation of an existing 6,955 square-foot playground through installation of new picnic facilities, shade shelters, and playground equipment and the repair and resurfacing of an approximately 69,473 square-foot existing parking lot and the change would not visually degrade the surrounding area. Therefore, the project would not result in the physical loss, isolation or degradation of a community identification symbol or landmark which is identified in the General Plan or the Pacific Beach Community Plan. Since none of the above conditions apply, the project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or the quality of the site and its surroundings. No impact would result due to implementation of the project.

d)	Create a new source of substantial light		
	or glare which would adversely affect		$\boxtimes$
	day or nighttime views in the area?		

Per the City's Thresholds, projects that would emit or reflect a significant amount of light and glare may have a significant impact. To meet this significance threshold, one of the following must apply:

- a. The project would be moderate to large in scale, more than 50 percent of any single elevation of a building's exterior is built with a material with a light reflectivity greater than 30 percent (see LDC Section 142.07330(a)), and the project is adjacent to a major public roadway or public area.
- b. The project would shed substantial light onto adjacent, light-sensitive property or land use, or would emit a substantial amount of ambient light into the nighttime sky. Uses considered sensitive to nighttime light include, but are not limited to, residential, some commercial and industrial uses, and natural areas.

The playground, picnic and parking lot improvement project lies approximately 150-feet west of an MHPA boundary however there are no planned light sources included in the project. Therefore, the project would not create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect light sensitive property or land use including residential and natural areas. No impact would occur.

II.	AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant
	environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment
	Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing
	impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are
	significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment
	Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest
	Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. – Would the project:

Agency, to non-agnicultural use:	a)	Converts Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				×
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ls	ssue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Progra and is i	oject site is classified as Urban and B m (FMMP). Similarly, the land surrou not classified as farmland by the FMN nd to non-agricultural uses. No impa	nding the pro MP. Therefor	oject site is not in a e, the proposed pro	gricultural pro pject would no	oduction ot convert
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?				
Act Cor	oject location is not currently zoned f ntract nor are there any other surrou would result due to implementation	inding prope	rties under a Willia		
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 1220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				
not cor	d in the area has been designated as oflict with existing zoning for, or caus result due to implementation of the	e rezoning o		•	-
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				$\boxtimes$
design	oject site is located within a largely do ated as forest land. Therefore, the pr st land to non-forest use. No impact	oject would i	result in the loss of	forest land or	conversion
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
Therefo	sting agricultural uses are located in pore, the project would not convert facuse. No impact would result due to in	rmland to no	n-agricultural uses		
	R QUALITY – Where available, the significance air pollution control district may be relied on				
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				

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		Incorporated		

The RAQS relies on SANDAG growth projections based on population, vehicle trends, and land use plans developed by the cities and by the county as part of the development of their general plans. As such, projects that propose development that is consistent with the growth anticipated by local plans would be consistent with the RAQS. However, if a project proposes development that is greater than that anticipated in the local plan and SANDAG's growth projections, the project might be in conflict with the RAQS and may contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on air quality. The project consists of the renovation of an existing 6,955 square-foot playground through installation of new picnic facilities, shade shelters, and playground equipment and the repair and resurfacing of an approximately 69,473 square-foot existing parking lot. The playground and adjacent parking lot are consistent with the General Plan, The Pacific Beach Community Plan, and the underlying zoning. Therefore, the project would be consistent at a subregional level with the underlying growth forecasts in the RAQS and would not obstruct implementation of the RAQS. No impact would result due to implementation of the project.

b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable			
	net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-		abla	
	attainment under an applicable federal	Ш		Ш
	or state ambient air quality standard?			

#### **Short-term Emissions (Construction)**

Project construction activities would potentially generate combustion emissions from on-site heavy duty construction vehicles and motor vehicles transporting the construction crew and necessary construction materials. Exhaust emissions generated by construction activities would generally result from the use of typical construction equipment that may include excavation equipment, forklift, skip loader, and/or dump truck. Variables that factor into the total construction emissions potentially generated include the level of activity, length of construction period, number of pieces and types of equipment in use, site characteristics, weather conditions, number of construction personnel, and the amount of materials to be transported on or off-site. It is anticipated that construction equipment would be used on-site for four to eight hours a day; however, construction would be short-term and impacts to neighboring uses would be minimal and temporary. Fugitive dust emissions are generally associated with land clearing and grading operations. Due to the nature and size of the project, construction activities are expected to create minimal fugitive dust, as a result of the disturbance associated with grading. Construction operations would include standard measures as required by the City of San Diego grading permit to reduce potential air quality impacts to less than significant. Therefore, impacts associated with fugitive dust are considered less than significant and would not violate an air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. Impacts related to short-term emissions would be less than significant.

#### **Long-term Emissions (Operational)**

Long-term air emission impacts are those associated with stationary sources and mobile sources related to any change caused by a project. The project would produce minimal stationary source emissions. Once construction of the project is complete, long-term air emissions would potentially result from such sources as cars parking in the parking lot. However, the project is compatible with the surrounding development and is permitted by the community plan and zone designation. Overall, the project is not expected to generate substantial emissions that would violate any air

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
quality standard or contribute to an ewould be less than significant.	existing or projected	l air quality violati	on; therefore,	impacts
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentration	ns?		$\boxtimes$	
As described above in response III (b) emissions of dust and other pollutan short-term in duration. Implementati potential impacts related to construct project would not result in a cumulat which the project region is non-attain standards. Impacts would be less that	ts. However, constrion of Best Manager tion activities to a le tively considerable r nment under applica	uction emissions of ment Practices (Bl ess than significan let increase of any	would be temp MP's) would red t level. Therefo r criteria pollut	oorary and duce ore, the ant for
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?				
unburned hydrocarbons from tailpip odors are temporary and generally o of people. Therefore, impacts would <a href="Long-term">Long-term</a> (Operational) <a href="Typical long-term">Typical long-term</a> operational charac such odors. No long-term emission in	ccur at magnitudes be less than signific teristics of the proje	that would not af ant. ect are not associa	fect a substant	cial number
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – Would the pro				
a) Have substantial adverse effects, e directly or through habitat modifications, on any species ident as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional p policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serv	tified I □			
The project site proposes improveme lot and does not contain any vegetati sensitive or special status species. No	ion considered a sei	nsitive biological r	esources or ca	ndidate,
b) Have a substantial adverse effect of any riparian habitat or other sensity natural community identified in local regional plans, policies, and regular or by the California Department of	cive cal or tions			

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and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

The project site proposes improvements to an existing playground, picnic area and adjacent parking lot and does not contain any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations. No impact would occur due to implementation of the project.

c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands (including but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				$\boxtimes$
	IV (b). There are no proposed remo	•	, ,	•	derally
•	ed wetlands associated with the proentation.	ject. No impa	ict would result d	ue to project	
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
habitat	oject site has been previously develo on site that would be present withir ory fish and wildlife species. No impa	n a wildlife co	rridor, nor is ther	e a passagewa	y for
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				$\boxtimes$

The project consists of renovation of an existing playground, picnic area and adjacent parking lot, and no such habitats exist on the site. The project site lies approximately 150-feet south of the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) boundary as delineated in the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) near the Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve. There is a further buffer within the MHPA boundary of approximately 200-feet consisting of a graded dirt parking lot between the project site and native habitat within the MHPA. In addition, the project is required to comply with the City's MSCP Sub Area Plan Section 1.4.3., MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines for projects proposed adjacent to the MHPA. The adjacency guidelines include guidelines related to drainage, toxics, lighting, noise, barriers, invasives and brush management issues that may result from implementation of a proposed project located adjacent to the MHPA. Compliance with these guidelines as well as the 350-foot buffer to native habitat within the MHPA would ensure that the project would not have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No impact would occur.

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f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				

Refer to IV (e.) The project site is located approximately 150 feet west of the City's MHPA boundary near the Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve with an additional 200-foot buffer consisting of a graded dirt parking lot between the project site and native habitat within the MHPA. The project is required to comply with the City's MSCP Sub Area Plan Section 1.4.3., MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines for projects proposed adjacent to the MHPA. Therefore, the project does not conflict with any local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. No impact would occur.

V. CULTU	JRAL RESOURCES – Would the project:		
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	$\boxtimes$	

The purpose and intent of the Historical Resources Regulations of the Land Development Code (Chapter 14, Division 3, and Article 2) is to protect, preserve and, where damaged, restore the historical resources of San Diego. The regulations apply to all proposed development within the City of San Diego when historical resources are present on the premises. Before approving discretionary projects, CEQA requires the Lead Agency to identify and examine the significant adverse environmental effects which may result from that project. A project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource may have a significant effect on the environment (sections 15064.5(b) and 21084.1). A substantial adverse change is defined as demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration activities, which would impair historical significance (sections 15064.5(b)(1)). Any historical resource listed in, or eligible to be listed in the California Register of Historical Resources, including archaeological resources, is considered to be historically or culturally significant.

## **Archaeological Resources**

The project site is located in an area known to contain sensitive archaeological resources and is located on the City's Historical Sensitivity map. Therefore, a record search of the California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) digital database was reviewed by qualified archaeological City staff to determine presence or absence of potential resources within the project site.

The record search showed that the project site is located within the recorded boundary of CA-SDI-115711 11571. This archaeological site has been previously disturbed by development of the existing paved streets. However, since the project is still within the boundary of an archaeological site it was determined that the project would require archaeological and Native American monitoring. All potential impacts related to the presence of archeological resources at the site would be reduced to below a level of significance and addressed through the monitoring of the construction by a qualified Archaeologist and Native American monitor. Monitoring would occur at all stages of ground-disturbing activities at the site, unless determined by both the archaeologist and Native American representative. A Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP), as detailed within Section V of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), would be implemented to

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address this issue specifically. With implementation of the cultural resources monitoring program, potential impacts on historical resources would be reduced to less than significant.

potentia	l impacts on historical resources wou	ld be reduced to	less than signifi	cant.		
Built Env	<u>vironment</u>					
significa properti material	reviews projects requiring the demolince in compliance with CEQA. Historices which are 45 years of age or older law, workmanship, feeling and association of any structure and no impacts to	property (built of and which have on. However, the	environment) su integrity of setti e project does no	rveys are requing, location, do ng, location, do not include the	uired for	
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to \$15064.5?					
Please r	efer to response V(a) mitigation is req	uired.				
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?		$\boxtimes$			
within a	h human remains were not identified n area that could contain human rema could be encountered.					
are disconding determined procedured 5097.98	Section IV of the MMRP contains provisions for the discovery of human remains. If human remains are discovered, work shall halt in that area and no soil shall be exported off-site until a determination can be made regarding the provenance of the human remains; and the following procedures as set forth in CEQA Section 15064.5(e), the California Public Resources Code (Sec. 5097.98) and State Health and Safety Code (Sec. 7050.5) shall be undertaken. Based upon the required mitigation measure impacts would be less than significant.					
a)	RGY – Would the project:  Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?					
The proj	ect would be required to meet manda	atory energy star	ndards of the cu	rrent Californi	a energy	

The project would be required to meet mandatory energy standards of the current California energy code. Construction activities might require operation of heavy equipment but would be temporary and short-term in duration. Additionally, long-term energy usage from the project would be minimal and associated with nighttime lighting. Development of the project would not result in a significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. Impacts would be less than significant.

b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local		
	plan for renewable energy or energy		$\boxtimes$
	efficiency?		

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The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan and the Pacific Beach Community Plan land use designations. The project is required to comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) by implementing energy reducing design measures, therefore the project would not obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. No impact would result.

VII. GEOI	LOGY	AND SOILS – Would the project:					
a)	<ul> <li>Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:</li> </ul>						
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.					
rupture	is co	ults are known to underlie or proje onsidered low. Substantial adverse earthquake fault would not occur v	e effects such as	loss, injury or de	•		
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			$\boxtimes$		
through enginee	out : ring stage	that seismic activity as a result of Southern California could affect the design and utilization of standard in order to ensure that potential ant.	e project site. Th construction pra	ne project would actices, to be ver	utilize proper rified at the bu	ıilding	
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?					
causing groundy the proj practice effects f	Liquefaction generally occurs when loose, unconsolidated, water-laden soils are subject to shaking, causing the soils to lose cohesion. Due to the project site's location on Mission Bay, a shallow groundwater table is likely and as such the project site could be susceptible to liquefaction however, the project would utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, in order to ensure that substantial adverse effects from ground failure and liquefaction within the project site would remain less than significant.						
	iv)	Landslides?					

Based on the generally level area of the subject site and surrounding areas, the risk of slope failures affecting the existing and proposed improvements at the site is considered to be negligible. No

impact would result due to implementation of the proposed project.

Iss	ue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				
	d construction BMPs would be in platial amount of topsoil erosion. No in				
c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				
Though enginee	ssed in Section VII (a) and VII (b), the the project site could be susceptible ring design and utilization of standa tage, in order to ensure that potenti nificant.	to liquefact rd construct	ion, the project wo ion practices, to be	uld utilize pro verified at th	per e building
d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				
that wou of risk. In practices	ect would be required to comply wit uld reduce impacts to people or stru mplementation of proper engineering s, to be verified at the building perm gional geologic hazards would remai	ctures due t ng design an nit stage, wou	o local seismic eve d utilization of star uld ensure that the	nts to an acce ndard constru	ptable level ction
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				
wastewa adequat	ect does not propose the use of sepater systems would not be used. The ely support the use of septic tanks of act would result due to implementat	erefore, no ir or alternative	npact with regard to wastewater dispo	to the capabil	ity of soils to
f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				

The proposed project site is underlain by the Baypoint Formation and is assigned a high potential for fossil resources. The City's Significance Determination Threshold for a high sensitivity rating is grading greater than 1,000 cubic yards exported and excavation deeper than 10 feet. According to the submitted development plans minimal grading would occur and the project would not exceed the Threshold. Therefore, no significant impacts to paleontological resources would occur.

	Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII. G	REENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the proj	ect:			
a	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				

On July 12, 2016, the City of San Diego adopted the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Consistency Checklist, which requires all projects subject to discretionary review to demonstrate consistency with the Climate Action Plan. For project-level environmental documents within the Coastal Zone, significance of greenhouse gas emissions is determined through the CAP Consistency Checklist.

The CAP outlines the actions that the City will undertake to achieve its proportional share of State greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions. A CAP Consistency Checklist is part of the CAP and contains measures that are required to be implemented on a project-by-project basis to ensure that the specified emission targets identified in the CAP are achieved. Projects that are consistent with the CAP as determined through the use of this Checklist may rely on the CAP for the cumulative impacts of GHG emissions.

Some of the CAP strategies are not applicable to the project because it is a public improvement project with no habitable space or operational GHG emissions. The project proposes improvements to an existing playground and picnic area and the adjacent parking lot and, therefore, would not result in any energy or water use within a building. However, implementation of City Green Book standards for reduction in construction related emissions associated with construction related vehicles and equipment would reduce GHG emission levels. These measures would be implemented as set forth in the Greenbook: Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, including work site maintenance and pollution control. Based on incorporation of City Green Book standards and the low level of emissions typically produced by construction projects, there would be no significant impacts associated with construction phase vehicle and equipment emissions. Once constructed, the only energy needed for the project would be for maintenance vehicle travel to and from the site, therefore, clean and renewable energy is not applicable to the project and there would be no change to bicycling, walking, transit or land use associated with project implementation. Construction waste would be handled consistently with City standards that call for recycling and reuse of construction waste material in accordance with City Green Book standards section 802, Construction and Demolition Waste Management.

The project proposes the removal of one tree within the playground improvement portion of the project site. There are 23 mature trees located within the project site, the removal of one tree associated with improvements to the playground area would not be considered a significant impact. Therefore, the project has been determined to be consistent with the City of San Diego Climate Action Plan, would result in a less than significant impact on the environment with respect to Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and further GHG emissions analysis and mitigation would not be required.

b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy,			
	or regulation adopted for the purpose		$\boxtimes$	
	of reducing the emissions of			ш
	greenhouse gases?			

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Refer to	Section VII (a) above. The project w	ould not res	ult in significant im	pacts.			
IX. HAZAI	RDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – Would t	he project:					
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?						
impacts the use of handling hazardo	The project does not propose the use or transport of any hazardous materials. Therefore, no such impacts would occur. Implementation of the playground and parking lot improvements may require the use of hazardous materials (fuels, lubricants, solvents, etc.), which would require proper storage, handling, use and disposal; however, the project would not routinely transport, use or dispose of hazardous materials. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or environment. No impact would result due to implementation of the project.						
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?						
	response VIII (a) above. No health rius materials would result from the i		_	•	•		
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?						
Refer to	response VIII (a) above. No impact v	would occur	due to implementa	ation of the pr	oject.		
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?						

**Less Than** 

Staff assessed Geotracker and Envirostor databases and reviewed the Cortese list.

Geotracker is a database and geographic information system (GIS) that provides online access to environmental data. It tracks regulatory data about leaking underground fuel tanks (LUFT), Department of Defense (DoD), Spills-Leaks-Investigations-Cleanups (SLIC), and Landfill sites.

Envirostor is an online database search and Geographic Information System (GIS) tool for identifying sites that have known contamination or sites for which where may be reasons to investigate further.

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It also identifies facilities that are authorized to treat, store, dispose or transfer (TSDTF) hazardous waste.

The Cortese List is a Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites (Cortese) List, which is a planning resource use by the State, local agencies, and developers to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements in providing information about the location of hazardous materials release sites. Government Code sections 65962.5 requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop, at least annually, an updated Cortese List. The Department of Toxics and Substance Control (DTSC) is responsible for a portion of the information contained in the Cortese List. Other State and local government agencies are required to provide additional hazardous material release information for the Cortese List.

Based on the searches conducted, no contaminated sites are on or within 1000 feet of the project site. Furthermore, the project site was not identified on the DTSC Cortese List. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. No impact would result due to implementation of the project.

e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two mile of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				$\boxtimes$
would r	oposed project is located within the Sanot introduce any new features that we residing or working in the project are	vould create	a flight hazard or	excessive nois	se for
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
emerge	eject would not impair the implement ency response plan or evacuation plan e with circulation or access, and all co	n. No roadwa	ay improvements	are proposed	that would
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving				$\boxtimes$

The project site is surrounded by residential development and Mission Bay and the associated saltwater marsh habitat. The project would not expose people or structures to a significant loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires because the project is not adjacent to land susceptible to wildfires. No impact would occur with implementation of the project.

wildland fires?

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X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:						
waste other	te any water quality standards or e discharge requirements or wise substantially degrade surface oundwater quality?					
appropriate b	vould comply with the City's Sto best management practices (BN liance with the water quality re ion.	/IP's) would b	e incorporated int	o the project	that would	
supp grour proje	tantially deplete groundwater lies or interfere substantially with ndwater recharge such that the ct may impede sustainable ndwater management of the ?					
	vould not rely directly on groun s. No impact would result due t			_	ly deplete	
patte throu a stre addit	tantially alter the existing drainage rn of the site or area, including igh the alteration of the course of eam or river, or through the ion of impervious surfaces, in a ner which would:			$\boxtimes$		
	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;			$\boxtimes$		
storm drain s project would	or rivers are located on or adjac system and would therefore no d be required to implement BM g construction activities would	t substantiall Ps to ensure	y alter existing dra that substantial e	iinage patterr rosion or silta	ns. The tion on or	
i	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;					

Based on City of San Diego review, the proposed project would be adequately served by existing municipal storm water drainage facilities as necessary, therefore no impacts would occur. Potential release of sediment or other pollutants into surface water drainages downstream from the site will be precluded by implementation of BMPs required by City of San Diego regulations, in compliance with San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements to implement the federal Clean Water Act. Therefore, no significant surface water quality impacts are expected to result from the proposed activity. Proper irrigation and landscaping would ensure that runoff would be controlled and unpolluted. No impact would result due to implementation of the project.

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iii)	create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or				$\boxtimes$
	based on City of San Diego reviev Inicipal storm water drainage fac				_
iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?				
	construction would occur within ation would not impede or redire	_			. Project
ZOI	flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche nes, risk release of pollutants due to pject inundation?				
to the Califo project, a p of any haza	site, located adjacent to Mission ornia Department of Transportat layground, picnic area and parkindous materials that would releatts would occur.	ion's Tsunar ng lot impro	ni Hazard Zones. As vements project, do	s discussed in oes not propo	IX (a), the se the use
im <sub> </sub> cor	nflict with or obstruct plementation of a water quality ntrol plan or sustainable oundwater management plan?			$\boxtimes$	
constructio quality is no systems. Ar systems or not require conflict with	would be required to comply with n. Appropriate best management of degraded; therefore, ensuring my runoff from the site is not anticiprovide substantial additional so the construction of wells or the in or obstruct implementation of a test than significant.	t practices we that project cipated to ex ources of pol use of grour	rould be implemen runoff is directed t kceed the capacity luted runoff. Additi dwater. Therefore,	ted to ensure o appropriate of existing sto onally, the pr the project v	that water e drainage orm water oject does vould not
XI. LAND US	E AND PLANNING – Would the project:				
	ysically divide an established mmunity?				

The project is consistent with the General Plan's and Community Plan land use designation and the site is currently developed as a playground and associated parking lot. The surrounding area is residential development, Mission Bay and Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve. Improvements to the existing playground and parking lot would not divide an established community. No impact would occur due to implementation of the project.

Issue		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
designatiles appointed in a dditile in additile in additile in additile in an age the MHF	ject is compatible with the General tion and is currently developed as a roximately 150-feet south of the Cited in the Multiple Species Conservates or There is a further buffer wing of a graded dirt parking lot betwon, the project is required to compand Use Adjacency Guidelines for pes include guidelines related to drament issues that may result from in PA. The project would not conflict work with jurisdiction over the project	a playground a cy's Multi-Hab ation Program thin the MHP. ween the proje by with the Cit projects propo ninage, toxics, mplementation	and associated partitat Planning Area in (MSCP) near the last boundary of apport site and native hay's MSCP Sub Area is a dijacent to the lighting, noise, bartable land use plantiations.	rking lot. The (MHPA) boun Kendall-Frost proximately 20 mabitat within Plan Section E MHPA. The priers, invasive roject located	project site dary as Mission Bay 00-feet the MHPA. 1.4.3., adjacency es and brush l adjacent to
XII. MINE	ERAL RESOURCES – Would the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
Furtherr project v	ject site is located in Mission Bay Pomore, it is not identified in the Genewould not result in the loss of available to implementation of the project	eral Plan as a ability of a kno	mineral resource l	ocality. There	fore, the
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				$\boxtimes$
See XI a	. No impact would result due to imլ	olementation	of the project.		
XIII. NOI	SE – Would the project result in:				
a)	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				

Construction related noise would result from the project but would be temporary and is strictly regulated under San Diego Municipal Code Section 59.5.0404, "Noise Abatement and Control" which

Issue	Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
places limits on the hours of construction of exceeded. Therefore, people would not be existing noise regulations. The project site (MHPA) boundary near the Kendall-Frost M Species Conservation Program MSCP). As s Sub Area Plan Section 1.4.3. which outlines proposed adjacent to the MHPA including poperational related noise impacts. The propicnic area and adjacent parking lot. A perrwith implementation of the project. Complicated noise would keep noise impacts to	exposed to not is also adjacer dission Bay Ma such the project MHPA Land Uguidelines for inject consists of manent increatiance with the	I standard decibe bise levels in excest to the City's Mursh Reserve as de it is required to coust is required to coust dise Adjacency Guitemporary construction of the fimprovements to se in ambient noises guidelines asso	ss of those coviti-Habitat Plan lineated in the omply with the delines for production and pero an existing pose levels is not ociated with co	ered by ning Area Multiple City's MSCP njects manent layground, anticipated nstruction
b) Generation of, excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?				
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	vould result du	ue to implementa	tion of the pro	ject. ⊠
people residing or working in the project a  XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project	·	would occur.		
<ul> <li>a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?</li> </ul>				
The project would involve improvements to would not result in an increase in units of rimplementation of the project.			•	-
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

Potentially

Less Than

**Less Than** 

See IX (b). No displacement would occur as a result of this project.

Iss	sue		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
XV. PUB	LIC SI	ERVICES					
a)	a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provisions of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service rations, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:						
	i)	Fire protection;				$\boxtimes$	
would n	The project would involve improvements to an existing playground and associated parking lot and would not require any new or altered fire protection services. No impact would occur with project implementation.						
	ii)	Police protection;					
	ot r	would involve improvements to equire any new or altered police tion.			•	_	
	iii)	Schools;					
constru	ctior	would not physically alter any son of future housing or induce growould occur with project implem	owth that co				
	iv)	Parks;					
-	-	ed project would involve improv impact would occur with project			nd and would	not induce	
	v)	Other public facilities?					
	•	of the project would not substan ies. No impact would result due	•			, or other	
XVI. REC	REAT	ION					
a)	exis par suc det	uld the project increase the use of iting neighborhood and regional ks or other recreational facilities h that substantial physical erioration of the facility would occur be accelerated?					

**Less Than** 

The project itself is providing improvements to an existing playground park, picnic area and associated parking lot. The project would continue to serve as a neighborhood/regional park. The scope of work would not be the cause of substantial physical deterioration of parks or recreational facilities. No impact would occur.

lss	ue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				
adjacent	posed project would involve improv t parking lot. No expansion is propo associated with the project.			•	
XVII. TRA	NSPORTATION-				
a)	Would the project or plan/policy conflict with an adopted program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the transportation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				$\boxtimes$
adjacent	posed project would involve improv t parking lot. The project would not policies, plans, or programs suppor	result in des	ign measures that	would conflic	t with
b)	Would the project or plan/policy result in VMT exceeding thresholds identified in the City of San Diego Transportation Study Manual?				
	posed project would involve improv t parking lot and would not result in ccur.			•	
c)	Would the project or plan/policy substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
adjacent	posed project would involve improv t parking lot. There are no design fe in the area. No impact would occur	atures incorp	0, , ,	•	
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				$\boxtimes$
Adequat	te emergency access would not be i	mpacted by إ	oroject implement	ation. Therefo	ore, no

impact would occur.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

lss	sue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				
project. notificat area. Th Village c requirer	Issed in Section V. of the Initial Study In accordance with the requiremention to three Native American Tribes The lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Santa Salid not respond within the 30-day perment to include archaeological and Nationals to below a level of significan	ts of Assemb traditionally a Pasqual Ba riod (April 6- lative Ameri	oly Bill (AB) 52, The and culturally affil nd of Mission India May 8, 2023) and t	City of San D iated with the lans, and the Jahrefore the	iego sent e project amul Indian City's
b)	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				
there is measure	see response XVIII a). While the AB 52 a recorded archaeological site at the e which includes the requirement for se reduced to below a level of signific	e project loca r Native Ame	ition. However, be	cause of the r	nitigation
XIX. UTIL	LITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the pro	ject:			
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which would cause significant environmental effects?				
constru	oject would not result in an increase i ct a new water or wastewater treatm entation of the project.		•		required to
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				$\boxtimes$

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The 2020 City Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) serves as the water resources planning document for the City's residents, businesses, interest groups, and public officials. The UWMP assesses the current and future water supply and needs for the City. The 2020 UWMP emphasizes a crossfunctional, systems approach that is intended to better guide and integrate any subsequent water resources studies, facilities master planning, and various regulatory reporting and assessment activities at the City, regional and state levels beyond a basic profiling of the City's water system. (City of San Diego 2020). For certain types of large projects:

- a. Residential developments of more than 500 units;
- b. Shopping centers or businesses employing more than 1,000 people or having more than 500,000 square feet of floor space;
- c. Commercial office buildings employing more than 1,000 people or having more than 250,000 square feet of floor space;
- d. Hotels or motels having more than 500 rooms;
- e. Industrial, manufacturing, or processing plants or industrial parks planned to house more than 1,000 people or having more than 650,000 square feet of floor space;
- f. Mixed use projects that include one or more of the above types of projects;
- g. Projects that would demand an amount of water equivalent to, or greater than, the amount of water required by a 500 dwelling unit project.

Senate Bill 610 requires that the environmental document prepared for each project contain a discussion regarding the availability of water to meet the projected water demands of the project for a 20-year planning horizon, including single and multiple dry years. The project does not meet Senate Bill 610 requirements for the project to prepare a water supply assessment. Implementation of the project would not result in new or expanded water entitlements from the water service provider, as the project is consistent with existing demand projections contained in the UWMP (which are based on the allowed land uses for the project site). Therefore, the project would not require new or expanded entitlements. No impact would result.

c)	Result in a determination by the			
	wastewater treatment provider which			
	serves or may serve the project that it			$\bowtie$
	has adequate capacity to serve the	Ш		
	project's demand in addition to the			
	provider's existing commitments?			

The project would not exceed the capacity of the existing storm water system and require the construction of new or expanded treatment facilities which would cause significant environmental effects. The project was reviewed by qualified City staff who determined that the existing facilities are adequately sized to accommodate the proposed project. No impact would occur.

Iss	ue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				
rise to the square for defined to an app waste the would be Code for the square f	ction debris and waste would be gene level of significance for cumulative feet) or direct (construction, demolity The City's Thresholds. All construction propriate facility, which would have not would be generated by the project negligible. Furthermore, the project diversion of both construction was term, operational phase. Impacts were	ve (constructicion, or renovation waste eadequate cancet Long-termet would be steed during the	ion, demolition, an vation of 1,000,000 from the project si apacity to accept the solid waste gene required to comply a demolition phase	d/or renovation square feet) to would be to the limited amount attention the province with the City	on of 40,000 impacts as ransported ount of oroject
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
waste. T generate generate requirer would b to imple	ject would comply with all Federal, Sine project would not result in the given or require the transportation of had during construction. All demolition ments for diversion of construction of generated during the operational amentation of the project.  OFIRE - If located in or near state responsibility.	eneration of azardous was on activities v waste during phase of the	large amounts of state materials, othe would comply with the demolition pheroundabouts. No	solid waste, no r than minima City of San Di ase. Limited s impacts woul	or would it al amounts lego solid waste d occur due
would th	se project:  Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				$\boxtimes$
Plan. Th Plan lan to an ex and con emerger	of San Diego participates in the Sar e project complies with the General d use and the Land Development Co isting playground, picnic area and a struction associated with the impro ncy evacuation routes as identified i ccur with project implementation.	Plan and is o ode's zoning djacent park vements to t	consistent with the designation. The p ing lot in an urban he park area would	Pacific Beach roject is the in ized area of S d not disrupt	n Community mprovement an Diego any
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildfire?				

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The project site is not located in a Very Hig the location of the project, potential expos wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildf project implementation.	er to occupan	ts to pollutant cor	centrations fro	om a
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
The project site is not located in a Very Hig roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sourc that would exacerbate fire risk. No impacts	es, power line	s, or other utilities	would be con	
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				$\boxtimes$
Refer to response XX (b) above. The project hazard zone for potential slope instability of would comply with the City's appropriate B not expose people or structures to significate drainage changes. Therefore, no impacts w	or within a lan est Managem ant risks as a r	dslide hazard zon ent Practices (BM esult of run-off, p	e. Additionally, P) for drainage ost-fire slope i	the project and would
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				

The site is an existing playground, picnic area and parking lot and does not contain or support any sensitive biological resources as defined by the Biology Guidelines of the City's Land Development Manual. Nor does the site contain native or sensitive vegetation communities, wetlands that would be expected to support special-status wildlife species, or lands that are classified as Tier I Habitats, Tier II Habitats, Tier IIIA Habitats, or Tier IIIB Habitats. The site is adjacent to the MHPA boundary and as such the project is required to comply with the City's MSCP Sub Area Plan Section 1.4.3., MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines for projects proposed adjacent to the MHPA. Compliance with these

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guidelines would ensure that the project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. Impacts would be less than significant.

However, impacts associated with Cultural Resources are individually significant and when taken into consideration with other past projects in the vicinity, may contribute to a cumulative impact; specifically, with respect to non-renewable resources. However, with implementation of the MMRP, any information associated with these resources would be collected catalogued and included in technical reports available to researchers for use on future projects, thereby reducing the cumulative impact to below a level of significance.

b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable	$\boxtimes$	
	future projects)?		

As mentioned above, impacts associated with Cultural Resources are individually significant and when taken into consideration with other past projects in the vicinity, may contribute to a cumulative impact; specifically, with respect to non-renewable resources. However, with implementation of the MMRP, any information associated with these resources would be collected catalogued and included in technical reports available to researchers for use on future projects, thereby reducing the cumulative impact to below a level of significance.

c)	Does the project have environmental		
	effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings,		
	either directly or indirectly?		

The City of San Diego conducted an Initial Study which determined that the project could have a significant environmental effect in the following area Cultural Resources (Historical Resources), Tribal Cultural Resources. However, with the implementation of mitigation identified in Section V of this MND the project would not have environmental effects which would cause substantial direct or indirect adverse effects on human beings.

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Potentially Significant Impact

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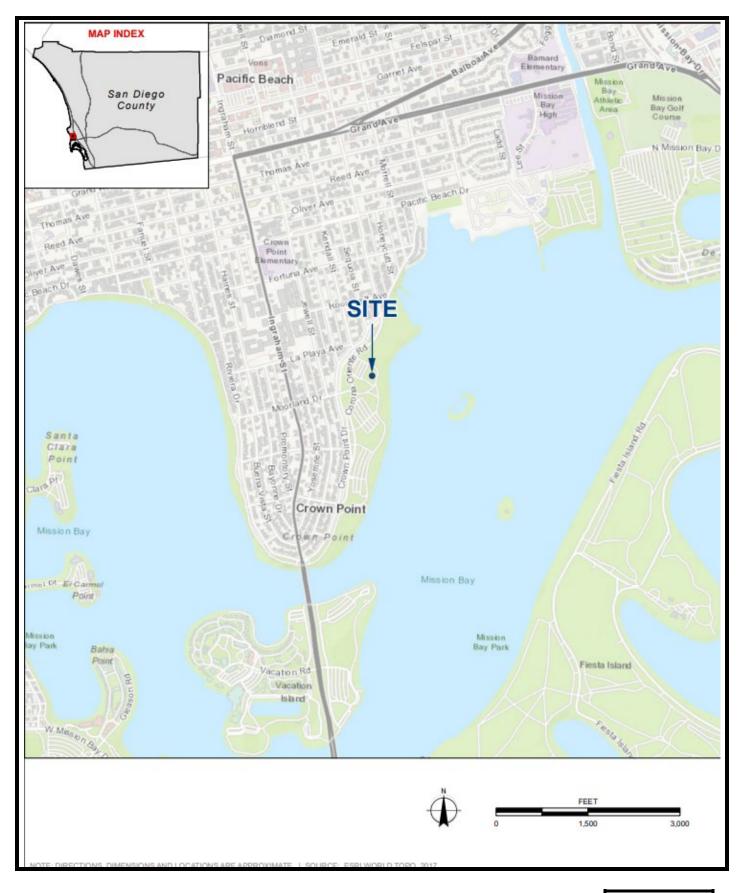
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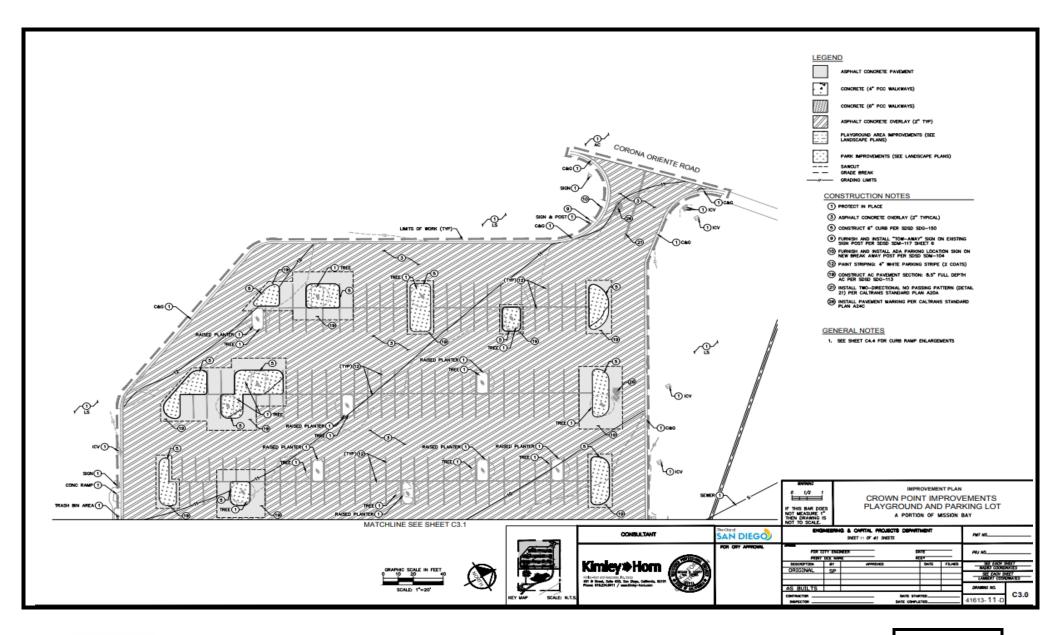


## **Location Map**

Crown Point Playground & Parking Lot Improvements
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**FIGURE** 

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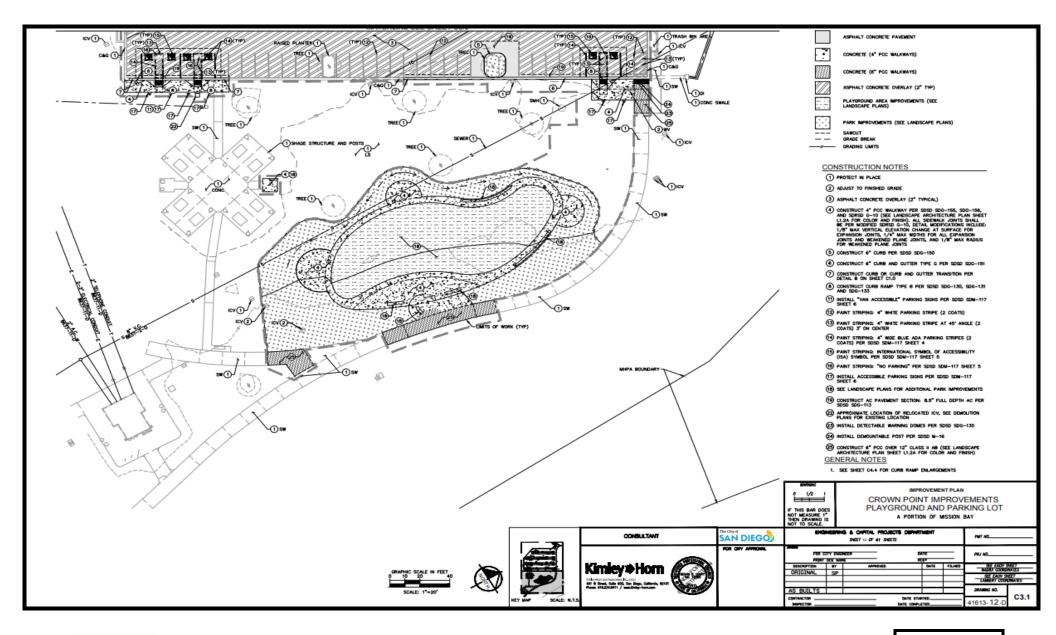




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