



**Date of Notice:** January 9, 2020

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Special Event Permit - Spring Sprint Triathlon

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mission Bay Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**LOCATION:** South Shores Park in Mission Bay Park, Sea World Drive, Quivira Way, East Mission Bay Drive

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a triathlon race event that would include the temporary use of swimming, bicycling, and running events, a fenced-in beer garden, a stage, entertainment, an expo, canopies, tables, and chairs that would occur at South Shores Park in Mission Bay Park on May 2-3, 2020. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 4 AM on May 2, 2020, until 12:30 PM on May 3, 2020. There would be one stage with-for announcements/entertainment, and sound amplification would occur from 8 AM until 2:30 PM on May 2, 2020, and from 6 AM until 11 AM on May 3, 2020. On May 2, 2020, the swim/run event would include an approximately 500-meter swim off the beach area, and an approximately 1.2-mile run along the dirt trails within South Shores Park. The event would be a team event with a total of seven legs to the event, four running legs and three swimming legs. On May 3, 2020, the transition area would be located on the north side of the South Shores Park parking lot. The swim event would occur in the bay off of the boat ramp. The bicycle event would begin in the transition area, turn right onto Sea World Drive, take the exit towards West Mission Bay Drive, stay right, follow the circle onto West Mission Bay Drive, turn around at Quivira Road, exit left onto the off ramp from Ingraham street, turn right at Ingraham Street, right down the off ramp to Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, make a hard left at hairpin turn onto Sea World Drive, turn left onto South Shores Parkway, and head to transition/finish area. The run event would leave the transition area along the walkway and head east toward Fiesta Island, turn right onto the dirt trail and parallel Sea World Drive, turn right onto South Shores Parkway, and then turn left into the transition/finish area. Road closures associated with this event would occur on May 3, 2020 from 6 AM until 10 AM, and would include South Shores Parkway, Sea World Drive w/b between Pacific Highway and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, the West Mission Bay circular ramp from Ingraham Street, one E/B land of W. Mission Bay Drive between Quivira Road and the Ingraham ramp, and the Ingraham Street Ramp. On May 2, 2020, setup would occur from 4 AM until 6 PM, the expo would occur from 10 AM until 3 PM, and the swim/run event would occur from 10 AM until 2:30 PM. On May 3, 2020, set-up would occur from 4 AM until 5:40 AM, the event would occur from 5:40 AM until 10:30 AM, and dismantling would occur from 10 AM until 12:30 PM.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** CEQA exemptions §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land); §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures); §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines: §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alterations of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use; §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor, temporary use of land that has negligible or no permanent effects on the environment; §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which allows for construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to, temporary use items in publicly owned facilities or other facilities designated for public use; §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which allows for the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the project would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.

In addition, the exceptions set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15300.2 do not apply to this project wherein: a) the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; b) no cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place were identified; c) there is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; d) the project would not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; e) the project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and f) the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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On January 9, 2020, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Development Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**January 24, 2020**). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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