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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT PEIR) CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of San Diego (City), City Planning Department has prepared a Draft PEIR for the following project and is inviting your comments regarding the adequacy of the document. The Draft PEIR and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) website under the heading "Draft CEQA Documents" and can be accessed using the following link: https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft

Your comments must be received by Sunday, January 5, 2025, to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. Please send your written comments to the following address: Jordan Moore, Senior Environmental Planner, City Planning Department, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101 or e-mail your comments to PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov with Coastal Resilience Master Plan Draft PEIR in the subject line. Please note that only written comments, received either via US Mail, hand delivered, or email, will be considered official comments in the Final PEIR.

PROJECT NAME: Coastal Resilience Master Plan

SCH NUMBER: 2023050148

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, Peninsula

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Council Districts 1 and 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Climate change increasingly puts the City and its critical built and natural resources at risk of coastal flooding and erosion due to sea-level rise. The proposed Coastal Resilience Master Plan (CRMP) Phase 1 will identify specific resilience and conservation needs along the coastline and develop a portfolio of nature-based solutions to promote resilience, protect critical coastal habitats, support coastal access, and protect the City against the risk of climate change, in line with the Climate Resilient SD Plan (Policy TNE-3). Nature-based solutions evaluated by CRMP Phase 1 include both green and natural infrastructure. Green infrastructure encompasses a wide range of built or engineered solutions modeled after nature, while natural solutions often refer to restoration activities. Both green infrastructure and natural infrastructure support purposes such as stormwater management, flood mitigation, urban heat island reduction, and climate adaptation. While the focus of the CRMP Phase 1 is on feasibility of nature-based solutions to adapt to the effects of climate change on the City's coastline, in some situations, nature-based solutions are most successful in providing risk mitigation when designed with a hybrid approach, including some more typical engineered gray infrastructure components such as underground storage tanks or seawalls. The CRMP Phase 1 presents a combination of solutions that may offer greater shoreline protection while maintaining focus on nature-based solutions.

Nature-based solutions that achieve multiple benefits, such as habitat and wildlife protection, water quality improvements, flood storage, resilience from potential upstream impacts, recreational opportunities, and increased coastal access for Communities of Concern, would be prioritized.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The CRMP Phase 1 area includes six separate project sites along the City of San Diego's coastline: La Jolla Shores, Pacific Beach – Tourmaline Surf Park, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach – Dog Beach, Ocean Beach – Pier, and Sunset Cliffs. Additional sites (Torrey Pines State Beach – Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, Black's Beach, Marine Street Beach, Windansea Beach, and the Naval Training Center Park) were evaluated in the CRMP for potential nature-based coastal resilience projects; however, these sites were ultimately scoped out of the CRMP Phase 1 due to factors such as site conditions, feasibility of nature-based solutions, and ease of implementation.

The CRMP Phase 1 area is entirely in the Coastal Overlay Zone. Additionally, portions of the Ocean Beach Dog Beach and Sunset Cliffs project sites are in or adjacent to the Multi-Habitat Planning Area of the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program Subarea Plan.

The CRMP Phase 1 area consists of approximately 60.42 acres of land and approximately 0.26 acre of open water for a total of 60.68 acres. According to the City's General Plan Land Use and Street System Map (Figure LU-2; City of San Diego 2020a), the majority of the CRMP Phase 1 area's western and central portions are designated as Park, Open Space, and Recreation, and the eastern edges are designated as Residential.

APPLICANT: City of San Diego, City Planning Department, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

<u>RECOMMENDED FINDING</u>: The Draft PEIR concludes that the proposed project would result in potentially significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice in alternative format, please call the City Planning Department at (619) 235–5200 OR (800) 735–2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: For environmental review information, please contact <u>Jordan Moore</u> at <u>planningCEQA@sandiego.gov</u>. For information regarding the Coastal Resilience Master Plan, public meetings, and hearings, please contact the Project Manager, <u>Julia Chase at climateresilientsd@sandiego.gov</u>.

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ATTACHMENT: Coastal Resilience Master Plan Project Locations

