



**CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS
and
NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Project: Sister City Family Fun Run
Location: 3299 Tidelands Ave., National City, CA 91950
Parcel No.: Various
Project No.: 2022-074
Applicant: Brad Raulston, City Manager, City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard National City, CA 91950
Date Approved: Aug 25, 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve a fun run/walk event by The City of National City (Applicant) in National City, California. National City will host this event with its sister city, Tecate, Mexico. The run/walk route will begin at the west entrance of Pepper Park, then head east toward the Bayshore Bikeway. Participants will proceed east along the channel and make a u-turn at the 2nd Ave. bridge. The east entrance of Pepper Park will serve as the finish line. The distance of the route will be approximately five (5) kilometers.

The participants for the run/walk will be sent out in waves as to minimize any impacts to the Bayshore Bikeway. The bikeway will remain open for all users, regardless of their participation in this event.

This event has no registration fee and is open to the public to participate. This event will have an attendance of approximately two hundred (200) participants. Activities for children such as face painting and cornhole games will be provided. Approximately two (2) food trucks will be at the event to provide refreshments. The event will have a small stage with a microphone and speaker set up for announcements.

This will be a one day event, including set up and break down. The event will occur in late summer. The Pepper Park parking lot will be available to both event attendees and the public, and ride-sharing services will be encouraged. The fishing pier and boat launch ramp will be open to the public for the entire event duration.

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemptions: SG §15304, Class 4/Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land and SG § 15323 (Class 23): Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings

3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:

(6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG §15323) (Class 23)

Consists of 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. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheatres, planetariums, swimming

pools, and amusement parks.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorical Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the sections of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. These are appropriate for the proposed project because it is a temporary event that would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, would not have any permanent effects on the environment, and would consist of the normal operation of existing facilities for public gatherings. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 5 - National City Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 15)

Land Use Designations: Park/Plaza and Commercial Recreation

The portion of the proposed project located within the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) jurisdiction of the District conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it is a temporary event that would draw the public to Pepper Park and Bayshore Bikeway thereby encouraging recreational opportunities and promoting public access along the waterfront consistent with the existing certified land use designations. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusion: Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land

8.d. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, including but not limited to:

- (5) Minor temporary uses of land and water having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including festivals, boating activities, parades, and running or bicycling events.

The portion of the proposed project located within the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) jurisdiction of the District is determined to be Categorical Excluded pursuant to the section of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would involve minor temporary use of land and would have no permanent effect on the environment.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

For the portion of the proposed project located outside of the District's CDP jurisdiction, additional approvals may be required from other agencies.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(5) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of public buildings, public assembly and meeting places, convention centers, parks, playgrounds, bathhouses and bathing facilities, recreation and fishing piers, public recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, public golf courses, and for all works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of those uses. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

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President/CEO

Determination by:
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Signature: Abigail Haynam
Date: Aug 25, 2022

Signature: Rebecca Harrington
Date: Aug 25, 2022