



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

Project: Crown City Classic
Location: Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinex Drive, Coronado, CA 92118
Parcel No.: Various
Project No.: 2023-033
Applicant: Brian Ulery, Easy Day Sports, 124 Orange Avenue, Suite 202, Coronado, CA 92118;
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Date Approved: 06/14/2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is the Crown City Classic, a one-day run/walk event scheduled on the Fourth of July, by Easy Day Sports (Applicant) in the city of Coronado, California. Crown City Classic is a 5K or 12K run/walk that begins and ends in Tidelands Park. Event participants would select one of two routes, with the 5K route turning around near the roundabout on Bay Circle and the 12K route turning around on Silver Strand Boulevard. Following completion of the run/walk, event participants are invited to celebrate with live entertainment and refreshments at Tidelands Park. Event participants would be released in waves as to minimize congestion along the waterfront promenade, and the promenade shall not be blocked at any time during the event. The event would have an estimated attendance of 1,500 people, and one (1) additional day is required for event set-up. The parking lot at Tidelands Park would be temporary closed on July 4th to allow for event parking and staging. The parking lot shall remain open for public use on July 3rd and is anticipated to be reopened for public use after 10:00 a.m. on July 4th. The Applicant is responsible for providing additional parking for event attendees on nearby surface streets. Clear signage would be installed up to 72 hours in advance of the event to indicate temporary closure of the parking lot and up to two (2) weeks in advance at the entrance of Mullinex Drive to notify the public about the special event. The Applicant and City of Coronado will implement a Traffic Control Plan which would include flaggers to assist with rerouting bike/pedestrian traffic, as-needed.

Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

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, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks.

The portion of the proposed project within the District's jurisdiction is determined to be Categorically 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: 6 - Coronado Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 17)

Land Use Designations: Park/Plaza; and Streets

The portion of the proposed project located within the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and Coastal Act exclusion authority of the District conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it is for a temporary event that would draw the public to San Diego Bay 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 CDP and Coastal Act exclusion authority of the District is determined to be Categorically 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

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Signature: Lillian Mattes
Date: 06/14/2023

Deputy/Assistant General Counsel

Signature: 
Date: 06/14/2023