



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

Project: Navy Bay Bridge Run/Walk  
Location: Bayfront Park, 2 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101  
 Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinex Drive, Coronado, CA 92118  
Parcel No.: Various  
Project No.: 2023-053  
Applicant: Michelle Ricken, Regional Commercial Sponsorship Coordinator, Commander Navy  
 Region Southwest Morale, Welfare & Recreation, 93237 Tulagi Road, Bldg. 337,  
 Coronado, CA 92155  
Date Approved: Apr 21, 2023

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project is the Navy Bay Bridge Run/Walk which would take place in the cities of San Diego and Coronado, California. The District would provide sponsorship in the form of District funding and services for the event. The event would involve a 4.2 mile race, beginning at the San Diego Bayfront Park, proceeding over the Coronado Bay Bridge, and concluding at the Coronado Tidelands Park. Portable restrooms and medical tents would be available throughout the course to ensure the safety of event participants. These amenities would be located outside of the existing promenade. The event would have an approximate duration of four (4) days including staging and would take place in spring. The event would have an anticipate attendance of approximately 10,400 people. A small stage at the Coronado Tidelands Park would be set up for this event featuring a musical performance by the Navy Band, public announcements, sponsorships, and participant recognition. This event would also host an award ceremony, along with vender booths and a VIP section at the Coronado Tidelands Park. The San Diego Bayfront Park and the Coronado Tidelands Park, along with their associated promenades, would remain open to the public throughout the duration of this event.

The event would require reservation of ten parking spaces at the Coronado Tidelands Park each day (four days total, including set up and take down). Parking would be available nearby at parking parages and on surface streets. Attendees are encouraged to utilize public transportation, carpools, and ride-sharing services when possible. A ferry will be running to transport runners or walkers either back to the starting line at Bayfront Park and the Hilton Parking Garage or to the trolley station.

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.

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**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 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 Districts: 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11) and 6 - Coronado Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 17)

Land Use Designations: Park/Plaza and Streets

The portion of the proposed project located within the District's Coastal Act approval authority conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it is a temporary event that would draw the public to San Diego Bay thereby encouraging recreational opportunities and promoting public access along the waterfront, which is 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) 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 water 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 Coastal Act approval authority, 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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Date: Apr 21, 2023

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Rebecca Harrington  
Date: Apr 21, 2023