



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

Project: Padres Pedal the Cause 5K Walk/Run
Location: Ruocco Park, 585 Harbor Ln, San Diego, CA 92101
Parcel No.: Various
Project No.: 2024-025
Applicant: Julie Duggan, Event Contractor, Curebound dba Padres Pedal the Cause, (619) 244-4853
Date Approved: 03/21/2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is the Padres Pedal for Cause 5K Walk/Run in the city of San Diego, California. All event participants would begin and finish the race at Petco Park. Runners and walkers participating in the 5K would run towards 5th Street, turn onto Harbor Drive, continue south along Harbor Drive until crossing the street towards Park Boulevard, continue until reaching the South Embarcadero promenade, run north along the promenade towards Ruocco Park, and finish the race by looping back along the promenade towards Petco Park. There would be City of San Diego Special Event Traffic Control present at the intersection of Harbor Drive and Park Boulevard to help runners/walkers safely cross the street and direct cars arriving and leaving the Embarcadero Marina Park South parking lot.

The proposed event, including set-up and breakdown, has a duration of approximately one-day and would take place in April. The 5K is scheduled to occur in the early morning, and all runners/walkers are anticipated to complete the run/walk no later than 11:30 a.m. The event attendance is anticipated to be approximately 1,200 people. Signage shall be placed at Ruocco Park and along Harbor Drive to notify members of public a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the event. Temporary Course Way Finder signage would be installed in landscaped areas along the promenade to direct runners and walkers during the event. During the event, the promenade shall remain open and available for public use, and no event staging shall be permitted along the promenade. Parking for event participants would be available off-Tidelands at Petco Park. No parking spaces are required for event staging.

Due to its temporary nature and limited scope, the proposed event 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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4)/District Guidelines for Compliance with the CEQA Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land and CEQA Guidelines Section 15323 (Class 23): Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings

3.d. Minor Alterations to Land: 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

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 proposed project 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 for a temporary event that would result in no permanent effects on the environment, would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, 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: 3 - Centre City Embarcadero (Precise Plan Figure 11)

Land Use Designations: Streets; Promenade; and Park/Plaza

The portion of the proposed project located within the District’s Coastal Act approval authority conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve a temporary event 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 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 is a temporary event that would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees.

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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Date: 03/21/2024

Deputy/Assistant General Counsel

Signature: Shiraz D. Tangri
Date: 03/21/2024