



CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS and NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Project: Maytime Salute to Veterans Parade on Tidelands Avenue
Location: Tidelands Avenue, National City, CA 91950
 Pepper Park, 3299 Tidelands Avenue, National City, CA 91950
Parcel No.: 028-006; 028-009; and 028-011
Project No.: 2026-132
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Date Approved: 10/22/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed event is the Maytime Salute to Veterans Parade in the city of National City, California, that consists of a one-day parade in the Fall to celebrate military heroes. The parade would begin at West 32nd Street and head south along Tidelands Avenue, ending at Pepper Park. The proposed event, including set-up and breakdown, is expected to have a duration of one (1) day. The parade is anticipated to begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at approximately 11:30 a.m. The proposed event would also involve a short ceremony at Pepper Park following the parade, which would include the installation of a temporary announcer's booth and table, and portable restrooms for event participants. The ceremony is anticipated to end at approximately 2:00 p.m., after which breakdown of the event would commence. The proposed event would be a free community event, and event attendance is anticipated to be approximately 300 people. The proposed event would require approximately 30 parking spaces at Pepper Park, however, there would be no exclusive use and/or closure of the parking lot so public access to the parking lot, as well as boat trailer stalls and boat launch ramp, would be maintained. The Pepper Park promenade, fishing pier, and public restrooms would also remain open for public use throughout the entirety of the proposed event.

The proposed event would involve the temporary closure of Tidelands Avenue prior to the parade start time between West 28th Street and West 32nd Street for parade check-in and staging, and from West 32nd Street into Pepper Park during the parade. The temporary street closure would take place from approximately 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and would reopen following the final parade participant(s) passing through the route into Pepper Park. On-street parking along Tidelands Avenue would be temporarily unavailable during the closure. Signage related to the temporary street closure and usage of parking lot spaces at Pepper Park shall be posted a minimum of 72 hours prior to the proposed event. The closures at West 28th Street and West 32nd Street would be soft closures, allowing traffic and pedestrians to cross Tidelands Avenue during the times of closure prior to the start of the parade.

Due to its temporary nature and limited scope, temporary operation of the proposed event would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions 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 CEQA Section 3.d: Minor Alterations to Land; CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Class 11)/District Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA Section 3.i: Accessory Structures; 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

- 3.i. Accessory Structures: Includes construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities, including:

- (3) On-premise signs.

- (5) Placement of temporary use items such as portable restrooms.

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 purpose 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 Section(s) of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above because it is a temporary event that would include the placement of minor structures accessory to the 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: 5 - National City Bayfront (Precise Plan Figure 15)

Land Use Designations: Park/Plaza; and Streets

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it is 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 Exclusions: Section 8.c: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and Section 8.d: Minor Alterations to Land

- 8.c. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small, new equipment and facilities, involving negligible or no change of existing use of the property, including but not limited to:

- (3) Accessory structures, including, but not limited to, on-premise signs, small parking lots, fences, walkways, swimming pools, miscellaneous work buildings, temporary trailers, small accessory piers, minor mooring facilities, buoys, floats, pilings, or similar structures; and seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar structures.

AND/OR

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 proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Section(s) of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above because it is a temporary event that would involve no change of existing use of the property and 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.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(5) of the Port Act, which allows 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: _____
Date: 10/22/2026

Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

Signature: Shiraz Tangri
Date: 10/22/2026