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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**: The City of San Diego's Planning Department (City) has prepared a Draft Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan and Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the following project and is inviting your comments.

**PROJECT NAME:** De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan

**SCH NUMBER:** 2018061024

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mission Bay Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is an amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan (MBPMP) to update existing language in the MBPMP and to add new language and recommendations pertaining to the project area to serve local and regional recreation needs while preserving and enhancing the natural resources of the De Anza Cove area (Figure 1, Site Plan). The project would expand the project area's natural habitat and improve water quality through the creation of additional wetlands while implementing nature-based solutions to protect the area against risks from climate change in line with the City's Climate Resilient SD Plan. The project would enhance the existing regional parkland by providing a variety of uses, including low-cost visitor guest accommodations (recreational vehicles and other low-cost camping facilities), active and passive recreational opportunities to enhance public use of the area, and improvements to access to recreational uses. Finally, the project would recognize the history and ancestral homelands of the lipay-Tipay Kumeyaay people, providing opportunities to partner and collaborate on the planning and restoration of the area. The following link includes additional information on the project: <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/park-planning/de-anza">https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/park-planning/de-anza</a>.

<u>PROJECT LOCATION</u>: The project area is in the northeastern corner of Mission Bay Park in the City. The project area consists of approximately 314 acres of land and includes approximately 191.2 acres of open water for a total of approximately 505.2 acres. The project area includes the Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve/Northern Wildlife Preserve (KFMR/NWP), Campland on the Bay (Campland), Pacific Beach Tennis Club athletic fields, Mission Bay Golf Course and Practice Center, and De Anza Cove area, including a vacated mobile home park and supporting infrastructure, Mission Bay RV Resort, public park, public beach, parking, and water areas (Figure 2, Regional Location).

## **COMMENTING PROCESS:**

The public is invited to comment on both the De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, which will shape the future improvements and uses at De Anza Cove, as well as the environmental impacts of the amendment, which are addressed in the PEIR. For more information on the difference between these documents and how you can most effectively provide your comments, please review this quick guide: https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/comment-eir-lup.

**To Comment on the De Anza Natural Amendment:** The Draft Amendment has been placed on the City of San Diego's Planning Department website under the heading "De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan" and can be accessed at the following link: https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/park-planning/de-anza

The City requests that all comments on the Draft Amendment be provided electronically via email to <a href="SSandel@sandiego.gov">SSandel@sandiego.gov</a> with De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan in the subject line. These comments are welcome throughout the process, and will be used to inform the policies that will ultimately be considered for adoption by the City Council. However, if a hard copy submittal is preferred, it may be submitted to: Scott Sandel, Park Designer, Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123.

**To Comment on the Draft PEIR:** The Draft PEIR and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City of San Diego's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) website under the heading "Draft CEQA Documents" and can be accessed at the following link: <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft">https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft</a>

The City requests that all comments related to the environmental effects of the proposed plan amendment in the PEIR be provided electronically via email to <a href="PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov">PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov</a> with De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan PEIR in the subject line. However, if a hard copy submittal is preferred, it may be submitted to: Jordan Moore, Senior Environmental Planner, Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123. Please note that only written comments, received either via US Mail, hand-delivered, or e-mail, will be considered official comments in the Final PEIR, and that comments on the PEIR must be received by Thursday, April 20, 2023 to be included in the Final PEIR. Responses in the Final EIR are limited to those that relate to the environmental effects of the project. Please provide comments on the plan for consideration in the policies in the plan amendment.

APPLICANT: City of San Diego, Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

<u>RECOMMENDED FINDING</u>: The Draft PEIR concludes that the proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts in the following areas: **Historical**, **Archaeological**, and **Tribal Cultural Resources**.

<u>AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT</u>: To request this Notice in alternative format, please call the Planning Department at (619) 235-5200 OR (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, please contact the Project Manager, Scott Sandel at (619) 235-5204 or <a href="mailto:SSandel@sandiego.gov">SSandel@sandiego.gov</a>. For environmental review information, please contact Jordan Moore at (619) 236-5061 or <a href="mailto:JTMoore@sandiego.gov">JTMoore@sandiego.gov</a>.

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ATTACHMENTS: Figure 1: Site Plan

Figure 2: Regional Location



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