



Yana Garcia
Secretary for
Environmental Protection



Department of Toxic Substances Control

Katherine M. Butler, MPH, Director
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826-3200
dtsc.ca.gov



Gavin Newsom
Governor

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 6, 2026

Nancy Graham
Program Manager
City of San Diego
8525 Gibbs Drive Suite 302
San Diego, CA 92123
nhgraham@sandiego.gov

RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MISSION BAY PARK
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM DATED DECEMBER 16, 2025 STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024100048](#)

Dear Nancy Graham,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Mission Bay Park Improvements Program (Project). The Project proposes a resolution of support for the Mission Bay Park Improvement Program. This Improvement Program consists of an Implementation Framework, associated Preliminary Engineering Reports, and associated technical studies to support improvements within the Mission Bay Park Improvement Zone, consistent with Section 55.2 of the City of San Diego Charter. The Improvement Zone encompasses the 4,235-acre Mission Bay Park, along with additional areas in all directions. The Improvement Zone is located within the Mission Bay, Mission Beach and Ocean Beach Community Plan Areas in the City of San Diego. The proposed Project is intended to address issues related to water quality and water circulation improvements, habitat improvements, and visitor-serving improvements. The Program includes the implementation of the following elements: Wetland and Water Quality Restoration, Upland Habitats and Preserves Expansion, Shoreline Restoration, Restoration of

Seawall Bulkhead, Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements, Deferred maintenance, and a Signage Update. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. This site appears to be near a formerly used defense site (FUDS), [San Diego River & Mission Bay](#). It is advised that site information pertaining to the FUDS be reviewed to see if historical uses may have impacted the land and may need to be considered during construction. Site documents may be requested by submitting an inquiry to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at: FOIA-SPL@usace.army.mil.
2. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all COCs meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil/fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.

DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the Mission Bay Park Improvements Program Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via our [CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

Tamara Purvis

Tamara Purvis
Associate Environmental Planner
HWMP - Permitting Division – CEQA Unit
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Tamara.Purvis@dtsc.ca.gov

Nancy Graham
February 6, 2026
Page 3

cc: (via email)

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
state.clearinghouse@lci.ca.gov

Matthew Valerio
Principal / Coastal Services Manager
Dudek / Consulting Firm
mvalerio@dudek.com

Eileen Mananian
Environmental Program Manager I
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Eileen.Mananian@dtsc.ca.gov

Christie Bautista
Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory)
Site Mitigation and Restoration Program
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Christie.Bautista1@dtsc.ca.gov

Dave Kereazis
Associate Environmental Planner
HWMP-Permitting Division – CEQA Unit
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Dave.Kereazis@dtsc.ca.gov

Scott Wiley
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
HWMP - Permitting Division – CEQA Unit
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Scott.Wiley@dtsc.ca.gov