REPORT TO THE HEARING OFFICER

HEARING DATE: December 2, 2009 REPORT NO. HO 09-129

ATTENTION: Hearing Officer

SUBJECT: LA JOLLA CHILDREN’S POOL ROPE BARRIER COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 701673 and SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 701765, PTS PROJECT NUMBER: 194347

LOCATION: Children’s Pool, west of Coast Boulevard, near Jenner Street, La Jolla.

APPLICANT: Park and Recreation Department, City of San Diego

SUMMARY

Requested Action - Should the Hearing Officer approve Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765 to erect a rope barrier, including support posts and foundations, at the La Jolla Children’s Pool?

Staff Recommendation -

1. APPROVE an application for Coastal Development Permit No. 701673.

2. APPROVE an application for Site Development Permit No. 701765.

Community Planning Group Recommendation – November 5, 2009, the La Jolla Planning Association voted 7-5-1 to recommend denial of the project.

Environmental Review – This activity is EXEMPT FROM CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) pursuant to: Section 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines (minor alterations to land), and Section 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines (“Small habitat restoration projects”).
BACKGROUND

The project is located in the La Jolla Community Planning area, within the Coastal Zone. The site is in the LJPD-5 zone, and is adjacent to Open Space and Park land use designations in the La Jolla Community Plan (LJCP).

Prior Rope Permits

On December 15th, 2006, the San Diego City Attorney’s Office declared that an emergency existed at the La Jolla Children’s Pool and that the emergency necessitated the installation of the rope barrier. A standard follow-up Coastal Development Permit was approved. A similar sequence of events occurred in 2007-2008, with an emergency declaration and a follow-up Coastal Development Permit. Last year, no emergency was declared and the San Diego Park and Recreation Department applied for a standard Coastal Development Permit and Site Development Permit to erect the rope barrier at the La Jolla Children’s Pool. That application was approved on December 17, 2008.

Dredging

In 1931, Ellen Browning Scripps donated construction materials and built the Children’s Pool breakwater to create a safe swimming zone for children adjacent to La Jolla Park. The breakwater was built on tidelands and the 1931 Tidelands Trust deeded the Children’s Pool to the City of San Diego in trust for public use. The City was given right and title to the Children’s Pool if the lands were to be devoted exclusively to public park, bathing pool for children, playground and recreational purposes, and other incidental uses. Following several legal challenges and proceedings, the City of San Diego has been ordered to clean the water in the pool and return it to its 1941 configuration. In addition, Senate Bill 428, which was passed by the Legislature and recently signed by the Governor into law amends the 1931 Trust effective January 1, 2010. The legislative amendment to the Trust gives the Council discretion to allow the Children’s Pool to be used as a “marine mammal park for the enjoyment and educational benefit of children.” On September 22, 2009, the City Council denied a request for a Coastal Development Permit and a Site Development Permit, and did not certify an Environmental Impact Report on a proposal to dredge the Children’s Pool and return it to its 1941 configuration.

DISCUSSION

Land Development Code (LDC) Section 126.0702 requires the project obtain Coastal Development Permit due to its location in the coastal zone. Also, LDC Section 143.0110 requires that the rope barrier project obtain a Site Development Permit for Environmentally Sensitive Lands due to its location within a Coastal Beaches resource. Development Services accepted an application from the Park and Recreation Department for both permits. The application is for the installation of a rope barrier, held in place by four, vertical posts and their associated footings. The posts and footings would be installed by hand. The posts are set in concrete, in small containers. The footings are covered with sand and would be installed approximately 30 feet apart (Attachment 4).
The rope length from the seawall to the last support post near the concrete stair access is 130 feet. The westerly end of the rope is attached to the seawall 95 feet from the bottom of the stairs that lead down from the lifeguard station to the seawall as shown in Exhibit “A” (Attachment 4). The easterlymost post would be placed three feet from the nearest obstruction near the bottom of the easterly access stairs. At present, the nearest obstruction is a four-foot wide rock adjacent to the stairs. This installation would create a three-foot beach access opening in the rope. This opening would allow the public to access the ocean.

Informational signs measuring 18-inches by 24-inches may be attached to the rope posts, warning beachgoers to observe the seals from a distance, advising that harassing the seals is against the law, that the beach is open, and that swimming is allowed, but not recommended due to possible high bacteria levels.

On November 5, 2009, the La Jolla Planning Association voted 7-5-1 to recommend denial of the required permits.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765, with modifications.

2. Deny Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765, if the findings required to approve the project cannot be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Morris E. Dye, Development Project Manager

Attachments:

1. Aerial Photograph
2. Community Plan Land Use Map
3. Project Location Map
4. Project Site Plan
5. Draft Permit with Conditions
6. Draft Resolution with Findings
7. Site Photos
Figure 2-1
Regional Map - La Jolla Children's Pool Project
CHILDREN'S POOL ROPE BARRIER

- Lifeguard Station
- 82 Feet
- 150 Feet
- Rope - 1/2" in Diameter
  Maximum 4 Feet High
- Post in Concrete Foundation
  Post not to Exceed 4 Feet in Height
- Post may have 18"x24" City of San Diego
  Informational Sign Attached
- 3 Feet Open for Ocean Access

EXHIBIT "A"
RECORDING REQUESTED BY
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PERMIT INTAKE, MAIL STATION 501

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

JOB ORDER NUMBER: 4900

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 701673
SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 701765
La Jolla Children's Pool Rope Barrier

This Coastal Development Permit/Site Development Permit is granted by the City of San Diego to the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, Owner/Permittee, pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code [SDMC] sections 126.0718 and 143.0126. The site is located at the Children's Pool, west of Coast Boulevard, near Jenner Street in the Coastal Overlay zone of the La Jolla Community Plan.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Permit, permission is granted to Owner/Permittee to install a rope barrier, annually, during seal pupping season, December 15th, through May 15th as described and identified by size, dimension, quantity, type, and location on the approved exhibits [Exhibit "A"] dated December 2, 2009, on file in the Development Services Department.

The project shall include:

- Rope, supporting posts, support post footings and signs;

All structures shall be maintained in place approximately as shown in exhibits [Exhibit "A"] dated December 2, 2009, on file in the Development Services Department.

STANDARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. This permit must be utilized by May 15th, 2010. Failure to utilize and maintain utilization of this permit as described in the SDMC will automatically void the permit unless an Extension of Time has been granted. Any such Extension of Time must meet all SDMC requirements and applicable guidelines in affect at the time the extension is considered by the appropriate decision maker.
2. This Coastal Development Permit shall become effective on the eleventh working day following receipt by the California Coastal Commission of the Notice of Final Action following all appeals.

3. No permit for the construction, occupancy or operation of any facility or improvement described herein shall be granted, nor shall any activity authorized by this Permit be conducted on the premises until:

   a. The Owner/Permittee signs and returns the Permit to the Development Services Department; and

   b. The Permit is recorded in the Office of the San Diego County Recorder.

4. Unless this Permit has been revoked by the City of San Diego the property included by reference within this Permit shall be used only for the purposes and under the terms and conditions set forth in this Permit unless otherwise authorized by the Development Services Department.

5. This Permit is a covenant running with the subject property and shall be binding upon the Owner/Permittee and any successor or successors, and the interests of any successor shall be subject to each and every condition set out in this Permit and all referenced documents.

6. The continued use of this Permit shall be subject to the regulations of this and any other applicable governmental agency.

7. Issuance of this Permit by the City of San Diego does not authorize the Owner/Permittee for this permit to violate any Federal, State or City laws, ordinances, regulations or policies including, but not limited to, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 [ESA] and any amendments thereto (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.).

8. All of the conditions contained in this Permit have been considered and have been determined to be necessary in order to make the findings required for this Permit. It is the intent of the City that the holder of this Permit be required to comply with each and every condition in order to be afforded the special rights which the holder of the Permit is entitled as a result of obtaining this Permit.

   In the event that any condition of this Permit, on a legal challenge by the Owner/Permittee of this Permit, is found or held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable, or unreasonable, this Permit shall be void. However, in such an event, the Owner/Permittee shall have the right, by paying applicable processing fees, to bring a request for a new permit without the "invalid" conditions(s) back to the discretionary body which approved the Permit for a determination by that body as to whether all of the findings necessary for the issuance of the proposed permit can still be made in the absence of the "invalid" condition(s). Such hearing shall be a hearing de novo and the discretionary body shall have the absolute right to approve, disapprove, or modify the proposed permit and the condition(s) contained therein.
PLANNING/DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:

9. All debris caused by construction must be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately.

10. All materials shall be maintained and managed so as to prevent them from entering sensitive areas including the coastal waters. Placement shall be maintained in location identified on Exhibit "A," during the identified time periods.

11. The westernmost end of the rope shall be attached to the seawall not greater than 95 feet from the beginning of the seawall at the base of the stairs leading down from near the lifeguard station. The installed rope length shall not exceed 130 feet, and a minimum three-foot opening shall be maintained from the post at the easterlymost end of the rope to the nearest obstruction so as to create an opening for beach access. The rope shall not be placed below the Mean High Tide Line.

12. The rope installation shall not use more than four posts, and each post shall not exceed four feet in height. The posts may have an 18-inch by 24-inch City of San Diego informational sign attached.

13. Installed rope height shall not exceed four feet.

14. Rope diameter shall not exceed one half inch in diameter.

APPROVED by the Hearing Officer of the City of San Diego, on December 2, 2009, Resolution No.
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
RESOLUTION NO. HO
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 701673
SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 701765
La Jolla Children’s Pool Annual Rope Barrier

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, Owner/Permittee, applied to the City of San Diego for a permit to erect a rope barrier (including support posts and foundations), during seal pupping season, each year from December 15th to May 15th; and

WHEREAS, the project is located at the La Jolla Children’s Pool, west of Coast Boulevard, near Jenner Street, La Jolla, within the Coastal Overlay Zone (Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction) and the La Jolla Community Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2009, the Hearing Officer considered Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765 (as described in and by reference to the approved Exhibits "A" and corresponding conditions of approval for the associated Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765) pursuant to the Land Development Code of the City of San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of San Diego as follows:

That the City of San Diego adopts the following written Findings, dated December 2, 2009.

FINDINGS:

Findings for Coastal Development Permit - Section 126.0708

1. The proposed coastal development will not encroach upon any existing physical access way that is legally used by the public or any proposed public accessway identified in a Local Coastal Program land use plan; and the proposed coastal development will enhance and protect public views to and along the ocean and other scenic coastal areas as specified in the Local Coastal Program land use plan; and

The project is located on the sand of the La Jolla Children’s Pool west of Coast Boulevard, near Jenner Street, in La Jolla. The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The area above the Children’s Pool is identified as a Viewshed area in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. The proposed rope would be placed at a height not exceeding four feet and the rope would not exceed one half-inch in diameter. Given this height and diameter, the rope would not block any public views as identified in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. While the proposed rope barrier would provide a buffer between humans and seals during the seal pupping season each year from December 15th to May 15th, the beach would remain open for public use and swimming would be allowed. Swimming may not be recommended due to...
bacteria levels possibly exceeding health standards, but the rope is not intended to prevent access to the sand beach or the ocean. In addition, existing vertical access (concrete stairs) would remain unchanged by the project. The La Jolla Community Plan does not envision the Children’s Pool as an improved recreation area, and, therefore, the placement of the rope would not conflict with long range recreation plans for the area. Given that the sand beach and ocean would remain open to the public while the rope would be in place, that the rope’s location and type of rope used would not block any identified public views at the Children’s Pool, and the placement of the rope would not conflict with future plans for the Children’s Pool area, the proposed coastal development will not encroach upon any existing physical access way that is legally used by the public or any proposed public accessway identified in a Local Coastal Program land use plan, and the proposed coastal development will enhance and protect public views to and along the ocean and other scenic coastal areas as specified in the Local Coastal Program land use plan.

2. **The proposed coastal development will not adversely affect environmentally sensitive lands; and**

The adjacent Coastal Beach and Coastal Bluff are the environmentally sensitive resources potentially affected by the project. The proposed installation of the rope includes hand digging small holes (less than 18 inches deep) in the sand, above the Mean High Tide Line, placing the foundation portion of the rope supports in the holes and covering the foundations with sand. This would allow for the rope barrier to be in place during the annual seal pupping season, each year from December 15th to May 15th. At no time would the rope touch the adjacent Coastal Bluff. Proposed permit conditions would require that any debris caused by construction, must be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately. Permit conditions would also require that all materials shall be maintained and managed so as to prevent them from entering sensitive areas, including the adjacent coastal waters. Placement would be required to be maintained in location identified on Exhibit "A," during the identified time periods. As the project involves digging relatively shallow holes in the beach sand above the Mean High Tide Line, permit conditions would prohibit any debris or construction materials from entering the ocean, and permit conditions would also prohibit the project affecting the adjacent Coastal Bluff, the proposed coastal development will not adversely affect environmentally sensitive lands.

3. **The proposed coastal development is in conformity with the certified Local Coastal Program land use plan and complies with all regulations of the certified Implementation Program; and**

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The area above the Children’s Pool is identified as a Viewshed area in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. The proposed rope would be placed at a height not exceeding four feet and would not exceed one half-inch in diameter. Given this height and diameter, the rope would not block any public views as identified in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. While the proposed rope barrier would provide a buffer between humans and seals during the annual seal pupping season, each year from December 15th to May 15th, the beach would remain open for public use and swimming would be allowed. Swimming may not be recommended due to bacteria levels possibly exceeding health standards, but the rope is not intended to prevent access to the sand beach or the ocean. In addition, existing vertical access (concrete stairs) would remain unchanged by the project.
Given that the sand beach and ocean would remain open to the public while the rope would be in place, and that the rope’s location and type of rope used would not block any identified public views at the Children’s Pool, the proposed coastal development is in conformity with the certified Local Coastal Program land use plan and complies with all regulations of the certified Implementation Program.

4. **For every Coastal Development Permit issued for any coastal development between the nearest public road and the sea or the shoreline of any body of water located within the Coastal Overlay Zone the coastal development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act.**

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

Section 30211 of the California Coastal Act requires that no development interfere with the public’s right of access to the sea, the use of dry sand and the use of rock coastal beaches up to the first line of terrestrial vegetation. The purpose and intent of Section 30211 is ensure that the public can access the sea and its associated rock coastal beaches. The purpose and intent of the proposed rope is to create a buffer between the public utilizing the sand beach and accessing the sea at the Children’s Pool, and the seals, as they are hauled out on the sand during the annual seal pupping season from December 15th to May 15th. The rope is not intended to keep the public from reaching either the beach or the sea at the Children’s Pool. The public will be able to enter the sea at the Children’s Pool while the rope is installed, due to a three-foot opening that would be maintained by permit condition. In addition, signage that is posted at the Children’s Pool indicates that the beach is open to the public. Therefore, the proposed rope would not interfere with the public’s right of access to the sea, the use of dry sand and the use of rock coastal beaches up to the first line of terrestrial vegetation as described in Section 30211.

Section 30220 of the California Coastal Act requires that coastal areas suited for water-oriented recreational activities that cannot be provided at inland water areas, be protected for such uses. The rope barrier would not prevent the use of the Children’s Pool for recreational activities and no recreational activities are planned for the Children’s Pool area. The rope is not intended to keep the public from reaching either the beach or the sea at the Children’s Pool. The public would be able to enter the sea at the Children’s Pool while the rope has been installed. In addition, signage that is posted at the Children’s Pool indicates that the beach is open for public use.

As the project would not block public access and the beach and ocean would remain open for public recreation, the project is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act.

**Site Development Permit - Section 126.0504**

A. **Findings for all Site Development Permits**

1. **The proposed development will not adversely affect the applicable land use plan;**

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”
One of the goals of the Community Facilities, Parks, and Services Element of the LJCP (p. 113) is to, "Ensure that all new and existing public facilities are designed and developed in a manner that will not contribute any adverse impacts to the environmentally sensitive areas of La Jolla." The Children's Pool is located in an area designated as Environmentally Sensitive Lands containing Coastal Beaches and Coastal Bluffs. The proposed rope installation would have no significant affect on either of these resources. The proposed rope installation would include hand digging holes in the sand (not exceeding 18 inches in depth), placing the foundation portion of the rope supports in the holes and covering the foundations up with sand. Proposed permit conditions would require that any debris caused by construction, must be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately, and would also require that all materials shall be maintained and managed so as to prevent them from entering sensitive areas, including the coastal waters. Placement would be required to be maintained in location identified on Exhibit "A," during the identified time period. The La Jolla Community Plan also calls for the protection of public views. The proposed rope would be placed at a height not exceeding four feet and would not exceed one half-inch in diameter. Given this height and diameter, the rope would not block any public views. In addition, the La Jolla Community Plan does not envision the Children's Pool as an improved recreation area, and, therefore, the placement of the rope would not conflict with long range recreation plans for the area. As the project would not have any adverse impacts on the Coastal Beach or the Coastal Bluffs, and the project would not negatively affect any public views or recreation plans for the area, the proposed development will not adversely affect the applicable land use plan.

2. The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit "A."

The primary objective of the proposed rope installation is to serve as a buffer between humans and seals during the annual seal pupping season, December 15th to May 15th. Lifeguards advise beachgoers to avoid unattended seal pups, as a pup's mother may be foraging and conflicts could arise upon a mother's return. Users are also advised not to place themselves between a seal mother and her pup. While the beach is open to public use, and beachgoers may pass the rope to enter the beach, the rope's presence serves as a caution, and allows users to read signage warning them that it is unlawful to harass the seals, and that the water may cause illness due to bacteria levels that may exceed health standards. The sign also informs users that swimming is allowed, but is not recommended, and that the beach is open for public use. As the project would create a safety buffer between humans and seals, and would provide information to the beach-going public regarding potential health hazards, the project would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.

3. The proposed development will comply with the applicable regulations of the Land Development Code.

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit "A."
Land Development Code regulations require that the construction of a project potentially affecting an environmentally sensitive resource, result in minimum disturbance to that resource. The proposed rope installation would include digging shallow holes for each post footing and covering them with the sand. Standard, half-inch cord would then be strung between the posts. Informational signage would be mounted to the posts to provide the public with safety information. In addition, the height of the rope would not exceed four feet, and no public views would be obstructed. None of these activities would significantly disturb the Coastal Beach or Coastal Bluff. As such, the proposed development would result in minimum disturbance of the environmentally sensitive lands, and, therefore, would comply with the Land Development Code.

B. Supplemental Findings--Environmentally Sensitive Lands

1. The site is physically suitable for the design and siting of the proposed development and the development will result in minimum disturbance to environmentally sensitive lands;

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The proposed project site is the sand at the Children’s Pool beach. There is ample sand at the beach to allow the rope support posts to be placed in holes that would be hand dug in the sand, and to cover up the post foundations with the sand when the installation is complete. The proposed rope installation would include digging shallow holes for each post footing and covering them with the sand. Standard, half-inch cord would then be strung between the posts. Informational signage would be mounted to the posts to provide the public with safety information. In addition, the height of the rope would not exceed four feet, and no public views would be obstructed. None of these activities would significantly disturb the Coastal Beach or Coastal Bluff resources. As the site can readily accommodate the installation of the rope barrier project with minimal disturbance to the Children’s Pool beach, and neither the Coastal Beach nor the Coastal Bluff would be negatively affected by the project, the site is physically suitable for the design and siting of the proposed development and the development will result in minimum disturbance to environmentally sensitive lands.

2. The proposed development will minimize the alteration of natural land forms and will not result in undue risk from geologic and erosional forces, flood hazards, or fire hazards;

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The proposed rope installation would include digging shallow holes (not exceeding 18 inches in depth) for each post footing and covering them with the sand. The rope would be placed above the Mean High Tide Line and, as such, would not create erosional conditions. No geologic forces are expected to be factors with this type of development, and because no structures are proposed, no flood or fire hazards are
anticipated. Therefore, the proposed development will minimize the alteration of natural landforms and will not result in undue risk from geologic and erosional forces, flood hazards, or fire hazards.

3. **The proposed development will be sited and designed to prevent adverse impacts on any adjacent environmentally sensitive lands;**

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The proposed installation of the rope would include digging shallow holes (not exceeding 18 inches in depth) in the sand, placing the foundation portion of the rope supports in the holes and covering the foundations up with sand. The rope will be installed in dry sand above the Mean High Tide Line, ensuring the project can be installed and removed with minimal affect on the Coastal Beach and Coastal Bluff. In addition, proposed permit conditions would require that any debris caused by construction to be removed from the site and disposed of appropriately. Permit conditions would also require that all materials shall be maintained and managed so as to prevent them from entering sensitive areas, including the coastal waters. Placement would be required to be maintained in location identified on Exhibit "A," during the identified time period. Therefore, the proposed development would be sited and designed to prevent adverse impacts on any adjacent environmentally sensitive lands.

4. **The proposed development will be consistent with the City of San Diego’s Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan;**

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The project is not located in or near the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea. Therefore, the proposed development will be consistent with the City of San Diego’s Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan.

5. **The proposed development will not contribute to the erosion of public beaches or adversely impact local shoreline sand supply; and**

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

The rope barrier pole foundations would be placed in dry sand above the Mean High Tide Line. As such, the project would not create erosional conditions. Sand removed to hand dig the holes for pole installation would be used to cover the foundations, and therefore, sand would not be removed from the Children's Pool Beach as a result of the project. Therefore, the proposed development will not contribute to the erosion of public beaches or adversely impact local shoreline sand supply.
6. The nature and extent of mitigation required as a condition of the permit is reasonably related to, and calculated to alleviate, negative impacts created by the proposed development.

The project would include the rope barrier supported by poles, with the pole foundations buried in the sand above the Mean High Tide Line. A rope barrier would be erected, and stretch from near the concrete access stairs on the east side of the beach to the sea wall on the west side, as shown on Exhibit “A.”

No mitigation is required of this project. Therefore, the nature and extent of mitigation required as a condition of the permit is reasonably related to, and calculated to alleviate, negative impacts created by the proposed development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based on the findings hereinbefore adopted by the City of San Diego, Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765 is hereby GRANTED by the City of San Diego to the referenced Owner/Permittee, in the form, exhibits, terms and conditions as set forth in Coastal Development Permit No. 701673 and Site Development Permit No. 701765, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Morris E. Dye
Development Project Manager
Development Services

Adopted on: December 2, 2009

Job Order No. 4900

cc: Legislative Recorder, Planning Department
La Jolla Children's Pool