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Date: November 7, 2014

Permit Application No.: 6-14-0691

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

On August 14, 2014, the California Coastal Commission granted to:

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

this permit subject to the attached Standard and Special Conditions, for development consisting of

Closure of Children's Pool Beach to all public access during Harbor Seal pupping season, December 15 to May 15, of each year. Installation of "Area Closed" signage on barrier chain at the top of the lower staircase leading to the beach from the second landing area and on the western emergency access gate adjacent to the seawall.

more specifically described in the application filed in the Commission offices.

The development is within the coastal zone

west of Coast Blvd., south of Jenner St., La Jolla (San Diego County)

Issued on behalf of the California Coastal Commission by

CHARLES LESTER
Executive Director

By: **BRITTNEY LAVER**Coastal Program Analyst

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

The undersigned permittee acknowledges receipt of this permit and agrees to abide by all terms and conditions thereof.

The undersigned permittee acknowledges that Government Code Section 818.4 which states in pertinent part that: "A Public entity is not liable for injury caused by the issuance... of any permit..." applies to the issuance of this permit.

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IMPORTANT: THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNLESS AND UNTIL A COPY OF THE PERMIT WITH THE SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE COMMISSION OFFICE. 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13158(a).

Date Signature of Permittee

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

- 1. <u>Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment</u>. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. **Expiration.** If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- 3. <u>Interpretation.</u> Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
- 4. <u>Assignment.</u> The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. <u>Terms and Conditions Run with the Land</u>. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

The permit is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Permit Term.
 - A. This coastal development permit authorizes development on a temporary basis only. The development is authorized for a period of five (5) years, commencing upon the date of Commission approval of Coastal Development Permit No. 6-14-0691, after which time the authorization for continuation and/or retention of any development approved as

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part of this permit shall cease. After the authorization for the development expires, the retention of seasonal beach closure and associated signage at Children's Pool Beach will require the issuance of a new coastal development permit or an amendment to this coastal development permit.

- B. If the applicant does not obtain a coastal development permit or amendment from the California Coastal Commission to continue implementation of seasonal beach closure and installation of associated signage at Children's Pool Beach prior to the date that authorization for the development expires, the City shall cease implementation of the seasonal beach closure.
- C. All development must occur in strict compliance with the proposal as set forth in the application for permit, subject to any special conditions. Any deviation from the approved project plans must be submitted for review by the Executive Director to determine whether an amendment to this coastal development permit is legally required.

2. Monitoring Plan.

- A. PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the applicant shall submit, for the review and written approval of the Executive Director, a Monitoring Plan for the management and monitoring of the seasonal beach closure at Children's Pool Beach. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following criteria:
 - 1. A physical description and exhibit delineating the precise location of the public access restrictions and associated signage at Children's Pool;
 - 2. A discussion of the goals and objectives of the plan, which shall include the method by which the applicant will assess the level of use by seals of the haul out site at Children's Pool Beach throughout the year and the method of determining the effectiveness of the seasonal beach closure at minimizing harassment of hauled out seals with both methods employing, at a minimum, the procedures described in section 3 and 4, below, of this special condition;
 - 3. Upon implementation of the seasonal beach closure, a qualified biologist, environmental resources specialist, park ranger, lifeguard, and/or City-trained volunteer shall record the number of seals hauled out at Children's Pool Beach, the number of people present on the beach, the number of people present in the water from the tip of the breakwater across to the point of rock directly below the green gazebo, the number of harassment instances, the number of citations and warnings issued, the outcomes of issued citations and warnings if available, the tide, the weather (including water and air temperature), and the date at least 16 days per month (to include weekends and holidays). Monitoring shall be conducted a minimum of 16 days per month and measurements shall be recorded a minimum of 3 times per day, to include 10 AM, 1 PM, and 4 PM;

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- 4. Provisions for taking measurements of the number of harassment instances, including what activities would qualify as harassment consistent with relevant regulatory definitions of harassment (e.g. seals flushing into water) under the MMPA.
- B. The City shall submit, for the review and approval of the Executive Director, on an annual basis, a written monitoring report from a qualified biologist or other qualified experts, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the monitoring report. Each monitoring report shall contain the following:
 - 1. All records of measurements, analyses and conclusions created in conformance with the approved Monitoring Plan;
 - 2. Recommendations for repair, maintenance, modifications, or other work to the development; and
 - 3. Photographs taken from pre-designated sites (annotated to a copy of the site plans) indicating the condition, performance, and/or effectiveness of the seasonal beach closure and associated signage.

If a monitoring report contains recommendations for repair, maintenance, modifications, or other work, the permittee shall contact the San Diego Coastal Commission Office to determine whether such work requires an amendment or new coastal development permit.

- C. The permittee shall undertake development in accordance with the approved final Monitoring Plan. No changes to the approved final Monitoring Plan shall occur without a Commission amendment to this coastal development permit unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment is legally required.
- 3. Sign Program. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the applicant shall submit to the Executive Director for review and written approval, a final comprehensive sign program in substantial conformance with the plans submitted by the applicant with the subject application on April 29, 2014 and as shown in Exhibits 3 and 4. As part of the sign program, signs shall not exceed 36 inches wide by 30 inches tall and a maximum of two (2) signs may be posted on the beach, one on a barrier chain at the top of the lower staircase leading to beach from the second landing area and one on the western emergency access gate adjacent to the seawall.

The applicant shall undertake the development in accordance with the approved program. Any proposed changes to the approved program shall be reported to the Executive Director. No changes to the program shall occur without a Coastal Commission approved amendment to this coastal development permit, unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment is legally required.

4. Liability for Costs and Attorney Fees.

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By acceptance of this coastal development permit, the Applicants/Permittees agree to reimburse the Coastal Commission in full for all Coastal Commission costs and attorney's fees including (1) those charged by the Office of the Attorney General, and (2) any court costs and attorney's fees that the Coastal Commission may be required by a court to pay that the Coastal Commission incurs in connection with the defense of any action brought by a party other than the Applicant/Permittee against the Coastal Commission, its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns challenging the approval or issuance of this permit. The Coastal Commission retains complete authority to conduct and direct the defense of any such action against the Coastal Commission.

5. Feasibility Study.

By acceptance of this coastal development permit, the applicant/permittee agrees that, prior to the submittal of any request for a new coastal development permit or an amendment to this coastal development permit to continue implementation of a seasonal beach closure and installation of associated signage at Children's Pool Beach, after the five (5) year authorized period of this coastal development permit expires, the applicant/permittee shall complete a feasibility study that shall address, the following three elements and shall be submitted with any new coastal development permit application or permit amendment application:

- a. Feasibility of providing ADA-compliant access to the sandy beach area of Children's Pool Beach.
- b. Analyze the water quality and methods for improving the water quality at Children's Pool Beach, including the feasibility of opening the sluiceways in the breakwater.
- c. Analyze the sand quality and methods for improving sand quality at Children's Pool Beach, including dredging.

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