



ReWild Coalition Key Improvements Needed

for City Council meeting about De Anza Natural amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, 5.14.24

The 89 member organizations of the ReWild Coalition want the proposed Mission Bay Park Master Plan Amendment to lead to an iconic public park that embraces equitable access to our shared shoreline and creates a resilient and climate change-combatting investment in our City. The 1994 Master Plan included a clarion call for wetland restoration and water quality improvement in this portion of our park. The voters have approved investing in wetland restoration in Mission Bay Park, as it is the top remaining priority for the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund in the City Charter. The City has reaffirmed these needs in numerous plans in recent years, including in the Parks Master Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Now, in this proposed amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan,
City Council needs to act on these goals.

The ReWild Wildest plan is the best plan for our public park. It prioritizes habitat restoration and equitable access to our public land, and we've shown that resilience, habitat, carbon sequestration and economics all favor investing in Wildest restoration.

The City's De Anza Natural Plan is much-improved, but still needs critical changes to get us to Wildest acreage and access. The Coalition highlights these 5 locations and processes that need to be improved:

1. Commit in this amendment to transitional infrastructure on the proposed island by adding the following text to Recommendations 25:
 - Replace 'can' with 'will' and add the bolded sentence in "...improvements provided on De Anza peninsula should be flexible and planned in a manner that **will** respond to the impending impacts of climate change. **This Plan anticipates and plans for marsh migration to occur on the proposed De Anza island.**"
 - Add the bolded clause: "If technical analyses in the General Development Plan suggest conflicts with proposed land uses, preference shall be given to protecting Natural Areas **so that at least 80 acres of tidal marsh habitat remain in the De Anza Natural project area, as well as** community serving recreation, and public access."
2. Remove "or other water conveyance" from Recommendation 55's description of the channel. Replace the sentence "If future hydrology analyses...could be reconsidered"



with **“The channel should be designed to improve water quality in De Anza Cove and support wetland restoration to the east of Rose Creek.”**

3. Add to Recommendation 25 **“A wetland management and implementation plan shall be prepared in accordance...”** and change 67b to **remove the first clause** so the sentence reads **“A wetland management and implementation plan will be developed as an implementation action of this Master Plan.”**
4. Update the phasing language in Recommendation 25 to change the bolded word in: **“Wetland restoration, buffer zones, and other land uses proposed for the site of future** low-cost visitor accommodation facilities should be implemented after these facilities have been modified, moved, or replaced for continued use, unless imminent climate hazards necessitate more immediate mitigation.”
5. **Dedicate funding** in the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund 2025 budget and 5-year budget outlook for the wetland restoration identified in this amendment, because wetland restoration is now the highest priority in the City Charter’s list of spending goals for the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund. We also ask that City Council **find that the wetlands restoration will ‘not be unreasonably delayed or prolonged,’ by the phasing of De Anza Natural implementation;** the City Charter (Article V Section 55.2 (c)(2)) requires the City Council **“to make findings that completion of a higher priority project will not be unreasonably delayed, prolonged, or precluded by expending funds on a lower priority project before approving said expenditure.”**
6. Thank you for committing to working with the resource agencies and existing City habitat protection requirements in the proposed amendment.
7. Thank you for protecting Rose Creek by restoring the **“100-foot minimum public use zone along wetlands and the entire Rose Creek frontage...”** in Recommendation 25.
8. Thank you for protecting and improving night habitat by committing to **“the Outdoor Lighting Regulations in San Diego Municipal Code”** in Recommendation 25.
9. Thank you for recognizing that **“Kumeyaay traditional cultural use of Mission Bay and De Anza Cove shall be honored and respected.”**
10. Thank you for committing to use native plants in all land uses in the northeast corner of the Bay.

ReWild Coalition members:

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