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SUBJECT: Use of Mission Bay sludge mitigation funds for purchase of"Frost Property" as addition to Mission Bay Park

Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 is a regional citizen's organization with a 30-year history of parkland and public recreational access support. We urge your support for use of sludge mitigation funds by the City of San Diego to purchase 2.5 acres of fill land, to be added to Mission Bay Park as dedicated parkland and to be used for public recreational & educational access to the Kendall-Frost Preserve and Mission Bay Marsh.

During the years of planning and implementation to turn the former salt marshes of Mission Bay into the heavily used State parkland known as Mission Bay Park, little regard was paid to the biological effects that destruction of so much coastal wetland would create, nor were there as many people interested in enjoying the ambience of natural landscapes and environments. In the intervening years, we have come to understand the importance of coastal wetlands for a number of essential environmental purposes and public enjoyment of 'environmental recreation' has grown in numbers.

A key element of the current Mission Bay Park Master Plan update is restoration of some portion of the former wetlands of Mission Bay, for purposes of environmental water quality, habitat restoration and public environmental recreation & education. Addition of the "Frost Property" to Mission Bay Park will add a valuable and perhaps uniquely located access point, providing enhanced visual access with minimum negative impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this topic. We hope that you will agree with us that acquisition of the "Frost Property" will create and enhance public recreational access to Mission Bay Park, and that you will approve the use of sludge mitigation funds for that purpose.

Sincerely,

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Chair, C-3 Mission Bay Committee

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