March 19, 2021 Brendan Dentino Staff Liaison, Environment Committee dentinob@sandiego.gov

## ReVitation BAY

## **E-MAIL YOUR LETTER HERE WHEN IT'S READY**

Dear Chair Elo-Rivera and Members of the Environment Committee,

My classmates and I are strong advocates for the Wildest wetland restoration option for Mission Bay, and we would like the City of San Diego to support this proposal. A project of the San Diego Audubon Society, ReWild Mission Bay was founded in 2014 to advocate for tidal wetland restoration in the northeast corner of Mission Bay.

Along with reconnecting the surviving remnant of the bay's once vast wetlands at Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve with its fresh water source at Rose Creek, restoration of wetland ecosystems in northeast Mission Bay will also result in:

## ADD OR EXPAND ON THE POINTS YOU ARE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT

- Cleaner water in Mission Bay, as wetlands will naturally filter and improve the water quality that enters the bay from Rose Creek and nearby storm drains, resulting in a healthier bay and safer recreation opportunities.
- Greater public access to our shared shoreline within Mission Bay Park.
- Greater climate resiliency against rising sea levels.
- Opportunities for Indigenous Kumeyaay communities to serve as regional stakeholders and reconnect with historic sites along Mission Bay.
- A potential for low-cost camping options managed by the city or a contracted vendor.
- Restoration of the world's best mechanism for sequestering carbon, as salt water marsh wetlands hide away carbon even more effectively than old-growth rainforests.

A plan with many of the same goals as the ReWild Wildest wetland restoration proposal is being crafted by the City with funding awarded by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

As Chair of the Environment Committee, you have an opportunity to lead the City toward the best result, and revitalize a public park to be ready for the challenges of the next 100 years and future generations of residents and visitors. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reimagine this corner of Mission Bay as a regional recreational, ecological, educational, and research destination.

## MAKE THIS REFLECT YOUR HOPE FOR WHAT THE CITY DOES

Please support the ReWild Wildest proposal and show your support at an Environment Committee meeting focused on the City's opportunity to lead on climate change and equitable access action in Mission Bay.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURE NAME ORGANIZATION AGE OR SCHOOL