



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: June 10, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OFFICER

DATE OF HEARING:	June 25, 2025
TIME OF HEARING:	9:00 AM
LOCATION OF HEARING:	CITY OPERATIONS BUILDING, 1222 FIRST AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
PROJECT NUMBER:	PRJ-1049364
PROJECT NAME:	<u>1705 PALM AVENUE</u>
PROJECT TYPE:	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CEQA EXEMPTION, PROCESS THREE
APPLICANT:	EnerSmart Imperial Beach BESS LLC
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:	OTAY MESA-NESTOR
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	8
CITY PROJECT MANAGER:	Sara Osborn, Development Project Manager
PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL:	(619) 619-446-5381 / sosborn@sanidiego.gov

As a property owner, tenant, or person who has requested notice, you should know that a public hearing will be held by the Hearing Officer to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit to demolish existing structures and construct and install four (4) new battery storage containers with transformers and switch gear, fencing, retaining walls, landscaping and sidewalk improvements. The 0.11-acre site is at 1705 Palm Avenue in the CC-4-2 (Community Commercial) zone within a Transit Priority Area, the Airport Land Use Compatibility (Brown Field), Airport Influence Area (Brown Field Review Area 2), and the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) Part 77 Notification Area with the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Plan.

This project was determined to be categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15303 (New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures) and 15332 (In-fill Development) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines on February 11, 2025 and the opportunity to appeal that determination ended February 26, 2025.

APPEAL OF THE HEARING OFFICER DECISION: The decision of the Hearing Officer is final unless appealed to the Planning Commission. The decision made by the Planning Commission is the final decision by the City. In order to appeal the decision, you must be registered as a speaker at the public hearing concerning the application or have expressed interest by writing to the Hearing Officer, HearingOfficer@sanidiego.gov before the close of the public hearing. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/forms-publications/information-bulletins/505>). Appeals to the Planning Commission can be filed by email/mail or in person:

1. Appeals filed via email

Send the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) to PlanningCommission@sandiego.gov by 4 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period. When received by the City, the appellant will be invoiced for payment of the required Appeal Fee per this bulletin. Timely payment of this invoice is required to complete the processing of the appeal. Failure to pay the invoice within five business days of invoice issuance will invalidate the appeal application.

2. Appeals filed in person

Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the touchless payment drop-off drop safe in the first-floor lobby of the Development Services Center, located at 1222 First Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 by 4 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period.

- The completed appeal package must be clearly marked on the outside as "Appeal" and must include the required appeal fee per this bulletin in the form of a check payable to the City Treasurer. This safe is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.
- On the memo line of the check, write the project number and the appellant's name exactly as it is stated on the associated form DS-3031.
- Cash payments are only [accepted by appointment](#).

COMMUNICATIONS:

To join using the Zoom platform use this link:

<https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/s/1613102034>

To join by using Telephone:

Dial 1-669-254-5252 or (Toll Free) 1-833-568-8864. When prompted, input Webinar ID: 161 310 2034.

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments on agenda items using the public comment [webform](#) found on the Hearing Officer webpage: (<https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/hearing-officer/agenda-comment-form>). If you have an attachment to your comment, you may send it to HearingOfficer@sandiego.gov and it will be distributed to the Hearing Officer.

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If you wish to challenge the City's action on the above proceedings in court, you may be limited to addressing only those issues you or someone else have raised at the public hearing described in this notice or written in correspondence to the City at or before the public hearing. If you have any questions after reviewing this notice, you can call the Development Project Manager listed above.

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