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PROJECT TITLE
 SAN LUIS OBISPO AIRPORT TAXIWAY B3 CONSTRUCTION/BLAST PAD REMOVAL / ED23-124

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO DEPARTMENT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL comjohnson@co.slo.ca.us	PHONE NUMBER (805)781-5281
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 975 AIRPORT DRIVE	CITY SAN LUIS OBISPO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93401

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____
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Notice of Exemption/General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: San Luis Obispo Airport Taxiway B3 Construction/Blast Pad Removal / ED23-124

Project Location and APN:

975 Airport Drive,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
APN: 076-406-002

Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:

The County of San Luis Obispo, Department of
Airports / (805) 781-5218 /
comjohnson@co.slo.ca.us

Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

975 Airport Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Airports proposes the construction of a new connector Taxiway B3 (315 feet by 50 feet) that will connect Runway 11-29 to the general aviation aircraft parking apron at the San Luis Obispo County Airport in the City of San Luis Obispo. The purpose for the construction of a new taxiway is to enhance airfield capacity and efficiency, as the new connector Taxiway B3 will allow aircraft to cross the runway from north to the south of Runway 11-29, instead of similar movements via existing Taxiway E and Taxiway M. The proposed project will further aid in aircraft movement prior to the planned realignment of Taxiway A and the geometry improvements for Taxiways E and F. The proposed project will consist of the following primary elements:

- 1. The construction of a connector taxiway (Taxiway B3).
2. Relocation of existing Runway 11-29 signage and pavement marking.
3. Mill and overlay pavement on Taxiway M and E.
4. Removal of 4,600 square yards of pavement comprising the blast pad at the approach end of Runway 25.
5. Regrading the Runway Safety Area to meet FAA standards.
6. Install storm drainpipe to capture and convey stormwater.
7. Update electrical infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial {Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268}
Declared Emergency {Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)}
Emergency Project {Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)}
Not a Project
Categorical Exemption {Sec. 15302; Class: 2} and {Sec. 15304; Class: 4}
Statutory Exemption {Sec. ___}
General Rule Exemption {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}

Reasons why project is exempt: The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Class 2 and Class 4) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Replacement and Reconstruction, and Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, because the project consists of construction of Taxiway B3, replacement and reconstruction of several existing asphalt surfaces (e.g., pavement on Taxiway M and E and regrading of the Runway Safety Area), and the replacement, relocation, and construction of several improvements for stormwater and electrical infrastructure.

The project is not located in an area which may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern which is designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by a federal, state or local agency. Further, there are no unusual circumstances surrounding the project as the project area is located within an area of the airport that is already developed, and the project area is currently paved or disturbed/graded and/or frequently mowed by the airport.

The proposed project does not impact any scenic resources for any officially designated scenic highways. The proposed project is not located on a site which is included on any hazardous waste site list compiled pursuant to Gov. Code § 65962.5. The proposed project does not involve or does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. . No cumulative impacts have been identified or are anticipated.

The airport property has been subject to several cultural resource surveys over the years. A recent cultural resource records search conducted by SWCA Environmental Consultants in 2022 confirmed that there are no known historic/cultural sites within airport boundaries. Both the project's areas of construction and staging area have been previously disturbed by prior airport development projects, infield grading and stormwater improvements, and other construction staging activities, respectively. No impacts to known historic/cultural resources will occur from the proposed project. However, if resources are discovered during construction, standard inadvertent discovery practices will be followed.

The project does not propose the removal of any trees or native vegetation. The proposed project will not affect, directly or indirectly, any federal or state-listed, threatened, endangered, or candidate species, or designated habitats under the Endangered Species Act. The project area has been heavily bladed and graded and does not provide habitat for any listed species. The project will not impact any wetlands or streams. Pre-activity surveys for nesting birds will occur if construction takes place between February 1 and September 1 in the proposed staging area. If nests are found, they will be avoided per the recommendation of the biologist.

Vehicle traffic patterns will not change as a result of the proposed project. The project will not result in additional noise generating activities outside of typical construction activities, which are expected to fall below the County's noise thresholds and within the current noise contours for the airport. Additionally, there are no noise-sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of the project area.

The proposed project will not increase the amount of stormwater runoff, as more pavement is to be removed than added because of the project components. The proposed project will implement a construction stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) as part of its coverage under the State of California's General Construction Permit.

Existing pavement removed from the project area will be recycled either within the project area or hauled to a recycling and transfer facility that accepts construction waste by the contractor. The overall amount of solid waste that will be generated will be minimal.

The project will not create a new lighting source beyond what already exists.

This project is also covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule exemption may be found on the next page of this document and by contacting the Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

Notice of General Rule Exemption

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Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person

Telephone

Signature: 

Date: April 22, 2025

<p>If filed by applicant:</p> <p>1. Attach certified document of exemption finding</p> <p>2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

On May 20, 2025 the project was approved by:

- Board of Supervisors
- Subdivision Review Board
- Chief Building Official
- Planning Commission
- Planning Dept Hearing Officer
- Other _____