

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
[CEQASubmit.opr.ca.gov](http://CEQASubmit.opr.ca.gov)  
 County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
**Attn: Anissa Busch**  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: JACUMBA AIRPORT – AIRPORT USE LICENSE FOR WAYFARER AIRCRAFT RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR FLIGHT TESTS OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (JA-L-106) (DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: The project is located at Jacumba Airport in unincorporated community of Jacumba within San Diego County, California

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Airports Division  
1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020

Project Description: The project involves approval of a non-exclusive airport use license to Wayfarer Aircraft Research & Development, Inc. to use aircraft transient apron at Jacumba Airport for flight tests of unmanned aerial vehicles of a maximum weight of 170 lbs. and wingspan of 13 ft, for testing and research of new advanced aircraft technologies. Testing includes setup of the required equipment. In accordance with the issued license, authorized uses shall commence on the Effective Date as approved by County of San Diego, Airports Division.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Maru Cham, Sr. Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: June 3, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on June 6, 2025 and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

**Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA (“C”) and/or State CEQA Guidelines (“G”): (check only one)**

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G 15301 - Existing Facilities
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines exempts the “operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.” The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing or former use. The proposed action consists of approval of a license to use a portion of airport’s active airfield for testing of aircraft technologies. Issuance of the identified license will not result in an expansion of uses of existing facilities. Accordingly, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (619) 385-7591  
Name (Print): Masha Landau Title: Environmental Planner III

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.