

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: Annisa Busch
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San Diego, CA 92123

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

Project Name: MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT LANDFILL: UNIT 3 – BOOSTER BLOWER INSTALLATION (DISTRICT: 3)

Project Location: McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2198 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Closed Landfills
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action includes installation of a new booster blower system to assist the inactive Palomar Landfill's Unit 3. Specifically, the system would be located along McClellan-Palomar Airport's northern fence line and will allow more vacuum to be applied throughout Unit 3. The proposed system will be integrated with the existing gas collection system, and additional valves may be installed, if necessary, to support vacuum redistribution efforts. The proposed system consists of a pre-built 4ft x 6ft skid and will be powered by an onsite generator. An existing 6ft x 10ft disturbed area of rip rap between the vehicle service road and property line would be removed and the ground leveled.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jamie Milani Telephone: 858-495-5470

Date Form Completed: June 17, 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 17, 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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempts from CEQA review actions consisting of 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." McClellan-Palomar Airport and the underlying inactive landfill are considered existing public facilities. To assist the County Department of Public Works' efforts in maintaining and managing the inactive landfill as required by the State, the project proposes the installation of booster blower equipment and associated generator. Because the project would result in minor alteration at an existing public facility for the purpose of maintaining the underlying inactive landfill with no expansion of existing use, the project is found to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State 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: (858) 288-5740

Name (Print): Jeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

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.