

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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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**  
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: GILLESPIE FIELD AIRPORT – THIRD AMENDMENT TO INDUSTRIAL LEASE WITH THE ARC OF SAN DIEGO AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: 2)

Project Location: The project is located at Gillespie Field Airport in the City of El Cajon 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 proposed action consists of approval of the third amendment to an industrial lease with The Arc of San Diego (lessee) to allow lessee to assign its interest (to industrial lease premises only) to James A. Renner Jr 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust, MYRE Angel LLC, and Denton Road LLC, as allowed by the lease. Approval includes removal and/or removal and replacement of various sections of the lease, as well as implementing a tiered rental increase over the five-year period, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028, and addition of a Working Families Ordinance provision. The action is related to continued leasing and operation by an existing leasehold, involving no expansion of leasehold's premises, and allowing continued use of premises that are restricted to existing uses.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jamie Abbott, Director of Airports Telephone: 619-956-4800

Date Form Completed: June 25, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on June 25, 2025 (#2) 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) Guidelines 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." The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing use. The proposed action involves approval of an amendment to an existing ground industrial lease, with no proposed changes in use from what currently exists. The proposed action relates to the continued leasing and operation of existing uses, involving no or negligible expansion of use, and is, accordingly, exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of the 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.