

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: Anissa 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: RAMONA AIRPORT – LEASE FOR USE OF WEST TRANSIENT RAMP BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (RA-SL-103) (DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: The project is located within Ramona Airport, in the unincorporated San Diego County

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 ten-year lease for one of Ramona Airport's tenants, State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), to use portions of the west transient ramp as aircraft parking spaces for three aircraft: one air attack aircraft and two S2 air tankers. Aircraft parking of C-130 is not permitted, and no such equipment shall be placed on the west transient ramp. Other portions of the west transient ramp shall remain available for public use by other aircraft. No other CalFire aircraft are permitted to park and no equipment, materials, or hazardous substances can be stored in these parking spaces. In accordance with the issued lease, authorized uses shall commence on the date of the last signature approval of the lease.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

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

Date Form Completed: July 28, 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 July 25, 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 includes approval of a lease for use of an existing paved area by an existing lessee as parking spaces for aircraft. Issuance of the lease identified above 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: (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.