NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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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, MS O332
Attn: Anissa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410
San Diego, CA 92123

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

Project Name:	BORREGO VALLEY AIRPORT – AIRPORT USE PERMIT FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROBATICS CLUB, CHAPTER 36 FOR AVIATION AEROBATIC CONTEST (BA-182) (DISTRICT: 5)
Project Location:	Borrego Valley Airport, in the unincorporated community of Borrego Springs, within San Diego County, California
Project Applicant:	County of San Diego Department of Public Works, Airports
Applicant Address:	1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020
Project Description:	The project consists of approval for the International Aerobatics Club, Chapter 36 for a non-exclusive use of Borrego Valley Airport, to conduct an aviation aerobatic contest between October 23 and October 25, 2025, with an approved "rain day" on October 26, if needed. Contest activities will be limited and restricted to the area outlined in the Airport Use Permit and within existing disturbed and paved areas.
Agency Approving Project:	County of San Diego
County Contact Person:	Ian Hodgson, Sr. Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4800
Date Form Completed:	October 21, 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 October 17, 2025, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
☒ Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15301
☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
☐ G 15061(b)(1) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines categorically exempts CEQA review of 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 consists of a special event utilizing existing public airport structures and facilities. Issuance of the permit identified above will not result in 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 filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: M. Landau 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.