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
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:	GILLESPIE FIELD AIRPORT – SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR SPEER HANGARS OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND COMFORT COMMUNITIES (GF-665) (DISTRICT: 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 is to approve the use of a leasehold's premises located at 2081 North Marshall Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020 for Gillespie Field Airport's lessee Speer Hangars Owners Association (SHOA) and Comfort Communities for their Comfort Communities Networking Event. The permit approval is restricted to activities associated with the event, including setup and cleanup. The event will occur within existing developed facilities.
Agency Approving Project:	County of San Diego
County Contact Person:	Ian Hodgson, Sr. Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4800
Date Form Completed:	November 13, 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 November 11, 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 the approval to use premises for a special event, utilizing existing public airport's ancillary facilities. Issuance of the permit 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: 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.