

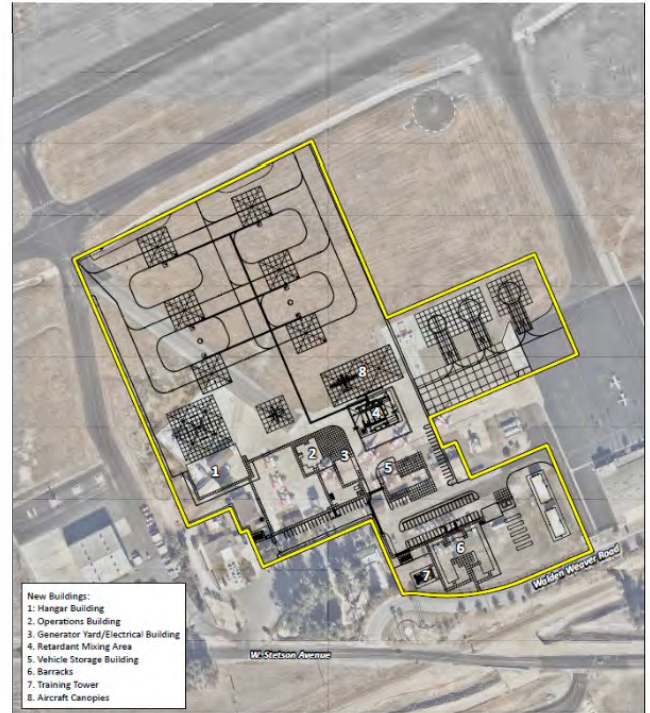
Notice of Availability of a Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CAL FIRE is circulating a Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public comment.

Project Location: Hemet-Ryan Airport

Project Description:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is proposing to replace the existing Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base (HRAAB) facilities with a new, modern HRAAB facility that would allow the base to continue to provide high-quality fire protection and emergency response services. The Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base Replacement Project (Project) would result in improved fueling operations; improved flight capability and improved response time by updating aircraft and aircraft pads and ancillary features; and replacing administrative and support uses. The Project would be developed on approximately 15.25 acres in the south-central portion of Hemet-Ryan Airport, portions of which are currently operating as a helitack base. The Project includes a two-story air operations building with a control room; landing pads and retardant loading pits; a 32-bed barracks/mess hall; a combination helicopter/OV-10 hangar; two aircraft storage canopies; a helicopter training tower with a hoist system for repelling training; a fire retardant mixing station; a vehicle storage building; and a generator yard/electrical building. Site work would consist of the relocation of an existing Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) helipad and demolition of the existing barracks, pilot's building, office, Quonset hut, tanks, gas shed, canopies, maintenance and storage buildings; the replacement of existing structures with new facilities; the relocation of the existing control tower; and the installation of sewer connections, fencing, paving, landscaping, associated utilities, appurtenances, and other related site work. The facility lease would be extended to 50 years.



Document Availability: The Draft Focused EIR is available for review in an electronic format at the following locations:

CEQAnet Portal: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/> (search "Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base")

CAL FIRE website: <https://calfire.app.box.com/s/6uzjbg146cfn018h1jw98871hp740x7t/folder/238725157425>

Public Review Period: The 45-day public review period for the Focused EIR is from April 24, 2026, to June 8, 2026.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on CAL FIRE's intent to certify the Focused EIR must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026. Written comments must be sent to:

Department of General Services
ATTN: Stephanie Coleman, Senior Environmental Planner
107 3rd Street, 4th Floor
West Sacramento, California 95605

Comments may also be sent by email to: environmental@dgs.ca.gov. If you submit electronic comments, please put "Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base Replacement Project" in the subject line.