NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
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:	MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT – WESTERN AVIATION LLC: UNDERGROUND STORAGE FUEL TANK REMOVAL (DISTRICT: 3)
Project Location:	McClellan-Palomar Airport in the City of Carlsbad within San Diego County, California 2198 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011
Project Applicant:	County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Airports 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020
Project Description:	The action involves removal of two single-walled 20,000-gallon Jet A fuel underground storage fuel tanks (UST) and one single-walled 12,000-gallon av-gas UST and associated appurtenances. The USTs are located within the boundaries of an inactive landfill (Unit 2). The action is in compliance with Senate Bill 445 and State Water Resources Control Board mandating all single-walled USTs to be permanently removed.
Agency Approving Project:	County of San Diego
County Contact Person:	Jamie Abbott, County Airports Director Telephone: (619) 956-4800
Date Form Completed:	December 18, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works has approved the above-described project on 12/17/25 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 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 & the activity is not subject to CEQA.
☐ Statutory Exemption: Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of 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 use beyond that existing at the lead agency's determination." The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing use. In addition, Section 15304 exempts minor public or private alterations to land, including the filling or backfilling of earth into previously excavated land. The proposed action involves removal of existing underground storage fuel tanks with no proposed changes in use from what currently exists and involves no or negligible expansion of use. The proposed action does not trigger exceptions under Section 15300.2 (a) through (f). Accordingly, the action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15304 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: Jeff Kashak 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.