

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk/Assessor/Recorder
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Hwy., MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Anissa Busch
5510 Overland Ave, 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 - ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND AND ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE GILLESPIE FIELD RUNWAY 17-35 REHABILITATION PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (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
1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020

Project Description: The proposed action consists of approval to advertise and award a construction contract for the Runway 17-35 Rehabilitation Project (project) at Gillespie Field Airport. The project would repair an existing runway pavement through mill and overlay; correct grade variations; improve connector taxiways, shoulders, and lighting; and restripe runway and taxiways' pavement. The project will also shorten the runway to meet the Federal Aviation Administration's B-I Small design standards. Existing service roads will be paved to complete a continuous vehicle service route around both runway ends. Work will occur within previously disturbed or paved areas.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jamie Abbott, Director of Airports Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: January 28, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on 1/28/2026 (07) 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 California Environmental Quality Act (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 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 involves repair and maintenance of an existing runway and associated infrastructure at Gillespie Field, with negligible or no proposed changes or expansion in use from what currently exists, and is, accordingly, exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 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.