

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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: Annisa 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: GILLESPIE FIELD AIRPORT – COUNTY APPROVAL OF LICENSE TO AMETEK, INC. FOR MONITORING OF EIGHT GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS (GF-L-127) (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 project is for approval of a 10-year license for Ametek, Inc. (licensee) for quarterly extraction, monitoring, and analysis of groundwater from eight existing groundwater monitoring wells known as MW-23, MW-35, MW-36A, MW-36B, MW-38A, MW-38B, MW-45A, and MW-45B, located at Gillespie Field Airport. Any new borings for additional monitoring wells construction would be subject to a new environmental review.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jeremy Roth, Associate Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: March 27, 2026

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works has approved the above-described project on March 23, 2026 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 15306 - Information Collection
- 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 15306 of CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review actions consisting of "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded." The proposed action includes extraction/analysis of groundwater samples taken from groundwater monitoring wells for the purposes of data collection and research that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Accordingly, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15306 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:  Telephone: (619) 385-7591

Name (Print): Masha Landau Title: Land Use/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.