

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
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: McCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT CLOSED LANDFILL – UNIT 3 SUMP VAULT REPLACEMENT

Project Location: McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2198 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action includes replacement of an existing vault located at Unit 3 of the closed Palomar Landfill at McClellan-Palomar Airport. Activities will include excavation around the vault location, and removal and replacement of the existing vault.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jamie Milani Telephone: (619) 988-7685

Date Form Completed: May 12, 2026

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 May 6, 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 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 is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project consists of repair activities to a closed landfill managed by the Department of Public Works. The existing land use consists of a publicly-owned airport with related ancillary uses, which is underlain by the closed landfill. The project will result in negligible or no expansion of existing uses and therefore is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State 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: (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.