

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Palm Springs  
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

☒ Clerk of the Board  
County of Riverside  
P.O. Box 751  
Riverside, CA 92502-0751

**Project Title:** New Wells and Monitoring PSP 26-043

**Project Applicant:** Palm Springs International Airport

**Project Location (Specific):** Palm Springs International Airport., 3400 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 1 Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Project Location (City):** City of Palm Springs

**Project Location (County):** Riverside

**Project Description:** The project consists of drilling and installing five (5) additional groundwater monitoring wells to support the investigation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in accordance with the Supplemental Site Investigation Work Plan approved by the California Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board. The project also includes the collection and laboratory analysis of soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the nature and extent of PFAS impacts. The project is generally located in the northwestern portion of Palm Springs International Airport property, adjacent to East Alejo Road.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Palm Springs

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Our Project:** Palm Springs International Airport  
3400 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b) (3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b) (4); 15269 (b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15303 Class 3
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The project consists of drilling and installing five (5) groundwater monitoring wells to support the investigation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The monitoring wells are small subsurface structures that involve minimal ground disturbance and will be used solely for environmental monitoring and data collection. The project will not result in a significant expansion of existing use or create substantial operational impacts.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Nikki Gomez

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (760) 318-3817

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed by: Mikki Gomez  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/30/2026 Title: Aviation Planner  
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☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.