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
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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: BORREGO VALLEY AIRPORT – AIRPORT USE PERMIT FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROBATICS CLUB, CHAPTER 36 FOR AVIATION AEROBATIC CONTEST (BA-182) (DISTRICT: 5)

Project Location: Borrego Valley Airport, in the unincorporated community of Borrego Springs, 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 is to approve the non-exclusive use of Borrego Valley Airport for International Aerobatics Clubs, Chapter 36 to conduct an aviation aerobatic contest. Contest activities will be limited and restricted to the area outlined in the Airport Use Permit and within existing disturbed and paved areas.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Ian Hodgson, Sr. Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: October 16, 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 October 9, 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 CEQA Guidelines categorically exempts CEQA review of 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 consists of a special event utilizing existing public airport structures and facilities. Issuance of the permit identified above will not result in expansion of uses of existing facilities. Accordingly, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 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: 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.