NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
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☒ County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
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1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
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FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Anissa 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:	McCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT: SOLAR LIGHTING INSTALLATION ON PALOMAR AIRPORT ROAD FOR CLOSED LANDFILL'S UNIT 1 (DISTRICT: 3)
Project Location:	McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2198 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Project Applicant:	County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Airports Division 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020
Project Description:	The proposed action involves installation of solar-powered streetlights along a section of Palomar Airport Road, to provide lighting for employees for a portion of the closed landfill (Unit 1) at McClellan-Palomar Airport. The project is part of the Community Health and Safety Plan. Construction method would involve hand-excavating bore holes to install 15-20 light poles. Work will occur within previously paved or disturbed areas.
Agency Approving Project:	County of San Diego
County Contact Person:	Jamie Abbott, Director of Airports Telephone: (619) 956-4800
Date Form Completed:	October 28, 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 September 22, 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 the installation of solar lighting in a paved/disturbed area. 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: M. Landau Telephone: (619) 385-7591

Name (Print): Masha Landau Title: Environmental Planner

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.