NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
CEQAsubmit.lci.ca.gov

☒ 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 2 LANDFILL GAS EXTRACTION WELLS INSTALLATION
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 the abandonment of an existing extraction well, the installation of two new extraction wells and piping, and the installation of new piping and wellhead at an existing extraction well, located at Unit 2 of the closed Palomar Landfill at McCellan-Palomar Airport. Activities will include associated drilling and trenching to install the facilities.
Agency Approving Project:	County of San Diego
County Contact Person:	Jamie Milani Telephone: (619) 988-7685
Date Form Completed:	November 4, 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 November 4, 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 installation of new extraction wells at an existing closed landfill managed by DPW. 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: 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.