County of Riverside
Facilities Management
3450 14th St, Riverside, CA

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

October 23, 2026

Project Name: Approval of First Amendment to License Agreement with Menifee Valley Flyers, Inc. for Menifee Recreational Use

Project Number: FM0473552000500

Project Location Southwest corner of Davis and Marvin Road, approximately ½ mile north of Ramona Expressway, Lakeview, California92567, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 344-390-012.

Description of Project: On March 1, 2022, County of Riverside entered into a License Agreement with Menifee Valley Radio Control Club, LLC for the use of the closed Menifee Landfill for the recreational purpose of operating radio or manually controlled power or glider model aircraft. This club has been in operation since 1980 and invites all categories of radio-controlled aircraft including but not limited to; gasoline, electric, jet turbine, acrobatic, sport, scale and rotor aircraft of all sizes. Group members encourage and mentor all ages who are interested in learning about flying. This site continues to be a valuable location for the group and the surrounding community to enjoy the sport of model aircraft flying. Menifee Valley Radio Control Club, LLC has since been granted 501 (c) (7) non-profit status and is now operating under the entity name Menifee Valley Flyers Inc. The parties now desire to modify the existing license to extend the term through a first amendment. The First Amendment to the License Agreement is defined as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project is for the use of existing property and no expansion of the existing facility will occur. The operation of the facilities will continue to provide recreational services. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15061(b) (3), "Common Sense" Exemption. Codified under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 5, Section 15061.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project involve unusual circumstances that could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the First Amendment to the License Agreement, permitting continued use of existing facilities.

- **Section 15301 – Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption:** This categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site's use. The project, as proposed, is limited to the continued use of the existing property in Menifee for recreational purposes. The project would not substantially increase or expand the use of the site; and is limited to extending the term, which will result in the continued use of the sites in a similar capacity; therefore, the project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Class 1 Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.

- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – "Common Sense" Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the "general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment." State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The First Amendment to the License Agreement is limited to an extension of term for continued use of existing facilities which will not expand or increase the capacity or intensity of use of the site. The use and operation of the property will be substantially similar to the existing use and will not create any new environmental impacts to the surrounding area. No impacts beyond the ongoing, existing use of the sites would occur. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Therefore, the County of Riverside Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 10-23-2026

Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Facilities Management

RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER

Project Name: First Amendment to License Agreement with Menifee Valley Flyers, Inc, for Menifee Recreational Use

Accounting String: 524830-47220-7200400000 - FM0473552000500

DATE: October 23, 2026

AGENCY: Riverside County Facilities Management (CEQARIVCOFM)

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO BILL FOR FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: **Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner, Facilities Management**

Signature: 

PRESENTED BY: **April Gallup, Real Property Agent III, Facilities Management**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY:

DATE:

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County of Riverside
Facilities Management
3450 14th St, Riverside, CA 92501

Date: October 23, 2026

To: Office of the County Clerk

From: Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner, Facilities Management

Subject: **County of Riverside Facilities Management Project # FM0473552000500**
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After posting, please return the document to:

Mail Stop #2600
Attention: Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner, Facilities Management,
3450 14th Street, Suite 307, Riverside, CA 92501

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Sullivan at 955-8009 or email at msullivan@rivco.org.

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