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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:** Sacramento Mather (MHR) Airport Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Rehabilitation

**Control Number:** PLER2022-00103

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Mather Airport Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT).

**APN:** 067-0010-101

### Description of Project:

The project consist of the replacement of two (2) pieces of critical operation equipment in the ATCT: 1) existing small digital voice switch system will be replaced with a new FAA-approved Interim Voice Switch Replacement (IVSR), and supporting equipment will be installed at the same time; 2) the existing crash phone connecting the ATCT with the Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) building will be replaced with a new Aircraft Emergency System (AE). All work will be performed inside the existing tower facility.

**Name of public agency approving project:** Sacramento County – [ceqa@saccounty.net](mailto:ceqa@saccounty.net)

### Person or agency carrying out project:

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### Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of an upgrade/maintenance of an existing facility to improve operation readiness but results in negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and is therefore exempt from the provision of CEQA.

### Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *The project will occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations;*

The Project site is a fully urbanized airport, and has not been designated as a biologically sensitive location.

2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place overtime;*

The Project is a maintenance activity and will not be expected to result in significant cumulative environmental impacts.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway;*

The Project is not located in the vicinity of a highway officially designated as a scenic highway. The closest State designated scenic highway is Highway 160, which is approximately 12 miles west of the project site. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site. The project is located on the site former Mather Air Force Base which does contain certain areas of contamination. However, this project is not near any of the areas of contamination and furthermore will not disturb any ground/soils on the site.

6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

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