

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
**Attn: Samantha Mayer**  
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: PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 731 AND 732, ARTICLE XL, OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (2/7/2024 – FIRST READING; 2/28/2024 – SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: 3 AND 5)

Project Location: McClellan-Palomar Airport in the City of Carlsbad within San Diego County, California 2198 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Airports  
1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020

Project Description: Article XL of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances established the duties, responsibilities, membership, and selection of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC). In January 2022, the County Independent Redistricting Commission completed redistricting of the supervisorial districts, and as a result, the Board approved a resolution directing staff to return with an amendment to Article XL to better align PAAC membership with the redistricting. On February 7, 2024, an amendment to the Ordinance was introduced that would more closely align PAAC membership and selection with the new supervisorial districts and to allow the committee to continue to provide its expertise and guidance. The proposed action includes adopting the aforementioned amendment.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Jamie Abbott, Director of Airports Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: March 13, 2024

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on March 13, 2024 (#2) (Meeting Date/Item #) 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
- 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 15060 (c)(3) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines provides that an activity is not subject to CEQA if it is not a project as defined in Section 15378. The selection and membership of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee is not a project as defined by Section 15378(b)(5) of the state CEQA Guidelines because it is an administrative activity of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA review.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  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.