

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
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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: ALL COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS – OPTION TO AMEND ALL AVIATION LEASES LOCATED AT ALL COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS TO ADD UP TO FIVE YEARS TO EACH CURRENT TERM TO ADDRESS COVID RELATED IMPACTS, WAIVE ASSOCIATED FEES, AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: 2, 3 AND 5)

Project Location: Various County-operated airports throughout San Diego County, California

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

Project Description: The proposed action involves amending all County Airports ground leases to add an optional one to five-year extension to the lease term, as a result of impacts due to COVID-19. The amendments will be effective on the day after each lease original termination date and end on the new termination date that falls on the anniversary of the begin date.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

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

Date Form Completed: April 10, 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 April 10, 2024 (#6) (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 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 in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing use. The proposed action involves amending all aviation leases at County Airports with an optional one to five-year extension to help restore revenue lost from the effects of COVID-19. No other changes in use are proposed from what currently exists, and is, accordingly, exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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.