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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:**

Mather (MHR) Air Traffic Control Tower Rehabilitation Phase 2

**Control Number:**

PLER2024-00076

**Project Location:**

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

**APN:**

067-0010-101-0000

**Description of Project:**

The project consists of the following items:

1. New replacement Ultra High Frequency (UHF) and Very High Frequency (VHF) radios (transmitters and receivers for air traffic communications). These would be the primary and back up radios, and installed on equipment racks on the seventh floor of the tower;
2. New replacement radio antennas and lighting protections installed at the roof level to support new radios;
3. New carpet with static electricity dissipation function at the interior top floor of the tower control cab level;
4. Replacement interior ceiling and associated lighting of the tower control cab level;
5. Replacement aluminum windows on the four exterior vertical walls below the tower control cab level.

All work will be performed inside the existing tower facility.

**Name of public agency approving project:**

Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.gov

**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 operational readiness but results in negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and is therefore exempt from the provisions 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. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project 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. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

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

3. *Is there 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. *Will the project 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?*

River Road/ Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway. The Project is not located within the vicinity of this scenic highway. 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. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

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. *Will the project 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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