

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Planes of Fame Air Museum

Lead Agency: City of Santa Maria

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Project Location: Southern Terminus of Airpark Drive, City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Planned Development with Conditional Use Permit (PD2023-0017/U2024-0009) for Planes of Fame Air Museum to establish an airplane museum and allow phased construction of four aircraft hangars totaling 119,672 square feet, with 9,290 square feet of office space on a 12.11-acre site in a PD/AS-II and PD/AS-III (Planned Development/Airport Service II & III) district. The Project would involve the construction of a new air museum including the construction of four aviation hangars with a lobby and gift shop, restrooms, collection storage, offices, and parking lot over 12.11 acres. The aviation hangars would be approximately 119,672 square feet (sf) total and 9,290 sf for offices. The Project site would include 145 parking spaces, including 11 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant spaces, and twenty parking spaces equipped with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The Project would be open to the public Wednesday – Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with monthly educational lectures, flight demonstrations, a veteran’s program, and occasional special events. Staff of up to approximately 15 would work on site seven days per week between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Identify the project’s significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would have potentially significant, but mitigable, impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geological Resources, and Noise. Mitigation for Biological Resources requires a pre-construction nesting bird survey and avoidance measures, including limits to vegetation clearing and ground disturbance activities to be outside of nesting bird season and/or "no disturbance" buffers at the direction of a City-approved qualified biologist. Mitigation for Cultural Resources includes a procedure measure for any unanticipated discovery of Cultural Resources including archaeologist evaluation and consultation with a Native American representative in the evaluation of the resource. Mitigation for Geological Resources include a procedure measure in the event of Unanticipated Discovery of Paleontological Resources including halting all construction activities within the immediate vicinity of the fossil and retention of a Qualified Professional Paleontologist to carry out fossil salvage, preparation, curation and submission of a final paleontological report. Mitigation for Noise impacts include proper maintenance of equipment so no additional noise due to work or improperly maintained parts is generated. Stockpiling and vehicle staging shall be the greatest distance between noise sources and receptors during construction activities.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency (City of Santa Maria) at this time.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Regional Water Quality Control Board District 3
CA Dept. of Fish & Game Region #5