

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
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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: Annisa Busch**  
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: McCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT LANDFILL: UNIT 3 – GAS COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM (GCCS) IMPROVEMENTS

Project Location: McClellan-Palomar Airport, 2198 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Closed Landfills  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed project includes improvements to an existing underground gas collection and control system within Unit 3 of the inactive Palomar Landfill. Specifically, improvements would include abandonment of existing condensate sumps and associated piping and installation of new perimeter header, subheader, laterals, and condensate sumps. Portions of the existing gas collection system will be abandoned and replaced by the new equipment described above.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Craig Burnett Telephone: 858-694-3108

Date Form Completed: September 20, 2024


This is to advise that the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on September 18, 2024 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:** 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 is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project consists of maintenance and repair activities to an existing underground gas collection and control system on a vacant and disturbed portion of a public airport. The project will result in negligible or no expansion of existing uses and therefore is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State 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.