

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) – Inline Baggage Handling System Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Palm Springs International Airport

Project Location (Specific): Palm Springs International Airport., 3400 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 1 Palm Springs, CA 92262

Project Location (City): City of Palm Springs

Project Location (County): Riverside

Project Description: The proposed Inline Baggage Handling System (BHS) Improvement project includes approximately 10,000 square feet building expansion to house a new in-line fully automated baggage screening system, installation of new explosive detection system (EDS) machines, construction of additional baggage carousel structures and expansion of the outbound baggage conveyor system to connect new carousel structures. The expansion and equipment upgrades will be located on the inner east side of the southwest wing of the PSP terminal, within a security-controlled area of the airport. Other key components include installing automated conveyor systems, advanced X-ray machines, and RFID tagging. All equipment is designed and installed in cooperation with the TSA (Transportation Security Administration) at the federal level and includes TSA mandated 3 Level security inspection process. The upgraded system will integrate cutting-edge technology to enhance the accuracy, speed, and security of handling outbound bags.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Palm Springs

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Our Project: Palm Springs International Airport

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b) (3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b) (4); 15269 (b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (e) (2), Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

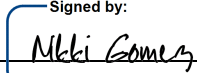
The proposed Inline Baggage Handling System (BHS) Improvement project is an expansion and improvement to an existing facility continuing the existing use. The proposed project will continue to utilize existing utilities such as water, sewer, electricity and does not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet of building expansion. The project area has been heavily disturbed by previous airport-related activities and consists of the existing baggage handling system area and three existing baggage carousels. All areas within the project area have been paved over or built upon.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Nikki Gomez

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signed by:
Signature:  Date: 10/16/2024 Title: Aviation Planner
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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____