

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Air Traffic Control Tower Construction at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport

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Project Location: Thermal, Riverside County
City County

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

The proposed project will include the construction of an air traffic control tower (ATCT) at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (TRM). The project includes the construction of an elevated 448-square-foot cab that will face westward toward the runway. The cab elevation will be 90 feet above ground level (AGL) or -40 feet mean sea level (MSL) to provide an eye-height elevation of 95 feet AGL and top-of-tower height of 93 feet 125 feet AGL. Additional project components will include a chain-link security fence, secure parking area for up to 10 vehicles with lighting, and a dedicated on-way ATCT access road. An emergency generator will be provided on a concrete pad adjacent to the tower. The airport includes utility services, and the tower will include connections to existing utilities. An average of 1 employee per shift will occupy the ATCT. Tower construction will not increase airport capacity or affect the fleet mix. All project components and trenching for utility connections will occur in previously disturbed areas within the airport. A total of 1.15 acres of additional impervious surface will be created to support the tower, dedicated access road, and parking area. The ATCT will be constructed within a previously disturbed and graded area of airport property.

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 will be constructed in an area that was determined to have a low potential to include archaeological/cultural/tribal resources or human remains. However, a significant impact would occur if previously unknown resources were disturbed or destroyed or if human remains were identified. Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-3 will reduce this potential impact to less than significant with mitigation incorporated: CUL-1: Conduct Cultural Resources Monitoring during Initial Ground-disturbing Activities; CUL-2: Inadvertent Discovery of Native American Cultural Resources; and CUL-3: Discovery of Human Remains.

The project will be constructed in an area that has a high likelihood of including paleontological resources. The implementation of mitigation measures PALEO-1: Establish Paleontological Monitoring Procedures and Discovery Protocols, will reduce the potential to disturb or destroy previously unknown paleontological resources to less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

The project will include an emergency generator, the installation and use of which requires a permit from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) or result in a significant Impact. The implementation of Mitigation Measure Energy-1, Obtain a permit to Construct from the South Coast AQMD, will avoid this potential impact.

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

No areas of controversy were identified.

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

Riverside County
Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
South Coast Air Quality Management District
Native American Heritage Commission
State Office of Historic Preservation
California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Region 6