

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AIRPORTS DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**Airport Traffic Control Tower Construction**  
**at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County of Riverside intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to construct an Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (TRM). The MND was approved for public review by the County of Riverside Airports Manager.

1. **PROJECT:** Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Construction at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport
  
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Angela Jamison, Director of Airports  
County of Riverside, TLMA-Airports Division  
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**Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.**

3. **LOCATION:** The proposed project will be constructed in an undisturbed, previously graded area east of Runway 17/35 at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (TRM), which is located at 56-850 Higgins Drive, Thermal, CA 92274. The 448-square-foot tower will be constructed entirely within airport property boundaries on County Assessor's Parcel No. 759-100-013.
  
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (TRM) is a public-use airport that is owned and operated by Riverside County and included in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The FAA determined that the Airport is eligible for the Federal Control Tower Program in 2022. The County proposed to construct a 448-square-foot Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) to enhance safety by improving communication among aircraft to reduce the risk of accidents, incursions, and other hazards. The proposed project will not increase airport capacity or alter the aircraft fleet mix.

Riverside County and the FAA conducted a tower siting to identify an appropriate ATCT location. The County will construct the ATCT on a previously graded and disturbed area located east of the runway. The facility will include a secure interior access road, a parking area for tower staff (average of 3 staff members daily), a back-up generator, fence, and lighting. The ATCT will be served by existing utilities (sewer, electricity, communications, and water). The project will not increase airport capacity or affect the airport fleet mix.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be reviewed at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Division of Airports website at: [www.rcjcra.com](http://www.rcjcra.com)
- A hard copy is available for review throughout the public review period at the Coachella Branch Library, 1500 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coachella, CA 92236. The library is open Wednesday and Thursday from 11 AM to 7 PM and Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM (Telephone: (760) 398-5148)

**6. REVIEW PERIOD:** April 18, 2025, through May 19, 2025.

The MND will be available for review starting on **Friday, April 18, 2025**, and ending on **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5 PM**. Written comments on the MND should be sent to **Angela Jamison, Director of Airports**, by email or as written comments addressed to the address identified in Item 2 above. Comments must be received by May 19, 2025, at 5 pm.

After the close of the public comment and review period for the MND established by this notice, the project will be addressed during a public hearing before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Notice of the date, time, and place for such public hearing will be published as provided by law.

Please note that pursuant to Public Resource Code 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law, a challenge to the proposed action described above in court, may be limited to raising only those issues or objections that were raised during the public comment period or public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Riverside County Airports Department within the review period.

**7. CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Angela Jamison, Director of Airports, County of Riverside, Aviation Division, (951) 955-9418 or [ajamison@rivco.org](mailto:ajamison@rivco.org).