

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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 County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices  
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: Anissa 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: FALLBROOK AIRPARK – LICENSE FOR USE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY ISSUED TO VAISALA INC. (FA-L-106) (DISTRICT: 5)

Project Location: Fallbrook Airpark in the unincorporated San Diego County, California

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, Airports Division  
1960 Joe Crosson Drive, MS S-119, El Cajon, CA 92020

Project Description: The project consists of approval of a license for non-exclusive use to Vaisala Inc., to install and operate lightning detection equipment on unleased portions of Fallbrook Airpark. Equipment would consist of a satellite dish, sensor, and associated electronics. Equipment installation would occur within previously disturbed or paved areas. In accordance with the issued license, the authorized uses shall commence on Effective Date of the license, as approved by County Airports.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Maru Cham, Sr. Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4824

Date Form Completed: April 11, 2025

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 February 15, 2025 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:** Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines exempts 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 proposed action includes issuance of a license, allowing operation of equipment for monitoring weather conditions. All uses identified in the license are restricted to the continued use of existing infrastructure and facilities. Accordingly, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of 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: (619) 385-7591  
Name (Print): Masha Landau Title: Environmental Planner III

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.