

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
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San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: GILLESPIE FIELD AIRPORT – LANDSCAPING LEASE FOR AIRPORT TENANT PAUL D. NANNEY (GF-SL-119) (DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: The project is located within the Gillespie Field Airport, in the City of El Cajon within 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 involves approval of a ten-year lease for a Gillespie Airport (Airport) tenant, Paul D. Nanney, to use approximately 0.126 acres (Premises) of a County-owned land known as Parcel 74, located within the Airport's Cuyamaca West, Lot 25 (APN 387-200-1900). This lease is for personal, non-commercial landscaping of the Premises. Lessee, Lessee's employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors may remove, trim, or allow others to remove or trim any trees located within the Premises. In accordance with the issued lease, authorized uses shall commence on the Commencement Date as approved by County of San Diego, Airports Division.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Laura Freitas, Sr. Real Property Agent Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: April 16, 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 November 1, 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: 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 key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing or former use. The proposed action includes approval of a lease for an existing airport lessee's landscaping uses involving vegetation maintenance. Issuance of the lease identified above will not result in an expansion of uses of existing 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.