

September 24, 2024

County of Ventura  
Board of Supervisors  
800 S. Victoria Ave  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject:** Find That the Airport Rotating Beacon Replacement Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; Supervisorial District No. 3

**Recommendation:**

Find that the Airport Rotating Beacon Replacement Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and Section 15311.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory: No  
Source of funding: *Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF)*  
Funding match required: No  
Impact on other departments: *None*

<b><u>Summary of Revenue and Project Costs</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024/25</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2025/26</u></b>
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Direct Costs	50*	0
Net Costs – Airport Enterprise Fund	<u>\$ 50*</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

*\*Estimated environmental filing fee.*

**Current Fiscal Year Budget Projection:**

FY 2024-25 Budget Projection for Airports Capital Projects Division 5040 - Unit 5041**				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/ (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 7,303,293	\$14,679,816	\$14,679,816	\$0
Revenue	5,787,844	5,787,844	5,787,844	0
Net Cost	\$ 1,515,449	\$ 8,891,972	\$ 8,891,972	\$0

*Sufficient revenue and appropriations are available in the FY 24-25 capital budget.*

\*Includes interest and capital assets.

**Strategic Priority:**

This project supports the County's Strategic Priorities to support fiscal responsibility, economic vitality, reliable infrastructure and sustainability.

**Discussion:**

The purpose of this project is to replace and relocate the airport rotating beacon at Camarillo Airport. The existing beacon at the Airport is currently located on top of the water tower near the Airport campus and needs to be relocated to allow for easier maintenance and access. Due to the age of the existing beacon, installation of a new beacon at a new location is the preferred option.

On December 5, 2023, your Board approved the rejection of bids received for this project, as the only bid received greatly exceeded the Engineer's estimate and the project budget. Instead of rebidding the project, Department of Airports staff determined that the best course of action was to enlist the County's General Services Agency to complete the work.

Before work commences, the Airport, as lead agency, requests your Board find the project categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15311 (Accessory Structures) because it would involve the assembly and installation of a small, prefabricated, tilt-up structure on existing pavement near existing buildings, and there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, either individually or cumulatively. A Notice of Exemption will be filed after your Board's action.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this item. The Aviation Advisory Commission and the Camarillo Airport Authority recommend its approval.

Board of Supervisors  
Find the Camarillo Airport Rotating Beacon  
Replacement Project Exempt from CEQA  
September 24, 2024  
Page 3

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Erin Powers at (805) 388-4205, or me at (805) 388-4200.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith Freitas', with a stylized, cursive script.

KEITH FREITAS, A.A.E., C.A.E.  
Director of Airports

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Project Location Map