

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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 County of: Los Angeles  
 12400 East Imperial Highway  
 Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Monica  
 1685 Main Street  
 Santa Monica, CA 90405

(Address)

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**MAY 25 2017**

Project Title: Santa Monica Airport Runway Shortening Project

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLERK**

Project Applicant: City of Santa Monica

Project Location - Specific:

Santa Monica Airport (SMO) at 3223 Donald Douglas Loop S, Santa Monica

Project Location - City: Santa Monica Project Location - County: Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project would reduce the current nearly 5000 foot runway at Santa Monica Airport to 3,500 feet pursuant to the Settlement Agreement/Consent Decree between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the City of Santa Monica, approved by the United States District Court for the Central District of California in Civil Action No. 13-CV-8046-JFW. The runway shortening project approved by the City Council, known as Option B or the center-aligned option, provides for a shortened runway that is centered equidistant from the existing runway ends (see Attachment 1). Unlike the existing runway, the approved project meets FAA standards and safety requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Monica

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Monica

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061(b)(3), 15302 (Class 2), 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

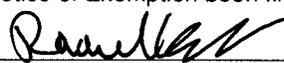
**Reasons why project is exempt:**

CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A project is not subject to CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) "where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." In addition, Section 15302 exempts Class 2 projects from CEQA, which include the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Section 15308 also provides exemption for Class 8 projects, which include actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. As determined in the administrative record, the proposed project does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and is categorically exempt from CEQA review under CEQA Guideline sections 15302 and 15308.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Rachel Kwok Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310 458 8341

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: 5/25/2017 Title: Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_