

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk  
Attn: Fish & Wildlife Notices  
1600 Pacific Highway, MS A33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego  
Department of Public Works, MS O332  
Attn: Masha Landau  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

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

Project Name: GILLESPIE FIELD - NEW COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NWPCS MPL 30-YEAR SITES TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC (DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: The project is located at Gillespie Field Airport in the City of El Cajon within San Diego County, California (57th Edition Thomas Guide Page 1251, E-1).

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

Project Description: The project consists of a communications site lease agreement extension to NWPCS MPL 30-year Sites Tower Holdings, LLC, commencing on April 1, 2020 and, if all options are implemented, ending on March 31, 2040, for a maximum 20-year term. This lease houses a cell tower facility that is not currently equipped for 5G technology. The proposed lease consists of leasing of existing facilities. Approval of this action will allow the current tenant to continue its occupancy and use of its telecommunications antenna site, located at Gillespie Field.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Marc Baskel Telephone: (619) 956-4800

Date Form Completed: March 24, 2020

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on 3/24/20 (16) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]  
 Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]  
 Statutory Exemption. C Section:  
 Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15301  
 G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan  
 G 15061(b)(1) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.  
 G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review actions consisting of 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 use beyond that existing at the lead agency's determination." The key consideration in applying this exemption is whether the proposed action involves expansion of an existing use. The proposed action involves approval of one new lease agreement with negligible or no proposed changes in use from what currently exists. Any modifications to the existing facilities or structures would be considered part of ongoing operations or maintenance of the existing use and would not result in expansion of use. The proposed action relates to the continued leasing and operation of existing uses, involves no or negligible expansion of use, and is, accordingly, exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Jeff Kashok for Telephone: (858) 694-3906  
Name (Print): Cynthia Curtis Title: Environmental Planning Manager

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.