

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:**  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Grant of Licenses to the Santa Ynez Airport Authority for Storage of Fill and Use of Treasurer's Shed by U.S. Forest Service

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Find that the execution of a license agreement with the Santa Ynez Airport Authority for the demolition of a small structure and the storage of fill on County land adjacent to the Santa Ynez Airport is exempt from CEQA as an existing facility under CEQA Section 15301 and a minor alteration of land under CEQA Guideline Section 15304 as set forth in Attachment A (Notice of Exemption).
- B. Authorize the Chair to Execute a License Agreement with the Santa Ynez Airport Authority for the demolition of a small structure and the storage of fill on County land adjacent to the Santa Ynez Airport in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment B.
- C. Find that the execution of a license agreement with the Santa Ynez Airport Authority for the use by the United States Forest Service of a building on land adjacent to the Santa Ynez Airport is exempt from CEQA as a conversion of a small structure under CEQA Guideline Section 15303 as set forth in Attachment C (Notice of Exemption).
- D. Authorize the Chair to Execute a License Agreement with the Santa Ynez Airport Authority for use by the United States Forest Service of a building on land adjacent to the Santa Ynez Airport in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment D.

### **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and our organizational values regarding collaboration and partnering.

### **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Santa Ynez Airport Authority operates the Santa Ynez Airport for the County under a lease and management agreement between the Airport Authority and the County. The Airport Authority has recently been given the opportunity to receive a large quantity (up to 75,000 cubic yards) of fill dirt that it could use to eventually expand the airport. However, in order to take advantage of this opportunity, the Authority and the County must act quickly or the fill will be used elsewhere.

A license to use County property to store the fill temporarily is necessary because the area where the fill is proposed to be placed is not currently subject to the lease and management agreement between the County and the Airport Authority. The County and the Airport Authority are however working together on a settlement agreement that will allow the Authority to assume management over that part of the airport property. The license is for three months but will automatically be extended if the settlement agreement is approved by the FAA and the Authority elects not to take over management of this area at that time.

In addition to allowing the storage of the fill, the first license also permits the authority to demolish the old County road yard building. That building is currently used by the United States Forest Service pursuant to a license agreement between the Authority and the County. The Authority must demolish the building in order to create space to store the fill.

The second license agreement before your Board will allow the U.S. Forest Services to relocate out of the road yard building into the now-vacant treasurer's shed. This license will terminate upon the Airport Authority's assumption of management over this area or the termination of the Lease between the Forest Service and the Airport Authority.

The Airport Authority is proposing to further develop the Airport including the area where the fill will be placed. Environmental review of that development including opportunities for public participation will be undertaken prior to its approval by the County.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

None.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The draft settlement agreement between the Airport Authority and the County currently anticipates that the County will repay to the Airport Authority the cost of demolition of the road yard building. The license agreement before you does not provide any reimbursement from the County to the Airport Authority for that expense at this time.



**Special Instructions:**

None.

**Concurrence:**

County Administrator

County Counsel