

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C39 was approved as Minute Item No. 39 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 6-14-99 meeting.

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GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

APPLICANT:

Federal Aviation Administration
P.O. Box 92007, WPC
Los Angeles, California 90009

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

300 square feet of filled, sovereign lands adjacent to San Francisco Bay, city of Burlingame, San Mateo County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Operation of a Low Level Windshear Alert System tower, appurtenant electrical equipment, and chain link fencing to secure the parcel.

LEASE TERM:

Five years, beginning June 15, 1999.

CONSIDERATION:

Public Health and Safety with the State reserving the right at any time to set a monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best interest.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The proposed tower is one of ten towers which will make up the Low Level Windshear Alert System (LLWAS) for the San Francisco International Airport. The tower will be two feet in diameter and have a height of 60 to 70 feet.
2. Low altitude wind shear phenomena occur when intense, small scale downdrafts from thunderstorms (microbursts) reach the earth's surface and diverge horizontally in a roughly cylindrical pattern. Aircraft penetrating the resulting surface wind outflow encounter dangerous headwind to tailwind velocity transitions resulting in loss of airspeed. The LLWAS consists of a network of anemometers which measure the speed

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and direction of wind, in and around the airport vicinity. Once the system detects a microburst, warnings are presented to airport controllers who in turn relay the messages to pilots approaching or departing the airport.

3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 11, Accessory Structures; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15311.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

EXHIBIT:

A: Site Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 11, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15311.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF A GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING JUNE 15, 1999, FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LOW LEVEL WINDSHEAR ALERT SYSTEM TOWER, FENCING, AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT ON THE LAND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; CONSIDERATION BEING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE

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RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENT IF THE
COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST
INTEREST.

