

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AIRPORTS DIVISION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Air Traffic Control Tower Construction at the French Valley Airport

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Riverside intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to construct an Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the French Valley Airport (F70). The MND was approved for public review by the County of Riverside Airports Manager.

1. PROJECT: Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Construction at the French Valley Airport (F70)

2. APPLICANT/AGENT: Angela Jamison, Director of Airports
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Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

3. LOCATION: The proposed project will be constructed in an undisturbed, previously graded area on the west side of Runway 18-36 at the French Valley Airport, which is located at 37600 Sky Canyon Drive, Murrieta, CA 92563. The 448-square-foot tower will be constructed entirely within airport property on County Assessor's Parcel No. 000-250-925.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The French Valley Airport (F70) is a busy, public-use general aviation airport that is owned and operated by Riverside County and included in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The FAA determined that the airport is eligible for the Federal Control Tower Program in 2022. The ATCT will enhance safety by improving communication among aircraft to reduce the risk of accidents, incursions, and other potential hazards. The project will not increase airport capacity or alter the fleet mix using the airport.

The County and FAA conducted a tower siting study to identify an appropriate ATCT location. The County and FAA concurred on a recommended location. The County will construct the ATCT on a previously disturbed and graded area of airport property west of the runway that is near to utility connections. The facility will include a secure access road and parking area for tower staff, a back-up generator, fence, and lighting. The ATCT will be served by existing utilities (sewer, electricity, communications, and water). The project will not increase airport capacity or affect the airport fleet mix.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: The MND can be reviewed at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Division of Airports website at: www.rcfva.com
- A hard copy is available for review at the at the French Valley Library, 31526 Skyview Road, Winchester, CA 92596. The library is open Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM (Telephone: 951-926-6636)

6. REVIEW PERIOD: March 18, 2025, through April 17, 2025, at 5 PM.

The MND will be available for review for **30 days**, starting on **March 18, 2025**, and ending on **April 17, 2025, at 5 PM**. Written comments on the MND should be sent to **Angela Jamison, Director of Airports**, by email or as written comments addressed to the address identified in Item 2 above. Comments must be received by April 17, 2025, at 5 pm.

After the close of the public comment and review period for the MND established by this notice, the project will be addressed during a public hearing before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Notice of the date, time, and place for such public hearing will be published as provided by law.

Please note that pursuant to Public Resource Code 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law, a challenge to the proposed action described above in court, may be limited to raising only those issues or objections that were raised during the public comment period or public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Riverside County Airports Department within the review period.

7. CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Angela Jamison, Director of Airports, County of Riverside, Aviation Division, 951.955. 9418 or ajamison@rivco.org.