

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CERTIFYING THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH#2024020006)
FOR THE PACIFIC AIRSHOW HUNTINGTON BEACH PROJECT

WHEREAS, Environmental Impact Report No. 25-003, State Clearinghouse #2024020006 (“EIR”) was prepared by the City of Huntington Beach (“City”) to address the environmental implications of the proposed Pacific Airshow Huntington Beach Project (the “Project”); and

- On February 1, 2024 a Notice of Preparation for the Project was distributed to the State Clearinghouse, other responsible agencies, trustee agencies and interested parties; and
- After obtaining comments received in response to the Notice of Preparation, the City completed preparation of the Draft EIR and filed a Notice of Completion with the State Clearinghouse on February 20, 2025; and
- The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment from February 20, 2025 to April 7, 2025 and was available for review at several locations including Community Development Department, Central Library, and the City’s website; and
- On August 19, 2025 the City Council held a public meeting on the EIR and certified the EIR as adequate and complete; and

WHEREAS, public comments have been received on the Draft EIR, and responses to those comments have been prepared and provided to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code 21092.5(a) requires that the City of Huntington Beach provide a written response to any public agency that commented on the Environmental Impact Report, and the Response to Comments included in the Final Environmental Impact Report satisfies this provision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public meeting on the EIR on August 19, 2025 and received and considered public testimony.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, the Final EIR for the Project is comprised of the Draft EIR and Appendices, the comments received on the Draft EIR, the Responses to Comments (including a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR), the Text Changes to the Draft EIR (bound together with the Responses to Comments) and all Community Development Department Staff Reports to the City Council, including all minutes, transcripts, attachments and references. All of the above

information has been and will be on file with the City of Huntington Beach Department of Community Development, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds and certifies that the Final EIR is complete and adequate in that it has identified all significant environmental effects of the Project and that there are no known potential environmental impacts not addressed in the Final EIR.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds that although the Final EIR identifies certain significant environmental effects that will result if the Project is approved, all significant effects which can feasibly be mitigated or avoided have been mitigated or avoided by the imposition of mitigation measures on the Project. All mitigation measures are included in the "Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program" attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 4. The City Council finds that the Final EIR has described reasonable alternatives to the Project that could feasibly obtain the basic objectives of the Project. Further, the City Council finds that a good faith effort was made to incorporate alternatives in the preparation of the Draft EIR and in the review process of the Final EIR and ultimate decisions on the Project.

SECTION 5. The City Council finds that no "substantial evidence" (as that term is defined pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15384) has been presented that would call into question the facts and conclusions in the EIR.

SECTION 6. The City Council finds that no "significant new information" (as that term is defined pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5) has been added to the Final EIR after circulation of the Draft EIR. The City Council finds that the minor refinements that have been made to the Project as a result of clarifications in the mitigation measures and EIR text do not amount to significant new information concerning the Project, nor has any significant new information concerning the Project become known to the City Council through the public hearings held on the Project, or through the comments on the Draft EIR and Responses to Comments.

SECTION 7. The City Council finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program establishes a mechanism and procedures for implementing and verifying the mitigations pursuant to Public Resources Code 2108.6 and hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program. The mitigation measures shall be incorporated into the Project prior to or concurrent with Project implementation as defined in each mitigation measure.

SECTION 8. The City Council finds that the Final EIR reflects the independent review and judgment of the City of Huntington Beach City Council, that the Final EIR was presented to the City Council, and that the City Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR.

SECTION 9. The City Council finds that the Final EIR serves as adequate and appropriate environmental documentation for the Project. The City Council certifies that the Final EIR prepared for the Project is complete, and that it has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

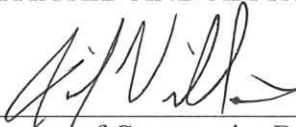


City Attorney

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

City Manager



Director of Community Development

Exhibit A: Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

CEQA Requirements

Section 15091(d) and Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines require a public agency to adopt a program for monitoring or reporting on the changes it has required in the project or conditions of approval to substantially lessen significant environmental effects. This Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) summarizes the mitigation commitments identified in the Pacific Airshow (Airshow or Project) EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2024020006). Mitigation measures are presented in the same order as they occur in the Draft EIR. Further, to ensure enforceability of the biological monitoring efforts, a Project Description feature voluntarily is included in the MMRP that requires biological monitoring before and during the Airshow. Because there are no significant impacts associated with the temporary Airshow activities on biological species, biological monitoring is not required as a mitigation measure.

The columns in the MMRP table provide the following information:

- **Mitigation Measure(s):** The action(s) that will be taken to reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level.
- **Implementation, Monitoring, and Reporting Action:** The appropriate steps to implement and document compliance with the mitigation measures.
- **Responsibility:** The agency or private entity responsible for ensuring implementation of the mitigation measure. However, until the mitigation measures are completed, the City, as the CEQA Lead Agency, remains responsible for ensuring that implementation of the mitigation measures occur in accordance with the MMRP (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15097(a)).
- **Monitoring Schedule:** The general schedule for conducting each task. Because the proposed project does not include a construction phase, the general schedule is summarized as either “prior to operation” and/or “during operation”.

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PACIFIC AIRSHOW HUNTINGTON BEACH PROJECT

Mitigation Measures	Implementation, Monitoring, and Reporting Action	Responsibility	Monitoring Schedule
Hazards and Hazardous Materials			
<p>HAZ-1: A qualified avian biologist will conduct one Wildlife Hazard Site Visit (WHSV) prior to the start of the annual Airshow (beginning in 2024) following the protocol developed by the FAA in the <i>Protocol for the Conduct and Review of Wildlife Hazard Site Visits, Wildlife Hazard Assessments, and Wildlife Hazard Management Plans</i> (Federal Aviation Administration, Advisory Circular 150/5200-38, August 2018) to evaluate potential risk of wildlife strikes at airports, specifically for the proposed temporary aircraft landing pad on the beach during all future Airshow events. The WHSV shall include field observations conducted over one day at dawn, noon, and dusk from a variety of pre-determined locations to ensure complete visual coverage of the location of the temporary runway and immediate surroundings. All signs of birds, mammals, habitat attractants, and wildlife/habitat relationship observations shall be recorded.</p> <p>A wildlife hazard site visit memorandum shall be prepared and include a list of wildlife species or signs observed during the surveys, federal and state status of the species observed, habitat features that may encourage wildlife, natural and artificial wildlife attractants, strike data analysis, and recommendations to reduce wildlife hazards. Recommendations may include developing a long-term management strategy that includes wildlife hazard management and/or reduction in flights under 500 feet above ground level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct one WHSV prior to the start of the annual Airshow prior to the start of the annual Airshow. Conduct field observations over one day at dawn, noon, and dusk from a variety of pre-determined locations to ensure complete visual coverage of the location of the temporary runway and immediate surroundings prior to the start of the annual Airshow. Record all signs of birds, mammals, habitat attractants, and wildlife/habitat relationship observations prior to the start of the annual Airshow. Prepare a wildlife hazard site visit memorandum following the annual Airshow 	Applicant	Prior to the start of the annual Airshow
<p>HAZ-2: A qualified biological monitor will be on-site during event performances for the duration of the event (3-5 days) to document bird activity during aircraft flyovers and take-off and landing within the Show Center Area. Biological monitoring will also inform recommendations to reduce wildlife hazards. Based on monitoring observations, recommendations may include the following standard best management practices such as properly disposing of trash to avoid attracting wildlife to the Show Center Area and/or employing means of harassment (e.g., lasers) to disperse birds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and document bird activity during aircraft flyovers and take-off and landing within the Show Center Area during the annual Airshow. 	Applicant	During the annual Airshow
Noise			
<p>NOI-1: The applicant shall implement the following measures for the duration of the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nearest speaker shall be placed at least 475 feet away from any nearby sensitive receptor and any subsequent speakers shall be separated from other speakers by 25 feet parallel to Pacific Coast Highway. Speakers shall also be positioned in a manner that would not point directly towards any nearby sensitive receptor and, instead, face the beach/ocean. A temporary noise barrier of at least 10 feet in height and constructed of plywood or using a sound blanket shall be installed on public property nearest to the sensitive receptors to the west of the proposed music festival area (Huntington Pacific Beach House Condo complex at 701 Pacific Coast Highway). The temporary noise barriers shall block the line-of-sight between 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placement of the nearest speaker shall be placed at least 475 feet away from any nearby sensitive receptor and any subsequent speakers shall be separated from other speakers by 25 feet parallel to Pacific Coast Highway. Speakers shall also be positioned in a manner that would not point directly towards any nearby sensitive receptor and, instead, face the beach/ocean. Placement of a temporary noise barrier shall be installed on public property nearest to the sensitive receptors to the west of the proposed music festival area (Huntington Pacific Beach House Condo complex at 701 Pacific Coast Highway). 	Applicant	During the annual Airshow

Mitigation Measures	Implementation, Monitoring, and Reporting Action	Responsibility	Monitoring Schedule
the music festival attendees and similarly elevated ground-level noise-sensitive receptors.			
Project Design Feature			
<p>Project Design Feature 1: The following will occur to ensure that potential impacts to nesting birds remain less than significant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-airshow activities would occur at least one week beyond the end of the identified nesting season for the California least tern and the western snowy plover and well beyond the end of the identified nesting season for the light-footed Ridgway's rail and general avian species. Monitoring efforts will be conducted before and during the Airshow to survey for nests and provide measures to avoid potential impacts. Daily briefings have and will continue to occur, although the outcome of those briefings cannot be guaranteed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-airshow activities would occur at least one week beyond the end of the identified nesting season for the California least tern and the western snowy plover and well beyond the end of the identified nesting season for the light-footed Ridgway's rail and general avian species. Monitoring efforts to be conducted prior and during the annual Airshow to survey for nests and provide measures to avoid potential impacts. Daily briefings to occur prior to the start of the annual Airshow. 	Applicant	Prior to the start of the annual Airshow and during the annual Airshow