



**Watsonville**  
CALIFORNIA

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**RECOMMENDED BY:** AIRPORT DIRECTOR WILLIAMS  
**APPROVED BY:** TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF AN FAA AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (AIG) FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ENGINEERING DESIGN, ENGINEERING DURING CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION ITEMS COST FOR WASH RACK

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council accept the Federal Aviation Administration's Grant Offer for the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Reimbursement for reimbursement of engineering design, engineering during construction and electrical construction items cost for the Wash Rack Project at Watsonville Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$120,888; authorizing and directing City Manager to execute same; and appropriating the funds to the Airport Enterprise Fund.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Watsonville Municipal Airport did not have a permanent wash rack facility for pilots to wash their aircraft. A gravel area has been used for that purpose, and the Airport had received several inquiries for a wash rack to be constructed in its place. The project consisted of the construction of a new paved wash rack facility including all necessary utilities. The wash rack was constructed with a 55' x 55' Portland cement concrete slab. A solids interceptor was installed to catch and separate solids from wash water prior to discharge to the sewer system and a new 6" sewer connection was constructed from the interceptor to an existing manhole. A valve was installed at the interceptor-sewer line connection that will be closed during rain events to prevent stormwater from being discharged into the sewer. The area adjacent to the wash rack was regraded to direct stormwater from the wash rack and surrounding hangar taxilanes into a new storm drain which will be installed and connected to the municipal storm drain system. A new hose bib and water line were installed for wash rack use.

The total cost of the project is \$127,250.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The installation of a new wash rack will facilitate aircraft cleaning and proper disposal of any solids, oils, grease, fuels, detergents, or residue resulting from aircraft washing, thus controlling pollution that could otherwise end up on the airport. A solids interceptor was installed to catch and separate solids from the drain water prior to discharge to the sewer system. Valving will be installed that will control whether rainwater is discharged directly to the existing storm water system or discharged into the sewer system when washing an aircraft. Valves will be checked by the airport prior to any forecast of rain to ensure proper discharge of storm water.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:**

The approval of the acceptance of the grant for reimbursement does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) because it is an administrative action which does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

The underlying project was found to be categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (existing facilities).

## **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

City Council approval to accept this Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) is consistent with the Airport's strategic plan and meets the goals and objectives outlined in the Airport Master Plan.

### **Infrastructure & Environment**

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$6,362 of total project will be paid by the Airport Enterprise Fund.

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

The City Council may choose not to accept the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG).

## **ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):**

None.