

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EVALUATION INFORMATION SUBMITTAL FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION OF AIRPORT PROJECT

A. Airport/Sponsor/Address/Contact Information

Airport

Airport Name: Lee Vining Airport
Address: US 395 at State Route 120
City: Lee Vining
County: Mono
State: California

Airport Sponsor Information

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B. Proposed Project Description/Purpose & Need for Project

1. Project Description
 - a. Reconstruct and widen Runway 15/33.
 - b. Install electrical improvements which will include MIRL, PAPI's, AWOS, Lighted Hold signs, distance remaining signs, apron lighting, rotating beacon, segmented circle with lighted wind cone, and construct an electrical vault.
2. Purpose and Need
 - a. Runway 15/33 needs to be reconstructed to remedy two safety problems. The existing runway is only 50-foot wide and it is necessary to add 10-foot to meet the 60-foot required width. Reconstruction and re-grading are also required to provide line of sight between the threshold of Runway 15 and the threshold of Runway 33.
 - b. Reconstruction of Runway 15/33 will require the installation of MIRL to replace the existing LIRL. The installation of PAPI's, AWOS, Lighted Hold signs, distance remaining signs, apron lighting, rotating beacon, segmented circle with lighted wind cone, and construct an electrical vault will greatly increase safety at the airport.

C. Identify the Appropriate Category for the Proposed Project

2. Approval of federal funding for airport development.

D. Identify the Applicable Categorical Exclusion

The applicable Categorical Exclusion are 309b, 309c, 309g and 310e.

E. Review of Extraordinary Circumstances (FAA Order 1050.1E paragraph 304)

1. Air Quality – Paragraph 304g

1-hour ozone – Mono County is in an attainment area.

8-hour ozone – Mono County is in an attainment area.

Carbon Monoxide – Mono County is in an attainment area.

Nitrogen Dioxide – Mono County is in an attainment area.

Sulfur Dioxide – Mono County is in an attainment area.

Particular Matter (PM) -10 – Mono County is listed as moderate. Portions of Mono County are in moderate attainment (specifically Hydrologic Unit 1809010), which includes the following sections:

- a. Sections 1-12, 17, and 18 of Township T4S, R28E;
- b. Sections 25-36 of Township T3S, R28E;
- c. Sections 25-36 of Township T3S, R27E;
- d. Sections 1-18 of Township T4S, R27E; and
- e. Section 25 and 36 of Township T3S, R26E Mono Basin

Particular Matter (PM) – 2.5 – Mono County is in an attainment area.

Lead – Mono County is in an attainment area.

2. **Coastal Resources – Paragraph 304c** – Mono County is located inland and is not located in a coastal zone, as defined by the CZMP (California Commission, URL: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/whoware.html>, no date).
3. **Department of Transportation Section 4(f) – Paragraph 304b** – The proposed project will not require the use of land from a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge or national, state, or local significance or land of an historic site of national, state or local significance.
4. **Natural Resources and Energy Supply – Paragraph 304c** – The proposed project will not affect energy or other natural resource consumption.
5. **Farmlands – Paragraph 304c** – Not Applicable.
6. **Fish, Wildlife and Plans – Paragraph 304c** – This proposed project will not significantly affect plant communities and/or the displacement of wildlife and/or fish.

7. **Floodplains – Paragraph 304c** – This proposed project will not be located in or encroach upon any designated 100-year floodplains.
8. **Hazardous Materials, Pollution Prevention and Solid Waste – Paragraph 304k** – This proposed project will not require the use of land that may contain hazardous substances.
9. **Historic, Architectural, Archeological and Cultural Resources – Paragraph 304a and 304j** – There are no prehistoric, historic, architectural, archeological or cultural resources on or adjacent to the proposed project site.
10. **Noise – Paragraph 304f** – The proposed project will not increase airport noise or noise sensitive land uses.
11. **Secondary (Induced) Impacts – Paragraphs 304d and e** – The proposed project does not require any relocation of homes or businesses, or increase off-airport surface traffic congestion.
12. **Water Quality – Paragraph 304h** – The proposed project will not have any significant water quality impacts for groundwater, surface water bodies or any public water supply systems.
13. **Wetlands – Paragraph 304c** – The proposed project will not be built in or near any wetlands since there are not any wetlands on this airport.
14. **Wild and Scenic Rivers – Paragraph 304c** – Not Applicable.
15. **Other Considerations – Paragraphs 304d, 304i, 304j and 304k** – This is an existing airport that benefits the existing community.