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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Director of Airports  
Date: February 1, 2022

Subject: Acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Funding to Upgrade Security at Buchanan Field

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**AUTHORIZE** the Director of Airports to submit an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant application to both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the California Department of Transportation-Division of Aeronautics (Caltrans) for approximately \$7,400,000 and \$150,000, respectively, to design, purchase, and install replacement airport security equipment at Buchanan Field, Pacheco area (District IV).

**APPROVE and AUTHORIZE** the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a Statement of Acceptance with the Federal Aviation Administration for up to \$7,400,000 of grant funds to design, purchase, and install replacement airport security equipment.

**APPROVE and AUTHORIZE** the Director of Airports, or designee, to sign an acceptance of up to \$150,000 of funds under the California Aid to Airports Program Grant Agreement-Federal AIP Matching Funds grant program to design, purchase and install replacement airport security equipment.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/01/2022** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

### **VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 1, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Beth Lee,  
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cc:

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no negative impact on the General Fund. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$7,550,000. This amount will be fully funded in one of the following ways: (1) 100% by the FAA, or (2) 90% by the FAA, 4.5% by Caltrans, and 5.5% by the Airport Enterprise Fund.

### BACKGROUND:

Buchanan Field is an FAA Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139 certificated airport and must meet certain security requires as established by the FAA and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). In September 2009, the Board authorized a contract to design security upgrades at Buchanan Field Airport. In January 2011, the Board authorized the construction of security upgrades at Buchanan Field Airport. It is critical to continuously make security upgrades to maximize the benefits of new technology and replace aging equipment. In June 2020, the Board authorized grant submittal and acceptance of federal funding for added security improvements. The security project was put out to bid, however, and the bids came in almost twice as high as available federal funding. As such, the project was deferred until this year.

The subject of this Board Order is FAA grant funding that will be used to evaluate the existing security measures and then prepare a construction bid package to purchase and install the various security upgrades. The top priority of the project is the replacement of approximately 18,000 linear feet of existing security fencing. All other existing security mitigation measures will be evaluated for upgrades and or replacement, i.e. security lighting, access vehicle/pedestrian gates, closed circuit security cameras, access control system, and access ID card system. Additionally, new technology security systems and measures will be analyzed for possible addition/implementation at Buchanan Field.

Typically, the FAA funds only 90% of each airport project. As a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, grant funding from the FAA may be up to 100% of this project. In April 2020, the Board authorized the Airports to participate in CARES Act funding opportunities. As a result of our grant application, the FAA may fund 100% of the project costs. However, if the FAA funds 90% of the cost of the project, the balance of the cost will be paid for through a combination of grant funding from Caltrans (in the amount of \$150,000) and capital reserves from the Airport Enterprise Fund (in the amount of \$605,000).

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County will not receive the FAA and Caltrans Grant funding necessary to make the security upgrades at Buchanan Field, which will result in the project not being completed. The Airports Division would then work to continue to make necessary improvements with longer timelines.