

RESOLUTION NO. 27325

WHEREAS, on recommendation of Management, there was presented for approval, twenty-five (25)-year Easement Agreement with the United States Department of the Army covering a remote airport noise monitoring site located in the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin at Van Nuys Airport; and

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City of Los Angeles

WHEREAS, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has utilized an area owned by the United States Department of the Army located in the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin since 1989 for remote noise monitoring site. The solar-powered site consists of a microphone and electronic hardware mounted on a twenty-five (25)-foot aluminum pole and a crushed rock access road; and

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WHEREAS, there are seven (7) noise monitoring stations around Van Nuys Airport (VNY) that monitor noise levels from aircraft flying to and from the airport. The area owned by the United States Department of the Army is located on the south side of the airport and offers an ideal location for monitoring noise from departure flights. LAWA reports noise data collected from equipment mounted in those sites to the County of Los Angeles Aviation Division on a quarterly basis in compliance with the California Administrative Code, Title 21, Chapter 2.5, Subchapter 6 – Noise Standards. The data from the noise monitor located in the basin are also used in the Quiet Departure Program for jets that serves as the cornerstone of the VNY annual Friendly Flyer Awards Program; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, by Board Order AO-5046, the Board of Airport Commissioners approved the prior five (5)-year agreement (VNA-8387) with the United States Department of the Army covering the site. Said agreement has been on a month-to-month status; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Army has agreed to issue an Easement Agreement to LAWA for a term of twenty-five (25) years for a one-time payment of \$14,890 paid to the United States Department of the Army for drafting and issuance of the successor agreement. A long-term lease is the most beneficial for LAWA as the location has been used to meet Title 21 requirements for over thirty (30) years, and will continue to be needed to ensure compliance for the foreseeable future. LAWA will also be able to benefit from the cost savings derived by avoiding the fee payments associated with repeated issuances of five (5)-year license agreements. Following is a summary of the terms:

	Prior	New
Term:		
• Commencement	July 1, 2006	April 1, 2020
• Expiration	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2045
• Cancellation Provision	ten (10)-day notice in writing	thirty (30)-day notice in writing
Rent:	none; one-time processing fee of \$5,000	none; one-time processing fee of \$14,890
Premises:	64 square feet of paved land	no change; and



WHEREAS, issuance, renewal or amendment of any lease, license or permit to use land involving minor alterations to the condition of the land is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements pursuant to Article III, Class 4 (7) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, actions taken on this item by the Board of Airport Commissioners will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 606;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Airport Commissioners adopted the Staff Report; determined that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Class 4 (7) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines; approved the twenty-five (25)-year Easement Agreement with the United States Department of the Army covering a remote airport noise monitoring site located in the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin at Van Nuys Airport; and authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute said Easement Agreement with the United States Department of the Army after approval as to form by the City Attorney and approval by the Los Angeles City Council.

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I hereby certify that this Resolution No. 27325 is true and correct, as adopted by the Board of Airport Commissioners at its Regular Meeting held on Thursday, September 2, 2021.



Grace Miguel – Secretary  
BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS