

October 13, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH BID REQUIREMENTS AND
ESTABLISH EMERGENCY PROJECT FOR BOILER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT
CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY LOCATED AT MEADOWS FIELD
AIRPORT**

(Fiscal Impact: \$184,783; Airports Enterprise Fund; Not Budgeted; Discretionary)

The Kern County Department of Airports requests your Board's approval to adopt resolution to dispense bid requirements and establish an emergency purchase order to replace the aging boiler system at the California Aeronautical University located at Meadows Field Airport.

The boiler system which provides University facilities with their heating capabilities are over 20 years old and in need of replacement. At their advanced age, the boiler system has experienced failure and many parts for repairs are no longer available. To prevent the University from displacing approximately 450 students and staff members due to lack of hot water and heat, a purchase order should be issued in an amount not to exceed \$184,783 to pay for the replacement of the boiler system.

Public Contract Code Section 22050 allows your Board, by a 4/5 vote, to approve emergency actions to be taken by the Chief General Services Officer, including the issuance of a purchase order for necessary services, equipment, and supplies, to repair or replace a public facility and to waive the normal bidding process. A resolution prepared by County Counsel is attached for your review and approval.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the resolution; make a finding that the project is exempt from further CEQA review per section 15269(b), 15061(b)(3) 15301 and 15302 of the State CEQA guidelines; authorize the Chief General Services Officer to waive requirements of advertising and competitive bid; authorize the Chief General Services Officer to issue a purchase order with PLC System Services, LLC in the amount of \$184,783; and authorize the Auditor-Controller to establish the emergency project.

Respectfully,



Bill LaManque
Director of Airports

cc: County Administrative Office
County Counsel
General Services Purchasing Department

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. _____

**DISPENSING WITH BID REQUIREMENTS
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE
SECTION 20134(a) AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY
CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER TO
EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER SECTION 22050
IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE BOILER
REPLACEMENT AT MEADOWS FIELD AIRPORT**

I, NANCY ANDERSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at a regular meeting on the ____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

NANCY ANDERSON
County Administrative Officer
Clerk of the Board

Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The County of Kern ("County") owns and maintains the Meadows Field Airport ("Airport") and leases part of the Airport to California Aeronautical University ("CAU"); and

(b) On May 19, 2026, the new Airport Director was briefed by CAU of ongoing repair attempts to an aging boiler system; and

(c) CAU reports that it is unable to perform the necessary repairs; and

(d) County, in order to support the educational mission of CAU and continuity of CAU programs has agreed to perform the necessary boiler system replacements; and

(e) County has made multiple efforts to locate parts and repairs for the aging boiler system without success; and

(f) The boiler system has partially failed, and only one boiler is still operational; and

(g) There is an imminent risk of the remaining boiler failing at this time; and

(h) If only remaining boiler were to fail, CAU would be without heating capabilities for its facilities; and

(i) It is imperative that the necessary replacements be performed without delay which would result from a competitive bid process in order to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services; and

(j) PLC System Servies provides monthly maintenance service to CAU and has previously provided similar services for County as would be necessary to correct the deficiencies, has the appropriate experience and knowledge, and has previously performed in a high quality and professional manner; and

(k) Public Contract Code section 20134(a) provides that in cases of emergency, when repairs or replacements are necessary to permit the continued conduct of County operations or services, the Board of Supervisors may proceed at once to replace or repair any and all structures without adopting plans and specifications; and

(l) Public Contract Code section 20134(a) provides that in cases of emergency; the Board of Supervisors may let a contract without giving notice for bids so long as it complies with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22050; and

(m) Public Contact Code section 22050 provides that in cases of emergency and pursuant to a four-fifths vote, the Board of Supervisors may repair or replace a public facility, take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts; and

(n) Public Contract Code section 22050 provides that in cases of emergency and pursuant to a four-fifths vote, the Board of Supervisors may also delegate the authority to

procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies to a specified and appropriate county officer; and

(o) Possible environmental impacts of this project have been considered and it has been found that this project is exempt from the requirements of further review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to section 15269(b), 15061(b)(3), 15301, and 15302 of the State CEQA guidelines, in that it is an emergency repair to an existing public facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, and as otherwise provided by the CEQA guidelines.

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

1. This Board finds and determines that the facts recited herein are true, and this Board has jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt this Resolution, and incorporates and makes all the findings recommended by Staff, whether verbally or in their written reports.

2. This Board finds and determines that this project is exempt from requirements further CEQA review pursuant to section 15269(b), 15061(b)(3), 15301, and 15302 of the State CEQA guidelines, in that it is an emergency repair to an existing public facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, and as otherwise provided by the CEQA guidelines.

3. This Board finds and determines that in order to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services, it is necessary to make the appropriate boiler system replacement at CAU.

4. This Board finds and determines that there is insufficient time to prepare and approve plans and specifications and put the project out for competitive bid due to the serious health and safety issues caused by the deficiencies in the boiler system.

5. This Board authorizes the Chief General Services Officer, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050, to contract for the necessary work without adopting plans and specifications and without putting the project out to competitive bid.

6. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code section 20134(a), the contractor(s) shall be paid the actual cost of the use of machinery and tools and of material, and labor and of workers' compensation insurance expended by them in doing the work, plus not more than fifteen percent (15%) to cover all profits and administration.

7. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code section 20134(a), no more than the lowest current market prices shall be paid for the materials needed for the repairs whenever possible.

8. Contractor will be notified that County requires a performance and payment bond.

9. The Chief General Services Officer is authorized, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20134 and 22050, to execute a purchase order for the necessary services and materials to perform necessary the replacement of the boiler system as CAU.

10. The Clerk of this Board shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the following:

General Services
County Counsel
Airports

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