

GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
March 19, 2025

Agenda Item #11

Proposed Tenth Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement
Between the County of San Diego and the City of El Cajon
Creating an Agency to be Known as the Gillespie Field Development Council

BACKGROUND

On March 19, 1974 (70), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) between the County of San Diego and the City of El Cajon, creating the Gillespie Field Development Council (GFDC). Since that time, the Gillespie Field Development Council has been advising the County and the City on a variety of airport-related issues, including aviation, industrial, and economic development. The Council is made up of 5 members, 3 appointed by the County and 2 appointed by the City, serving 4 year terms. To qualify for appointment, a nominee must have expertise and experience in such fields as real estate, finance, industrial development, aviation, or other fields related to the development program for Gillespie Field and have a demonstrated interest in the economic viability of the field.

The GFDC advises in the areas of aviation, industrial, and economic development has contributed to the successful development of Gillespie Field. As a public meeting, the GFDC also provides a forum for community involvement.

The County of San Diego and the City of El Cajon have amended the JPA nine times to extend its term. The ninth amendment extended the JPA ten years, through June 30, 2025.

The majority of the redevelopment has been completed and there are approximately 350 businesses operating on airport property. There is one major development project (the El Cajon Air Center on aviation land) in the planning stages at Gillespie Field. GFDC's involvement in and contribution to this 70-acre development will be beneficial as planning proceeds and requests for proposals are solicited. It is recommended that the JPA be extended to June 30, 2035.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"Gillespie Field Development Council recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the Tenth Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Between the County of San Diego and the City of El Cajon Creating an Agency to be Known as the Gillespie Field Development Council."