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Community Planning Committee
City of San Diego
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Dear Community Planning Committee Members:

Pursuant to a request from the City of San Diego, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is pleased to make available the senior staff and technical consultant to provide a 30 minute presentation to the City of San Diego's Community Planning Committee (CPC) on the draft 2005 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) document that is intended to balance the needs of the 16 public-use and military airports located in San Diego County and protect the communities that are located in their environs.

The primary purpose of the proposed ALUCP, which is characterized as a "project" under CEQA (though no direct physical change results from it), is to assure compatibility between the airports and land uses that surround them - specifically as it relates to impacts on quality of life caused by noise, impacts on life and property as it relates to accident potential safety, the safety of aircraft and their occupants through airspace protection and the need to provide notification through disclosures to future residents of over-flight disturbances.

The purpose for developing the 2005 ALUCP is promulgated by state legislation in the Airport Authority Act, which not only makes the Authority's Board responsible for the safe operation and maintenance for San Diego International Airport (SDIA) but also vests it with the responsibilities of the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for the entire County. The State Legislation requires the ALUC to prepare and adopt an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for each of the public-use and military airports in the County on or before June 30th, 2005 pursuant to the requirements of the California Public Utilities Code Sections 21670.3 and 21675.

Although the 2005 ALUCP is being prepared by the Airport Authority as the Lead Agency for adoption by the ALUC, its implementation and enforcement is the responsibility of the local jurisdictions that must conform the ALUCP into their general and specific plans within 180 days of the ALUC's adoption of the Plan. The 2005 ALUCP is not retroactive and focuses only on future land use planning to the extent that those areas are not already devoted to incompatible uses.

Preparation of the draft 2005 ALUCP is based on the State of California's Airport Land Use Planning Handbook guidelines for all public-use airports. The ALUCP's treatment of military facilities was based on the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) data provided by the military.

The Airport Authority is not seeking a specific action and anticipates that the presentation will serve the dual purpose of increasing awareness and obtaining feedback through consultation of key stakeholders such as the CPC. We appreciate the opportunity to present the draft 2005 ALUCP to the CPC.

Sincerely,

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