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Draft Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Introduction: As part of a three-year planning effort, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) released the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar and Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) on April 7, 2008 for public review. The ALUCP addresses land use compatibility for future land uses surrounding MCAS Miramar, as required by state law.

Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC): SDCRAA is the ALUC for the County of San Diego. The ALUC's mission is established by state law, and requires the ALUC to: (i) protect the safety of people and property on the ground; (ii) protect the safety of people and aircraft in the air; (iii) protect airports from the encroachment of incompatible land uses that would restrict airport operations; and (iv) assist local agencies in ensuring that land uses in the vicinity of an airport are compatible with aeronautical activities.

Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP): In order to achieve the statutorily mandated mission, the ALUC is required to prepare and adopt an ALUCP for public use airports within its jurisdiction (*i.e.*, within the County). In addition, the ALUC must prepare and adopt an ALUCP for military airports within its jurisdiction; per state law, the ALUCP must be consistent with the Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) study prepared for the military airport by the applicable federal body (*e.g.*, the Department of Defense, Department of Navy).

The ALUCP is based on four compatibility factors: (i) noise; (ii) safety; (iii) airspace protection; and (iv) overflight. The noise contours and safety zones identified in the ALUCP are supplemented by compatibility criteria that identify land uses that are compatible, conditionally compatible, and incompatible with airport operations. The airspace protection layer is supplemented by policies that avoid physical, visual and electronic obstructions/hazards to airport operations. Finally, the overflight layer is supplemented by policies that aim to minimize annoyance and complaints arising from airport operations. The airport influence area encompasses all four layers, and defines the extent of the ALUC's planning authority.

State law requires affected local jurisdictions to make their applicable land use regulations (*e.g.*, general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, *etc.*) consistent with the ALUCP adopted by the ALUC, *or* make specific findings and overrule the ALUC with a 2/3rds vote. (Until the affected local jurisdiction undertakes one of the two prior actions, individual projects are submitted to the ALUC for a consistency determination, which is then either accepted or overruled by the local jurisdiction.)

Public Outreach Efforts: In 2005, the ALUC established an extensive public outreach and community involvement program for the preparation of all the ALUCPs for San Diego County through the development of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Technical Advisory Group ("ATAG"), consisting of public agencies, local jurisdictions, the military, pilots, landowners, community members, and other interested parties. The ATAG specifically included members from the City's Community Planners Committee. This extensive public outreach and community involvement in the ATAG program has resulted in over 100 meetings with ALUC staff since its establishment. During this time, the ATAG members have been afforded the opportunity to ask questions and work directly with the technical consultants who participated in the preparation of the ALUCP, to work directly with ALUC staff on the development of compatibility policies and criteria, and to provide input to local officials, municipalities and agencies involved in the ALUC process.

MCAS Miramar ALUCP Adoption Timeline:

- April 7, 2008: Draft MCAS Miramar ALUCP issued; Public review and comment period for the Draft EIR begins
- May 23, 2008: Public review and comment period for the Draft EIR closes
- Early July 2008: ALUC hearing regarding adoption of the MCAS Miramar ALUCP and certification of the EIR

Document Availability: Copies of the Draft ALUCP and Draft EIR are available for review during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, at the SDCRAA Airport Planning Department offices, located at San Diego International Airport, Terminal 2 East, 3707 North Harbor Drive, Suite 125, San Diego, California 92101. Copies are also available on the Web and at certain public libraries, which are listed together with the documents at: http://www.san.org/airport_authority/land_use_compatibility/public_review.asp Copies of the draft documents may be purchased at the address above or by contacting Annette Whitt at (619) 400-2462.

Community Workshop: A community workshop on the Draft MCAS Miramar ALUCP will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Forum Hall in the Westfield University Towne Centre, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California 92122.

Processing Timeline for Other ALUCP Updates:

- Urban Airports: Brown Field, Montgomery Field, Gillespie Field, McCllelan-Palomar, and Oceanside Municipal
    - Draft Documents: Summer/Fall 2008
    - Adoption: Fall 2008/Winter 2009
- San Diego International Airport
    - Draft Documents: Early 2009
    - Adoption: Mid/Late 2009
- Navy Airports: NAS North Island & NOLF Imperial Beach
    - Draft Documents: Dependent on release of Navy's AICUZ
    - Adoption: Dependent on release of Navy's AICUZ