

Date of Notice: February 7, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of San Diego as the Lead Agency has determined that the project described below will require the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Preparation of a PEIR and Scoping Meeting was publicly noticed and distributed on February 7, 2019. This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and placed on the City of San Diego website at:

http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/notices/index.shtml, and on

the Planning Department website at:

https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/ceqa

SCOPING MEETING: The City of San Diego Planning Department will hold a public scoping on **Wednesday February 27th** from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library, located at 3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154. **Please note that depending on the number of attendees, the meeting could end earlier than 7:30 PM.** Written comments regarding the proposed PEIR's scope and alternatives will be accepted at the meeting.

Written/mail-in comments may also be sent to the following address: **Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123 or e-mail your comments to** <u>PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov</u> with the Project Name in the subject line no later than March 9, 2019. Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding. A PEIR incorporating public input will then be prepared and distributed for public to review and comment.

PROJECT NAME:	Brown Field Municipal Airport Master Plan
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:	Otay Mesa
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	District 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of San Diego owns and operates the Brown Field Municipal Airport (SDM) as a General Aviation (GA) airport located within the Otay Mesa community north of Otay Mesa Road, east of Heritage Road, south of Pogo Row, and west of La Media Road (Attachment 1, *Project Location*). Airport planning occurs at the national, state, regional, and local level; and in 2017, the City began developing an Airport Master Plan (Project) to determine the extent, type, and schedule of development needed. An Airport Master Plan presents the community and airport's vision for a 20-year strategic development plan based on the forecast of activity. It is used as a decision-making tool and is intended to complement other local and regional plans. The Airport Master Plan consists of a report documenting existing conditions of the airport, a forecast of activity, facility requirements (the airport's needs based on the forecast and compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Design Standards for airports), development and evaluation of alternatives to meet those needs, and a funding

plan for that development. The Airport Master Plan also includes an Airport Layout Plan (ALP) which graphically depicts all planned development at the airport within the 20-year planning period as determined in the Airport Master Plan. This drawing requires approval by the FAA, which makes the airport eligible to receive federal funding for airport improvements and maintenance under the FAA's Airport Improvement Program.

As shown on Attachment 2, *Proposed Airport Plan*, the Project would involve both landside and airside components. Much of Brown Field has been leased by the City to the proposed developers of the Metropolitan Airpark Project (MAP), a project which was reviewed previously in a separate EIR (SCH No. 2010071054) and is not part of the scope of this PEIR. The primary landside improvement to be covered by the Airport Master Plan PEIR is a new 14,000 square foot (sf) terminal building. The preferred method of accomplishing this is to demolish the existing building; but retain/move the existing historic control tower. Note that the proposed new Customs facility has received a CEQA exemption and is not part of this Project. The Proposed Airport Plan (Attachment 2) shows construction of up to 87 new hangars (111,000 sf); however, the hangars would not be developed by the City until there is sufficient demand, and net demand may be affected by how fast MAP is developed. An aircraft wash rack is proposed within the hangar site as well as approximately 65 new automobile parking spaces which are intended to compensate for the loss of a parking area off the west end of the runway apron as a result of proposed Airport Master Plan improvements.

Airside improvements proposed at Brown Field, as shown on Attachment 2, include a new runup pad (which is currently lacking for the smaller runway), and would reconfigure several taxiways to bring them into compliance with current FAA design standards.

APPLICANT: City of San Diego, Airports Division

RECOMMENDED FINDING: Pursuant to Section 15060(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: **Air Quality, Biological Resources, Energy Conservation, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Historical Resources (Built-Environment, Archaeology, and Tribal Cultural Resources), Health and Safety, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Transportation/Circulation, and Visual Effects and Neighborhood Character.**

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice in alternative format, call the Planning Department at (619) 235-5200 OR (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For environmental review information, contact Rebecca Malone at (619) 446-5371. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact the Airport Program Manager, Wayne Reiter, at (858) 573-1436. This Notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on February 7, 2019.

Alyssa Muto Deputy Director Planning Department

DISTRIBUTION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS: Project Location (Attachment 1) Proposed Airport Plan (Attachment 2)



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Source: Aerial (SanGIS 2017)



Project Location

Brown Field Municipal Airport Master Plan



Source: C&S Companies 2018

HELIX Environmental Planning

Proposed Airport Plan

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