

memorandum

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to Airport Stakeholders
from Brian Grattidge
subject California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook Update

Introduction

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2010 Update of the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook. Below you will find the key objectives of the update, a list of the Aeronautics and consultant team, a discussion of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and a breakdown of work tasks. In addition to understanding what is included in the 2010 Update, it is important to understand what is *not* part of this update. This update is not a new approach to compatibility planning; rather it updates, refines, and further explains key areas of the current handbook. In addition, the updated handbook will provide greater consideration of the “end users” of the book, including both airport planners and city/county land use planners. Related to this last point, the update will include more “how to” information for smaller agencies in the form of handbook appendices (such as templates and checklists).

Key Objectives of the 2010 Update

- Update for changes in law and regulation
- Update accident data and revise discussion of risk and safety zones
- Provide more “self help” and templates for ALUC staff and commissioners, particularly for small jurisdictions
- Additional guidance on infill development
- Incorporate additional guidance for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance
- Provide information on NextGen and implications for future airport land use compatibility planning
- Provide “train the trainer” materials on 2010 Update for Caltrans staff
- Enhanced public participation in the form of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), three stakeholder meetings (dispersed throughout the state), and online review

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Role of the Stakeholder Meetings

There will be three Stakeholder meetings. One in Northern California at Sacramento International Airport February 1st, the second at the Caltrans District 6 offices in Fresno February 3rd and the third in Southern California at the Ontario International Airport February 9. These meetings will be an introduction to the project, including the project team, the work tasks, and schedule. The purpose of the meetings will be to include an opportunity to provide early input into the Handbook update process.

Schedule

The Draft Update published in mid-2010. The scheduled completion date is the end of 2010. The task order schedule is attached.

To view the current California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, January 2002 you can go to the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics website. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/index.html>