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Airport Authority hosts public workshop for noise study

Meeting provides details on federal noise study "Part 150" that considers noise compatibility around the airport from 2009 to 2014

SAN DIEGO – March 3, 2009 – On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, the public is invited to attend the second of three community workshops on the federal noise study the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is conducting at San Diego International Airport (SDIA). The workshop will run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the SDIA Commuter Terminal, 3rd floor, Noise Room, 3225 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101, with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m. Parking will be validated.

"In this study phase the consultants review the effectiveness of existing noise abatement and compatible land use measures, and recommend new or revised measures to limit noise over sensitive areas, prevent introduction of new non-compatible uses, and provide mitigation in areas where exposure exceeds accepted compatibility standards," according to Dan Frazee, Director of Airport Noise Mitigation for the Airport Authority. "The workshops are designed to allow citizens to individually express their concerns, provide input and learn more about the process of noise compatibility planning surrounding San Diego International Airport."

This workshop will present comprehensive and updated draft Noise Exposure Maps, which provide a detailed description of the airport, noise exposure associated with aircraft operations, surrounding land uses and compatibility conditions. The federal noise study, referred to as a "Part 150" study after the section of the federal code under which it is authorized, will consider the current situation in 2009 and the forecast conditions in 2014. The draft Noise Exposure Maps are available on the project web site. The comment period on the Noise Exposure Maps will end at 5 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009.

The noise study is being conducted over a period of 30 months. With this workshop, the consultants are almost 18 months into the expected 24 month study process which will be followed by approximately six months of Federal Aviation Administration review. One of the primary purposes for conducting the study is to gain access to federal funding assistance for implementation of approved measures.

While Part 150 of the Federal Code does not specify the types of public outreach required, in addition to three public workshops, the Airport Authority has reached out to a broad base of stakeholders to form a Noise Technical Advisory Group (NTAG) to provide input and feedback to the study process and technical study material. The NTAG has met four times and is expected to meet a total of six times throughout the study and is comprised of local residents, homeowner associations, local planning agencies, airport users, representatives from the aviation and business community as well as state and federal agencies.

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The project website is available for the community to stay informed and download project documentation and meeting notices; and a dedicated telephone line has been set up for the community to provide input directly in the form of questions or comments. The website is available at:

http://www.san.org/airport_authority/airport_noise/part150.asp

In addition, the draft Noise Exposure Maps and accompanying documents are available at five public facilities for review: San Diego Central Library, Government Documents, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101-6478; Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego, CA 92107; Ocean Beach Branch Library, 4801 Santa Monica Avenue, San Diego, CA 92107; Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St., San Diego, CA 92103; and at the San Diego International Airport, Commuter Terminal, 3rd floor, Administration Reception Desk, 3225 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

The toll-free telephone number for the Part 150 study is: 1-888-488-7885.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport – funded through user fees and not local taxes – served some 18.1 million passengers in 2008.

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