



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGENCY**

Date: July 15, 2002

Set Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Date: July 30, 2002

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marcia Raines, Director of Environmental Services *MR*

Subject: Public hearing to receive comments on a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) regarding the San Carlos Airport Master Plan Update.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive testimony from the public regarding the DEIR, and direct staff and the consultants to prepare responses to comments for the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

PROPOSAL

The County of San Mateo is proposing to modernize and upgrade the San Carlos Airport to meet the safety, reliability, and service needs for the Airport's operations through the year 2015.

BACKGROUND

The County of San Mateo owns and operates the San Carlos Airport for general aviation use. The Airport is located on the east side of San Mateo County within the City of San Carlos, east of Highway 101 and south of Highway 92, approximately 18 miles south of San Francisco. Other nearby communities include Foster City and San Mateo to the north and northwest, Belmont to the west, and Redwood City to the north and south.

The County Public Works Department has prepared the San Carlos Airport Master Plan Update (Master Plan Update) specifying certain improvements to Airport facilities. Your Board approved a Preferred Master Plan Alternative (proposed project) on April 20, 1999, and directed the Planning and Building Division to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to address

implementation of the Preferred Alternative in what is termed the Airport modernization project. The DEIR addresses the potential impacts of the proposed project to modernize and upgrade the San Carlos Airport to meet the safety, reliability, and service needs for the Airport's operations through the year 2015.

The DEIR was prepared for the County by Thomas Reid Associates and released for public review and comment on July 9, 2002. The public comment period runs through August 22, 2002. County guidelines for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) require that a public hearing be held on the DEIR, generally some time during the public comment period. Staff and the consultants will record comments received during the hearing. The consultants will then prepare written responses to those comments, as well as written comments received during the comment period. The DEIR plus the comments and the responses will then become the Final EIR, which must be certified by your Board as complete, correct and adequate before you take final action on the master plan.

VISION ALIGNMENT

The Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding the San Carlos Airport Master Plan Update keeps the commitment of redesigning our built environment to increase vitality, expand variety and reduce congestion and goal number 12. Land use decisions consider transportation and other infrastructure needs as well as impacts on the environment and on surrounding communities. The Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding the San Carlos Airport Master Plan Update contributes to this commitment and goal by providing explanation to the Master Plan Update objectives for the Airport and how the proposed project will attain the objectives of modernizing and upgrading to meet the safety, reliability, and service needs of operations through the year 2015.

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