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Airport Authority adopts land use compatibility plans for five urban airports in San Diego County

SAN DIEGO — January 26, 2010 — The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for San Diego County, has adopted Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCPs) yesterday for five urban airports in San Diego County: Brown Field, Gillespie Field, Montgomery Field, McClellan-Palomar Airport and Oceanside Municipal Airport. The adoption of these plans is the latest step in fulfilling the ALUC's mandate to develop airport land use compatibility plans for public and military airports in San Diego County.

"The adoption of the ALUCPs for the five urban airports will help ensure the long-term viability of San Diego's general aviation infrastructure, while at the same time ensuring economic viability of surrounding land uses," said Bob Watkins, Chairman of the ALUC and Airport Authority Board. "The land use guidance provided in the ALUCPs will also promote public safety and protect the ability of these airports to operate now and in the future."

Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans are the fundamental tool used by an ALUC to fulfill its purpose of promoting land use compatibility around airports. The plans provide guidance to local jurisdictions and property owners about the types of new land uses that are appropriate around airports. ALUCPs also help to promote the safety and general welfare of people, property and aircraft on the ground and in the air in the vicinity of the airports, and they protect airports from encroachment by new incompatible land uses that could restrict their operations.

The adoption of the ALUCPs for the five urban airports is the culmination of a four-year public process. The Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Technical Advisory Group (ATAG) was formed in 2005 to ensure stakeholder issues and interests were fully considered during the development of the ALUCPs. The ATAG—with members representing pilots, local jurisdictions, airport operators, community groups, professional associations, the military and property owners surrounding the airports—held more than 100 meetings to ensure that stakeholder issues and interests were fully considered during the development of the ALUCPs.

"The Airport Authority is committed to fostering regional dialogue about these important plans, and the ATAG has been an important part of the process," said Thella Bowens, the Airport Authority's President/CEO. "While we were not able to reach consensus on all issues, the resulting plans represent a balance between safety, the protection of our air infrastructure and economic effects."

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With the adoption of the ALUCPs for the five urban airports, the Airport Authority will now focus on updating the ALUCP for San Diego International Airport. For more information about this process, visit the Airport Authority's website at www.san.org/sdcraa/airport_initiatives/land_use/default.aspx.

The California State Legislature established the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board as the ALUC for San Diego County in 2003. The ALUC has two primary responsibilities: 1) To prepare, adopt and update as necessary ALUCPs for each public-use and military airport within their jurisdiction; and 2) To review local agency land use actions to ensure that proposed new development is consistent with adopted ALUCPs.

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 generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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