

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE (DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

McClellan-Palomar Airport (Palomar Airport) is owned and operated by the County of San Diego and located in the City of Carlsbad. The airport provides general aviation, corporate and commercial services; serves as a gateway to resorts, tourist attractions; and is utilized by local businesses and residents. Based on an economic vitality study prepared for the Palomar Airport, activities related to the airport generate millions of dollars of income and revenue for the surrounding local communities, including Carlsbad, San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, and Encinitas. Across the nation, airport master plans provide a framework to guide future airport development over a 20-year period. Palomar Airport has had two previous master plans. The most recent one, completed in 1997, has reached the end of its 20-year planning period. On December 16, 2015 (3), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed Department of Public Works (DPW) staff to proceed with a Master Plan Update and to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

Staff collaborated with stakeholders including aviation business owners, pilots, and individuals from the surrounding community to get community input for the proposed Master Plan Update. DPW has prepared a proposed Master Plan Update for Palomar Airport with the goal of developing a framework to ensure existing and future aviation demand continue to be accommodated in a safe and cost-effective manner. Existing facilities, forecasts of future airplane operations, aviation demand, and alternatives for future facility development were all considered during the update process.

This is a request for the Board to adopt the McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan Update. Through the development of the proposed Master Plan Update, a staff recommendation and several options were developed and are included for the Board's consideration. This is also a request to certify the associated Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Certify that the Final PEIR, SCH No. 2016021105, has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, that the Final PEIR was presented to the Board of Supervisors, that the Board of Supervisors reviewed and considered the information contained therein, and that the Final PEIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors. (Attachment B)
2. Adopt the Findings Concerning Mitigation of Significant Environmental Effects pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines. (Attachment C)
3. Adopt the Statement of Location and Custodian of Record. (Attachment E)
4. Adopt the decision and explanation regarding recirculation of the draft PEIR. (Attachment F)
5. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared in accordance with Section 15097 of the State CEQA Guidelines. (Attachment G)

6. Approve the McClellan-Palomar Airport Master Plan Update (Attachment H)
7. Provide direction on the classification of the Palomar Airport final Master Plan Update alternative and associated options by selecting one of the following alternatives and any available options:
  - 7a.1 D-III Modified Standards Compliance Alternative, with a runway extension of 370 feet; or, Option #7a.2: Allows a runway extension up to 800 feet
  - Or
  - 7b.1 B-II Enhanced Alternative, with no runway extension; or
    - Option #7b.2: With a runway extension up to 200 feet; and/or
    - Option #7b.3: With a runway extension up to 900 feet; and/or
    - Option #7b.4: Directs staff to return to the Board for further consideration of the D-III Modified Standards Compliance Alternative

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The proposed actions will not commit the County of San Diego (County) to construct any facilities or improvements and will not financially obligate the County. The Department of Public Works will return to the Board of Supervisors (Board) at a later date for approval to advertise and award construction contracts as projects are fully designed, and for any necessary appropriations as funding becomes available for implementing the Board’s selected Master Plan alternative. It is expected the projects will be completed in phases over the 20-year planning period covered by the Master Plan Update, and staff will seek annual authorization to apply for federal, including Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and state grants in future years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the proposed Master Plan Update would plan for future investment in Palomar Airport allowing the County of San Diego to continue to provide aviation services to businesses and communities in north county. The proposed Master Plan Update, if approved, will make safety and operational efficiency improvements at Palomar Airport which will play a role in accommodating current and forecast of aviation activities at the airport. Jobs created by airports attract highly skilled trades and professional service employees. The Economic Vitality Analysis Study, prepared for the Palomar Airport, forecasts that by 2030, Palomar Airport will support over 4,600 jobs in the area, with an estimated \$155.2M in personal income, \$33.4M in state and local tax revenue, and \$560.8M in business revenues.

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that an Errata sheet was submitted; ON MOTION of Supervisor Horn, seconded by Supervisor Cox, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following:

1. Certified that the Final PEIR, SCH No. 2016021105, has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, that the Final PEIR was presented to the Board of Supervisors, that the Board of Supervisors reviewed and considered the information contained therein, and that the Final PEIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Adopted the Findings Concerning Mitigation of Significant Environmental Effects pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

3. Adopted the Statement of Location and Custodian of Record.
4. Adopted the decision and explanation regarding recirculation of the draft PEIR.
5. Adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared in accordance with Section 15097 of the State CEQA Guidelines
6. Approved the McClellan Palomar Airport Master Plan Update.
7. Provided direction on the classification of the Palomar Airport final Master Plan Update alternative and associated options, selecting D-III Modified Standards Compliance Alternative with Option #7a.2: allowing a runway extension up to 800 feet in addition to the improvements included on Option #7a.1; and, directed the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board to amend the make-up of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee to allow the City of Carlsbad to submit one suggested committee member for the Board of Supervisor's consideration, and continue to work with the City of Carlsbad on noise concerns.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Roberts, Horn

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

DAVID HALL  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Marvice Mazyck, Chief Deputy