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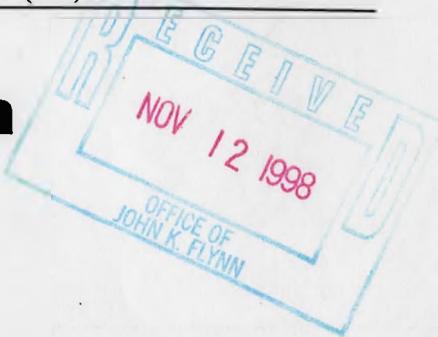
DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS



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Memorandum

To: Members of the Board of Supervisors
From: Kari Gialketsis, Environmental Coordinator
Date: November 10, 1998
Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for
Oxnard Airport Master Plan



Pursuant to the attached Notice of Availability, a copy of the subject document is enclosed for your review and comment. As indicated in the attached Notice, the draft EA/EIR is scheduled for review by the Environmental Report Review Committee (ERRC) on January 6, 1999. It will then go on to the Aviation Advisory Commission and Oxnard Airport Authority for review. It is anticipated that it will be scheduled for your review sometime in February 1999. Please note that there are no extra copies.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/PUBLIC HEARING

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AT OXNARD AIRPORT, OXNARD, CALIFORNIA

Ventura County Department of Airports has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) to examine the environmental consequences of implementing the *Draft Airport Master Plan Update* for Oxnard Airport, including the acquisition of land and additional landside development. The Federal Aviation Administration is the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Ventura County Department of Airports is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will be responsible for certifying the EIR element of this document.

The Draft EA/EIR examines the environmental consequences of projects which would enhance safety and security at the airport by (1) providing airport control over the Runway Safety Area and runway Object Free Area through the fee simple acquisition of 43.28 acres and the acquisition of aviation easements over an additional 111.15 acres; (2) completion of the MALSR lighting system; (3) stormwater drainage improvements and (4) installation of perimeter fencing and security lighting, among other projects. The document also evaluates airport development projects that are identified to accommodate future aviation demand at Oxnard Airport. These projects include (1) the acquisition of approximately 7.9 acres for landside development; (2) an expansion to the terminal building; (3) redesign and expansion of the hangar apron areas; (4) construction of new parking facilities and access roadways; and (5) construction of exit taxiways, among other items. These improvements are in accordance with the FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan. Other alternatives evaluated in the study include various landside development plans to accommodate the same objectives at Oxnard Airport, transferring service to another airport, construction of a new airport, and no action (no project). No significant unavoidable adverse impacts were identified in the analysis.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND LOCATION: The public review period for the draft Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report is from November 6 through December 28, 1998. Copies of the draft document are available for review at the Ventura County Department of Airports Administrative Offices at 555 Airport Way in Camarillo, City of Oxnard Main Library at 251 South A Street, Oxnard, California, and at the Ventura County Resource Management Agency at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. Written comments on the draft EA/EIR may be sent to Kari Gialketsis, Environmental Coordinator at the address indicated above, or call 805/ 388-4235 for more information before December 28, 1998.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing on the draft EA/EIR will be held by the Ventura County Environmental Report Review Committee on Wednesday, January 6, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 344 (multi-purpose room), Third Floor, Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. At the public hearing, the public will be afforded the opportunity to present oral or written comments related to the project. **ALL ORAL COMMENTS WILL BE RECORDED FOR THE RECORD.**