

VENTURA COUNTY STAR

OXNARD, CA 93030
JAN.10,1999

DEAR EDITOR:

ON JAN.6, 1999 I ATENDED A MEETING OF THE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH WAS CONSIDERING A DRAFT OF THE OXNARD AIRPORT'S MASTER PLAN EIR WHICH WAS OUTLINING PROJECTS THAT COULD TAKE PLACE OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS

THE NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS INADEQUATE BECAUSE IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT MASTER PLAN (1987) WITH A NEW DRAFT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE. SINCE THIS MEETING INVOLVED THAT CHANGE WHICH WOULD LATER BE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE NOTICE FOR THE EIR SHOULD HAVE BEEN REVISED TO INCLUDE SUCH REFERENCE SO THAT THE PUBLIC COULD KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

THE EIR INADEQUATELY ADDRESSED THE IMPACTS OF THE DRAFT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE BY TANGLING UP THE LANGUAGE ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY IMPACT! CEQA REQUIRES A PROJECT TO BE EVALUATED AS TO ITS MAXIMUM CAPACITY AND THIS WAS NOT DONE.

WE IN OXNARD DO NOT WANT TO ACCOMMODATE EXPECTED GROWTH IN AIRPORT USE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE DECIDED LONG AGO WITH THE CITY OF CAMARILLO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE DO NOT WANT THE USE OF THE AIRPORT INTENSIFIED. WE DO NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO BUY MORE LAND FOR EXPANDING OR PROTECTING THE AIRPORT. WE DO NOT WANT MORE NOISY BUSINESS JETS COMING TO OXNARD. WE CARE ABOUT SINGLE EVENT NOISE THAT IS EXCESSIVE. WE DO NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO MAKE OXNARD A WASTELAND LIKE VAN NUYS AND MANY OTHER AIRPORT CITIES. WE WANT TO BE LISTENED TO BY THE COUNTY.

SINCERELY,

JANE M. TOLMACH

The airport Director needs to know that
simply
to enlarge to increase activities based on demand
will never work at either airport. He forgets to
factor in the political importance of what the Constitution
thinks about the ~~issues~~