Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans

Fact Sheet

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The basic function of airport land use compatibility plans is to promote compatibility between airports and the land uses that surround them to the extent that these areas are not already devoted to incompatible uses. With limited exceptions, California law requires preparation of a compatibility plan for each public use and military airport in the state by the local airport land use commission (ALUC) in that county.

What are the duties of an ALUC?

The ALUC has two specific duties: (1) preparation and adoption of airport land use compatibility plans; and (2) review of certain local agency land use actions and airport plans for consistency with the compatibility plans.

What authority does the ALUC have?

- No authority over airport development or operations
- No authority over existing land uses
- No direct ability to implement policies
- Authority to prepare and adopt Compatibility Plans

What is the purpose of an ALUCP?

- To protect the safety of people and property on the ground
- To protect the safety of people and aircraft in the air
- To minimize public’s exposure to excessive noise within airport areas
- To protect airports from encroachment by incompatible land uses that could result in restrictions to airport operations
What ALUCPs are being updated at the current time?

There are nine existing ALUCPs (Borrego Valley Airport, Brown Field, Fallbrook Community Airport, Gillespie Field, McClellan-Palomar Airport, Montgomery Field, MCAS Miramar, Oceanside Municipal Airport & San Diego International Airport) that are being updated and up to seven potential new ALUCPs (Agua Caliente Airport, Jacumba Airport, Ocotillo Airport, Ramona Airport, MCAS Camp Pendleton, Naval Air Station North Island and Naval Outlying Field Imperial Beach) being created.

When will these new ALUCPs be adopted?

Six plans were adopted in December 2006 (Borrego Valley Airport, Fallbrook Community Airport, Agua Caliente Airport, Jacumba Airport, Ocotillo Airport, and Ramona Airport) with the remainder scheduled for completion in 2007.

For additional information, please visit the Airport Authority’s website at www.san.org.