

MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ALEX HINDS, DIRECTOR

August 4, 2008

Dear Interested Community Member:

RE: Proposed Extension to Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – Gness Field
State Clearinghouse Number: 2008072037

I would like to invite you to a public scoping session regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and concurrent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that are being prepared for the proposed extension of Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – Gness Field. The scoping session will be held Thursday, August 14, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at the Marin Humane Society Auditorium, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA.

The purpose of the meeting is to identify environmental issues and concerns the public may have about the proposed project so that these issues can be evaluated in the EIS that is being prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the concurrent EIR that is being prepared by the County of Marin. The attached notice provides more details about the project and the meeting.

Please join us and share your questions and concerns about the scope of the environmental analysis for the proposed project. If you would prefer to submit your comments in writing, or cannot attend the scoping meeting, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2008. Please mail your written comments prior to the August 29 submittal deadline to:

Barry Franklin, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office
831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303

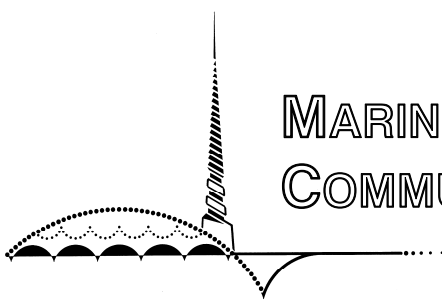
Please contact the Marin Department of Public Works at 415-473-2103 if you have questions about the project. Additional project information is available at: www.gnessfieldeis-eir.com

Sincerely,

Tim Haddad
Environmental Coordinator

Attachments: Notice of Public Scoping Session
Agenda for Public Scoping Session
Location Map for the Marin Humane Society Auditorium
Scoping Session Procedure Information
Written Comment Form

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
and concurrent

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Proposed Extension of Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – Gross Field

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008072037

The Federal Aviation Administration will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), per National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Guidelines. In addition, Marin County will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Marin County Airport – Gross Field Proposed Extension of Runway 13/31. The FAA's EIS and the County of Marin's EIR will be produced concurrently.

Pursuant to federal, state and local guidelines, the FAA will be the Federal lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance and EIS, and the County will be the state lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and the EIR. The FAA has determined that an EIS is required for the proposed project. The County has determined that a full scope EIR is required for the proposed project; therefore pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) an Initial Study has not been prepared.

The potential environmental effects are described below to the extent known and the project location, background, and description are provided. Additional information is available at the project web site: www.grossfieldeis-eir.com

The EIS and EIR will focus on the following topical issues:

1) Noise Impacts	7) Ecological Resources	13) Transportation and Circulation
2) Compatible Land Use	8) Hydrology	14) Aesthetic and Visual Resources
3) Compliance with Adopted Plans	9) Floodplains	15) Public Services
4) Air Quality	10) Geophysical	16) Utilities and Service Systems
5) Water Quality	11) Historic Resources	17) Socioeconomics
6) Wetlands	12) Hazardous Wastes	

To ensure that the EIS and the EIR for this project are thorough and adequate, and meet all the needs of the agencies reviewing it, the FAA and County are soliciting comments on specific issues to be included in the environmental review. Public comments on the scope of the issues to be evaluated in the EIS and EIR are encouraged. A copy of the Preliminary Design Report is on file with the office of the Marin Department of Public Works, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 404, San Rafael, CA, 94903, and is available for public review between the hours of 8:00am to 12 noon and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. A summary of the proposed project may be obtained by calling (415) 499-7877.

Please submit your written comments concerning the scope of the EIS and EIR to the Federal Aviation Administration by August 29, 2008 (written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM PST on August 29, 2008). **Comments by FAX will not be accepted.** Please direct questions about the EIS and the EIR to Mr. Barry Franklin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration.

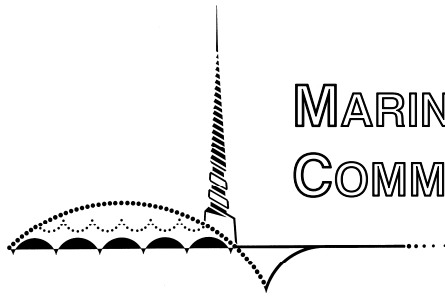
SEND COMMENTS TO: Mr. Barry Franklin
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A public scoping meeting will be held for the EIS and for the EIR. The meeting will be held at the Marin Humane Society Auditorium, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd, Novato, CA, on August 14, 2008 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Signature:



Tim Haddad, Environmental Coordinator



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 2008

RE: Notice of Public Scoping Meeting
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and concurrent Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
for the proposed extension of Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – GROSS Field
State Clearinghouse Number: 2008072037

TO:

State Clearinghouse	U.S. Congress,	Office of Environmental
ABAG Clearinghouse	Congressional District 6	Health Hazard Assessment
U.S. Army Corps of	The Federated Indians of	California National Guard
Engineers San Francisco	Graton Rancheria	California Department of
District	Pomo Coast Miwok Wappo	Housing and Community
Advisory Council on Historic	Pomo Coast Miwok	Development
Preservation	California Department of	California Integrated Waste
National Marine Fisheries	Food and Agriculture	Management Board
Service	California Central Valley	California Water Resources
National Park Service Pacific	Flood Protection Board	Control Board
West Region	Caltrans District 4	Air Resources Board
U.S. Fish and Wildlife	Caltrans Division of	Governor's Office of
Service Region 8	Aeronautics	Homeland Security
U.S. Environmental	California Department of	California Energy
Protection Agency Region 9	Fish and Game Region 3	Commission
U.S. Environmental	Governor's Office of Planning	California Resources Agency
Protection Agency Office of	and Research	California State Office of
Federal Activities	California Department of	Historic Preservation
U.S. Department of Housing	Public Health/Drinking Water	California Environmental
and Urban Development	California Office of	Protection Agency
National Oceanic and	Emergency Services	California Public Utilities
Atmospheric Administration	Wildlife Conservation Board	Commission
(NOAA)	Health and Human Services	California State Lands
U.S. Department of the	Agency	Commission
Interior (DOI) Office of	California Native American	California Department of
Environmental Policy and	Heritage Commission	Parks and Recreation
Compliance	California Department of	California Department of
U.S. Forest Service	Water Resources	Forestry and Fire Protection
Bureau of Indian Affairs		Olompali State Historic Park
Bureau of Land Management		

Office of Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship	City of Larkspur	Marin County Community Development Agency
California State Water Resources Control Board	City of San Rafael	Marin County Board of Supervisors
California Department of General Services	Town of Tiburon	Marin County Transit District
California Department of Transportation	Town of Fairfax	Marin County Emergency Services
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Marin/Sonoma Mosquito Vector Control District	Marin County Farm Advisor
Bay Area Quality Management District Office (BAAQMD)	City of Novato	Marin County Department of Public Works
California Department of Conservation	Novato Fire Department	Marin County Department of Cultural and Visitor Services
Environmental Resources Conservation System	Novato Fire Protection District	Marin County Airport – Gness Field
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 2	Novato Chamber of Commerce	Marin County Farm Bureau
California State Senate District 3	Novato Community Development	Marin County Fire Department
City of Sausalito	Novato Postmaster	Marin County Office of Education
City of Mill Valley	Novato Parks, Recreation, and Community Services	Marin County Administrator
Town of Corte Madera	Novato Public Works	Marin County Dept of Solid/Hazardous Waste
City of San Anselmo	Novato Unified School District	Marin County Counsel
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Novato Sanitary District	Local Agency Formation Commission
San Rafael Chamber of Commerce	Bolinas Community Public Utility District	Marin County Environmental Health Services (EHS)
Town of Ross	Marin City Community Services District	Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space
Flood Control 7 Advisory Board	Bel Marin Keys Community Services District	Marin Agricultural Commission
City of Belvedere	Muir Beach Community Services District	North Coast Railroad Authority
City of Petaluma	Tam Community Services District	SMART District Office
	North Marin Water District	Interested Parties
	Marin Municipal Water District	

Pursuant to state and local guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, please be advised that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the lead agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the County of Marin County is the lead agency for the preparation of a concurrent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed extension of Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – Gness Field. The FAA and the County of Marin need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information in the EIS and EIR that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the project EIS or EIR when considering your permit or other approval required for the project.

To ensure that the EIS and EIR for this project is thorough and adequate, comments on specific issues to be included in the environmental analysis are requested. The FAA and the County will hold a Public Scoping Meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at the Marin Humane Society Auditorium, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to identify environmental issues and concerns the public may have about the proposed project so that these issues can be evaluated in the EIS and the EIR. Please join us and share your questions and concerns about the scope of the environmental analysis for the proposed project. If you would prefer to submit your comments in writing, or cannot attend the scoping meeting, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on August 29, 2008. Please mail your written comments prior to the August 29 submittal deadline to:

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PROJECT TITLE: Proposed Extension of Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – Gness Field

DATE: August 4, 2008



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Tim Haddad

TITLE: Environmental Coordinator
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AND
COUNTY OF MARIN
PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND CONCURRENT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED
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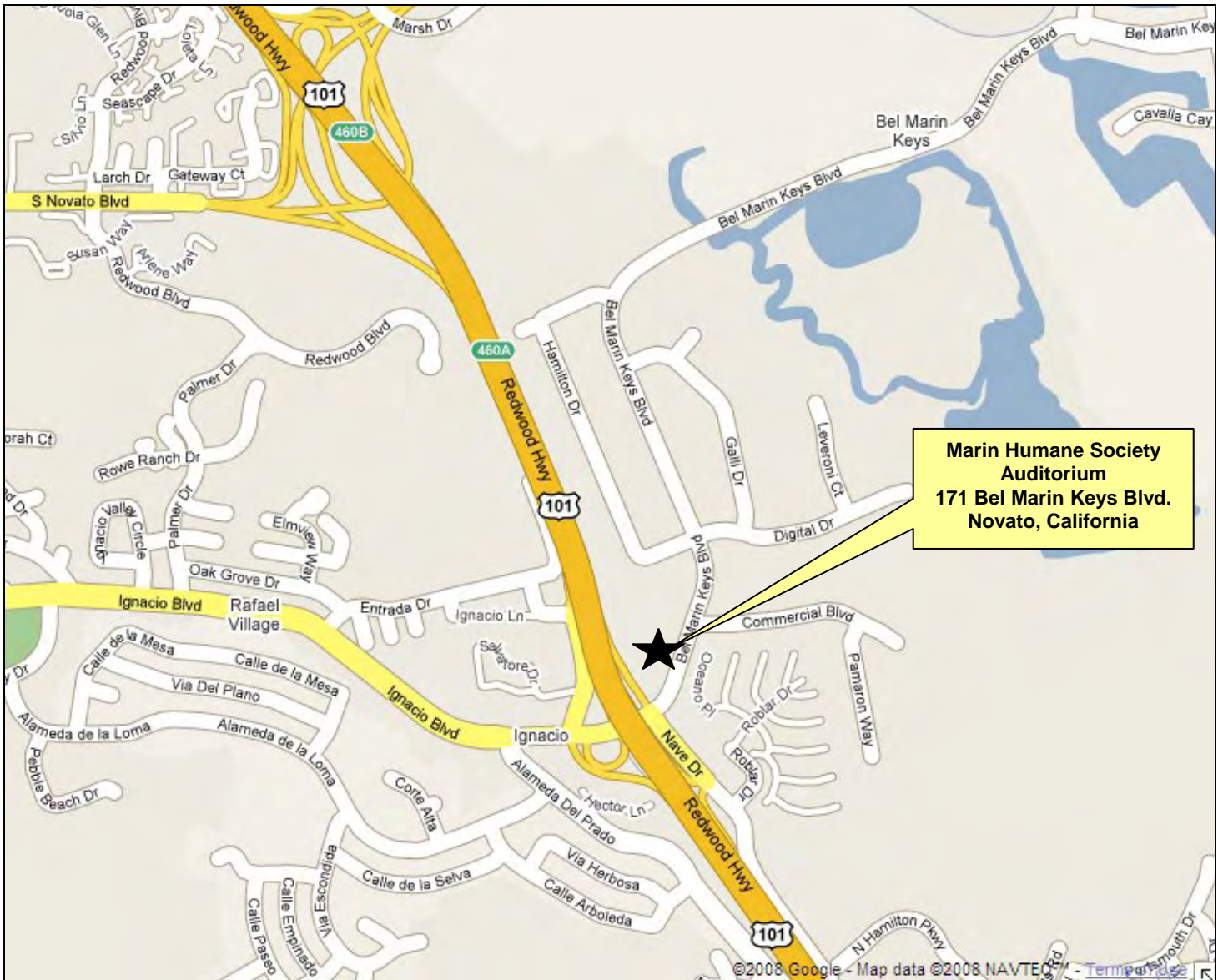
AGENDA

- 6:30 PM I. Introductions
- 6:35 PM II. Purpose of Meeting/Meeting Procedure
- 6:40 PM III. Project Overview
- 7:00 PM IV. Public Comments and Concerns on Scope of Environmental Analysis on the Proposed Project
- 8:30 PM V. Adjournment

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PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

Purpose of the Scoping Session

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the County of Marin are holding this public scoping session to facilitate maximum public participation in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and concurrent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed extension of Runway 13/31 at Marin County Airport – Gness Field. This scoping session is being held pursuant to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to provide early consultation with the public on the EIS and concurrent EIR being prepared for the project. This early consultation is typically called scoping.

The purpose of this public scoping session is to provide individuals, organizations and agencies an opportunity to raise concerns about the environmental effects of the proposed project. Comments will be recorded and be made part of the formal EIS and EIR records. There are likely to be questions raised by speakers at the session, although in the interest of giving everyone a chance to speak, any questions asked will be responded to through the EIS and EIR processes rather than at this meeting. Responses to comments and questions will not be provided at the scoping session since the purpose of the session is for the public to provide information to the FAA and to the County.

Comments must be limited to the scope of environmental effects to be studied, rather than commenting on the merits of the project at this time. NEPA and CEQA define environmental effects as direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to the natural and man-made environment affected by the project. Effects analyzed under CEQA must be related to a physical change in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines sections 15358 and 15360.)

Comment Procedure

At the public scoping session, members of the public will have the opportunity to submit written comments and/or to make oral comments during the session. In order to allow everyone an equal opportunity to speak, each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of organizations are encouraged to select a spokesperson from the organization to speak on the group's behalf to avoid repetition of the same concerns.

Comment forms are available for those who wish to submit written comments either to supplement or take the place of oral comments at the session. Comment forms may also be used to indicate agreement with specific speakers or organization environmental issues in lieu of orally repeating similar concerns. Written comments about the scope of the environmental report will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. local time on August 29, 2008 and must be submitted to Barry Franklin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, CA 94010-1303.

Other Opportunities for Public Comment

The public will have additional opportunities to comment during the EIS and EIR processes and hearings on the merits of the proposed project. Notices regarding the availability of the Draft EIS and Draft EIR, as well as the date, time, and location of public hearings on this matter, will be sent to everyone who indicates on the scoping session sign-in sheet that he or she would like to join the project mailing list.

Project information is also available at: www.grossfieldeis-eir.com

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