

# San Carlos Airport

**COUNTY**<sub>OF</sub> **SAN MATEO**



FAA Community Workshop  
on the Bayside Visual Approach  
Santa Clara County Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium

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## **SAN CARLOS AIRPORT**

- General Aviation Reliever Airport
- Reliever Airports reduce general aviation congestion that would otherwise exist at:
  - San Francisco International Airport
  - Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport
  - Oakland International Airport.
- San Carlos Airport is responsible for:
  - Safety and security of aircraft on the ground
  - Maintenance of runways, taxiways, ramps, building facilities, and
  - Following the guidelines set by the FAA for safe operations and equal access.



## TYPES OF OPERATIONS

- Flight training
  - Charter operations
  - Scenic flights/tours
  - Sheriff's Air Squadron
  - Search and Rescue services
  - Air-Ambulance flights
  - Cal Fire air response
  - Coast Guard training flights
  - Staging for significant events
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- Home to approximately 500 aircraft and 25 airport businesses.





## AIRCRAFT DISTURBANCE STUDY

- Worked with consultants to review best practices for a noise management program.
- Worked with the FAA and Surf Air to implement the Bayside Visual Approach (BVA) 6-month operational test to evaluate an alternative flight path into the San Carlos Airport.
- Community outreach:
  - Implement a noise management tracking system & website
  - Town Hall meetings (5).
- Received FAA funding for a Part 150 Noise Study.
- Conducted statistical tracking of noise complaints, impacted neighborhoods, and percentage of flights flying the BVA during the 6-month operational test. Data was reported to the FAA.



## COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- San Carlos Airport is working with the FAA and Surf Air to develop alternative flight paths to reduce the impact of air traffic on surrounding communities.
  - The Bayside Visual Approach (BVA) was the result of that effort.
  - BVA moves aircraft over the Bay and reduces the impact of overflights for more than 140,000 residents in the region.
  - County recommends approving the BVA as an all weather VFR approach, and an instrument procedure (chartered visual approach) available to all operators.
- County working with a consultant and Surf Air on alternative flight paths and higher altitudes. County is committed to involving the public in that process.



## **NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Work with consultant and surrounding communities to develop alternative arrival and departure flight paths.
- Hire an Airport Communications Specialist.
- Implement Vector Airport Systems.
- Conduct the FAA Part 150 Noise Study.
- Update the Airport's Rules & Regulations and Minimum Standards primary management documents.
- Explore a pilot incentive program for complying with voluntary noise abatement procedures.
- Evaluate the purchase of mobile noise monitors for use in the community.



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***Thank You!***

**Questions?**