

**Public Notice of Availability
of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH#2015121105
for the Proposed Monterey Regional Airport Master Plan**

Notice is hereby given that the Monterey Peninsula Airport District (District), as owner and operator of the Monterey Regional Airport (Airport) and Lead Agency has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Monterey Regional Airport Master Plan (Proposed Project) pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Proposed Project provides a development framework to implement improvements that will enable the Airport to accommodate future demand for air travel forecast to occur at Monterey Regional Airport (MRY). The Proposed Project would result in the following significant and unavoidable impacts during construction and/or operation of the project: aesthetics, biological resources, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, off-Airport emergency response times, land use policy inconsistencies, noise, and traffic and circulation. This notice is to advise you of the availability of the Draft EIR, for your review and comment between September 17 and October 31, 2018.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Proposed Project that is evaluated with the DEIR include the projects recommended in the Airport Master Plan's (AMP) capital improvement program, as well as the AMP's overall land use plan (which includes non-aviation development and redevelopment on airport property). Short and long-term (programmatic) project components include, but are not limited to: (1) Taxiway A shift to meet current FAA design standards, (2) Terminal replacement and relocation with a loop road to provide better customer service experience including traffic flow, a sustainable facility with technological advances, (3) Relocated and expanded apron on the south side to better serve air carriers, (4) ARFF replacement and relocation to the site of the existing commercial terminal to enhance service and safety, (5) Relocation of general aviation (GA) activity to the northside to separate GA from air carrier activity and addition of GA hangars, (6) New access road from Hwy 218 to the northside to accommodate future GA hangars and development and avoid additional traffic in local neighborhoods to the west, (7) Non-aviation uses on the north and south side of the Airport, (8) Frontage road along Hwy 68 to access properties and enhance safety on Hwy 68, and (9) Existing airport industrial area redevelopment maintaining existing use intensity.

The District has studied the effects of the Proposed Project on the environment in the DEIR in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines including an analysis of reasonable and feasible alternatives, potentially significant impacts, and mitigation measures. The DEIR provides an analysis of the following topics: Aesthetics, Agriculture, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, Cumulative Impacts, and Growth Inducement. The DEIR, in conjunction with the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS), scoped out the

following environmental resources categories because the Proposed Project is not anticipated to have impacts on these resources: Forestry Resources and Mineral Resources.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Draft EIR SCH#2015121105 and technical studies are available for review between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Monterey Regional Airport Administrative Office, located at 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, California 93940. Copies on thumb drives are also available at the Monterey Regional Airport and are available for purchase. The documents are also available online at www.montereyairport.specialdistrict.org and at the following public libraries (review days and times vary by location): Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940 and Seaside Branch Library, 550 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at the MRY Administrative Offices, in the Airport District Board meeting room, at 200 Fred Kane Drive, CA 93940. More information will be available on the website link listed above. The public meeting will provide an overview of the Proposed Project and the findings of the Draft EIR.

Written and oral comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted at the meeting. Comments may also be submitted, in writing, postmarked no later than 5:00 PM on October 31, 2018, via regular mail to MPAD, Planning Department, 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, California 93940 or by e-mail to planning@montereyairport.com. Hand delivery to the Airport District office at Monterey Regional Airport, 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, California 93940, will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Any questions may be addressed to the Planning Office at 831-648-7000 ext. 208.

The Monterey Regional Airport Board Room is a handicapped accessible facility. For special accommodations at any meeting associated with this project, please contact the Airport Planning office at 831-648-7000 ext. 208 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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