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**AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ANAC)
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2012**

On October 17th, 2012, the Airport Noise Advisory Committee (Committee) met at the Quieter Home Program Offices, located at 2722 Truxtun Road, San Diego, CA 92106. The facilitator, Mark Butler, Ph.D., commenced the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Present: John Bennett, County of San Diego; Captain (Ret.) Jack Bewley, Retired Airline Pilot; Jane Gawronski, PhD., Ocean Beach Planning Board; Kirk Hanson Community member; Congresswoman Susan Davis (ex-officio) representative Daniel Hazard; David Swarens, Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee; Carl Huenefeld, MCRD; Paul Webb, Peninsula Community Planning Board; Jack Zimmerman Acoustician; Mark Butler, Facilitator; and Airport Authority Staff: Steve Cummings.

Absent: Rob Cook, FAA Representative (Excused); Hirsch Gottschalk, Uptown Planners (Excused); Steven Holt, Airline Representative (ex-officio); Tait Galloway, City of San Diego; City Council District 2 (ex-officio) representative Michael Patton; Joe Scaglione, North Bay Community Advisory Planning Board (Excused); Deborah Watkins, Mission Beach Precise Planning Board (ex-officio) (Excused); County Supervisor Greg Cox (ex-officio) (Vacant); Little Italy Association (Vacant)

Dr. Butler invited each ANAC participant to introduce him/herself. Because there was no quorum present, Dr. Butler tabled approval of the July 18, 2012 meeting minutes.

Before proceeding, Mr. Frazee informed the committee of Jack Zimmerman's coming retirement as the volunteer professional Acoustician for ANAC; and acknowledged him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution and participation on ANAC from July 2007 to October 2012.

Mr. Frazee introduced the latest version of the Authority's Noise Matters Newsletter that was sent in October to 38,000 residences within the SDIA Noise Impact Area, and pointed out an article regarding FAA's amended eligibility guidelines for the airport's residential sound insulation program. Current and previous newsletters are accessible in electronic format at www.san.org.

As for the Airport Authority, Mr. Frazee provided three quick updates, 1) Green Built Project-the 10 gate expansion is on schedule and under budget. In the near future, the wholesale replacement of food and beverage tenants at all three terminals will undoubtedly make for

traveler inconvenience, especially in T2 east and west. Final touches to the new upper level roadway and ticket counter serving the Terminal 2 complex are underway; sail masts are up in both locations and the sail structure will be completed by spring of 2013; 2) Airport Development Plan (ADP) (Master Plan) – north side, will have several concept meetings the week of October 21, with public meetings scheduled on Monday, October 22 at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 p.m. on the Commuter Terminal's second floor; 3) the persistent fog that rolled in on October 16 in the late afternoon caused significant cancellations for inbound flights.

Mr. Frazee then reviewed the Records of Decision from two Curfew Violation Review Panel (CVRP) meetings held since the July ANAC meeting. At the first, held August 1, of six operations evaluated by the Panel, three were assessed penalties for a total of \$16,000.00, and three were assessed no penalty due to aircraft maintenance issues beyond the operator's control discovered prior to pushback or during taxi. The second meeting, on October 3, reviewed three operations: one general aviation and two air carrier departures, where one was penalized \$2,000.00, one was not penalized due to maintenance, and one was deferred until the December CVRP due to the incomplete documentation by the air carrier. ANAC was informed that CVRP meets on a bi-monthly schedule on the first Monday of the month starting in February; a public meeting which takes place in the Noise Monitoring Room on the third floor of the Commuter Terminal beginning at 2:00 PM. A question was asked regarding what criteria the Panel uses that could lead to operator exoneration. Mr. Frazee gave the following criteria for a curfew operation to be exempted from fines. The Panel does not review emergencies or medical flights of necessity (LifeFlight) which transport medical patients or human organs to San Diego hospitals. These operators, however, are required to complete a form with the Authority within 72-hours stating the purpose of the flight to be exempted from the curfew. Additionally, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) asks the Panel to review three conditions in their evaluation of extenuating circumstances – Air Traffic Control delays (ground hold) at San Diego, adverse or extreme weather condition at San Diego which delay the departure, and aircraft maintenance issues discovered close to scheduled departure time and outside of the operator's control. A member asked if the Airport Authority could exclude a particular type of aircraft from operating at the airport. Mr. Frazee responded that we lack that ability due to FAA rules – as long as an aircraft meets the minimum noise standards required by FAA, we cannot prohibit the aircraft from operating at San Diego. However, Noise Mitigation staff works continuously with the air carriers and business jet operators to ensure aircraft that fly into SAN meet established criteria. It was also reiterated that the SDIA curfew is a departure curfew only (from 11:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m.) and that arrivals are permitted 24-hours daily. This concluded Mr. Frazee's presentation.

A quorum now present, Dr. Butler requested a motion to approve the July 18 draft meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by a majority of the Committee, with one abstention, without discussion.

For the initial presentation item, Dr. Butler introduced Ms. Sjohnna Knack, Program Manager of the Quieter Home Program (QHP), who together with Mr. Frazee discussed the impact/guidelines of a recent FAA Program Guidance Letter (PGL). Mr. Frazee started the presentation by explaining what and how the PGL might impact eligibility criteria for residents not currently under contract for residential sound insulation. The most significant change is that

airports will be required to submit airport-specific testing criteria that will exclude homes whose average interior noise level is greater than 45 decibels on the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) metric.

Ms. Knack emphasized that QHP staff is working closely with the FAA to find out more about what type of methodology FAA will accept. Discussion ensued among members and staff as well as by community members present. Dr. Butler recommended that further discussion be taken on the side and assured the audience that staff will be available following the meeting to answer concerns and questions regarding this issue. Background documentation is available at the following site: http://www.san.org/sdcraa/airport_initiatives/qhp/faa_letter.aspx

A resident asked if there will be more flights at the airport because of the terminal expansion (Green Build) project. Mr. Frazee responded that arrivals and departures at the airport are down 12½% from the height of operations in 2007. From 650 flights per day in 2007, the airport is experiencing about 500 operations daily now. The reference was to make the point that the airport has seen a decrease in transportation opportunities due to the merger of air carriers and the turndown in the economy. The past few years has brought a consolidation of flights, with operators opting for larger (but fewer) aircraft. We look forward to the addition of a flight to Tokyo's Narita airport beginning in December to add to San Diego's economy. The reason for the 10 gate expansion is to avoid overcrowding the terminals as we continue to get back to our 2007 operations numbers.

Ms. Knack then updated the group regarding the QHP. As of this date, QHP has completed 2,350 homes; since July, 80 homes were completed, including 26 condominiums units. 597 units are in process, which could mean being in design, bidding or pre-construction phases; in construction there are over a hundred homes. Additionally, on the airport's east side, QHP is moving forward with insulating three historical homes in the Golden Hills neighborhood. Ms. Knack mentioned that staff has received about 50 phone calls and emails related to the Noise Matters (eligibility change) article, and has sent out explanatory letters to homeowners under contract and on the waiting list for insulation. This concluded Ms. Knack's presentation.

Mr. Hollarn presented updated Missed Approach statistics. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

http://www.san.org/documents/airport_noise/anac/12Oct_presentation_items.pdf

Mr. Hollarn presented an update of year-to-date Aircraft Noise Complaints. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

http://www.san.org/documents/airport_noise/anac/12Oct_presentation_items.pdf

A member asked whether complaints about military flights are included in the report. Mr. Hollarn responded that complaints about flights determined not to be destined for or originating out of San Diego International are referred to the correct agency, i.e., military aircraft to North Island NAS, and helicopter overflights to either the police department or military agency. Since our 23 community-based noise monitors do not discriminate, any aircraft noise event collected is included, for reporting purposes.

Mr. Hollarn also responded to one members question on the availability of the presentation items, explaining that all meeting documentation is posted to and is now available on the SAN website.

Mr. Cummings next presented Contra-Flow operations. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

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Mr. Cummings presented updated Early Turns operations. See the PowerPoint presentation at the following link:

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Mr. Hollarn presented and discussed two additional slides just added to the presentation that show the direction of Early Turns and the time of day of such operations. Discussion ensued regarding how the information was presented on the Early Turn slides. Additionally, ANAC members acknowledged tower and TRACON personnel on their adherence to the offshore turn protocol and the decrease in early turns during the last year, but noted that the numbers were starting to increase and inquired if new controllers not advised about the procedure might be the reason. Mr. Frazee said he would inquire regarding this issue with the FAA representative, who was unable to participate at this meeting.

Public comment: A, Loma Portal resident asked if noise testing is being conducted at residences and, if so, how can a community member request a noise test of her residence. Mr. Hollarn responded that noise testing can be requested but is performed outside of the residence, not indoor. Questions and discussion ensued regarding the airport's noise contour boundary lines and how they are determined.

New business: Dr. Butler informed the members that the next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2013 at the Commuter Terminal and since it is the first meeting of the year, discussion will include the dates and times of 2013 meetings; possible changes to established Authority policy, rules and procedures, and member's input regarding staff presentation of statistical data.

Dr. Butler adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Noise Monitoring, located in the Commuter Terminal.



Dan Frazee
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NOTE: 1) Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) on the Airport Noise Office website at www.san.org/airportnoise/info_noise_main.asp for clarification of commonly asked aircraft noise-oriented questions at SDIA.

