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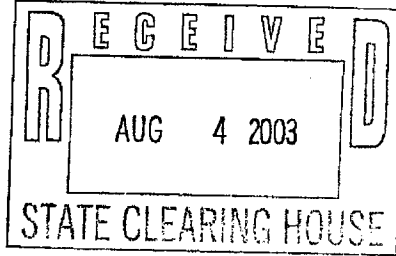
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July 31, 2003

Mr. Kyle Kollar
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Dear Mr. Kollar:

Re: *Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) City of Manteca General Plan 2023;*
SCH# 2002042088

The California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics ("Department"), reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The following comments are offered for your consideration.

1. The proposal is for an update to the City of Manteca General Plan. Portions of the Study Area Boundary for the General Plan appear to be within the San Joaquin County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) designated *Area of Influence* for Stockton Metropolitan Airport.
2. In accordance with Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 21676, local General Plans and any amendments must be consistent with the adopted airport land use compatibility plans developed by the San Joaquin County ALUC. This requirement is necessary to ensure that General Plan policies and recommendations for noise impact assessment and land use densities are appropriate, given the nature of airport operations. In addition to submitting the proposal to the ALUC, it should also be coordinated with airport staff to ensure that the General Plan will be compatible with future as well as existing airport operations.
3. In addition, in accordance with CEQA, Public Resources Code 21096, the Department's Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook) must be utilized as a resource in the preparation of environmental documents for projects within an airport land use compatibility plan boundaries or if such a plan has not been adopted, within two nautical miles of an airport. The Handbook is a resource that should be applied to all public use airports. The Handbook is published on-line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/htmlfile/landuse.html>.
4. The enclosed Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular (AC150/5200-33) entitled "Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or Near Airports" states that land use practices that attract or sustain hazardous wildlife populations

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on or near airports can significantly increase the potential for wildlife-aircraft collisions. The FAA recommends that landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, surface mining, wetlands and other uses that have the potential to attract wildlife, be restricted in the vicinity of an airport. Also enclosed is a copy of AC 150/5200-34 entitled "Construction or Establishment of Landfills Near Public Airports."

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5. The need for compatible and safe land uses near airports in California is both a local and a state issue. We strongly feel that the protection of airports from incompatible land use encroachment is vital to California's economic future. Airport land use commissions and airport land use compatibility plans, however, are key to protecting an airport and the people residing and working in the vicinity of an airport.

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These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Department's Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional airport land use planning issues. We advise you to contact our district office concerning surface transportation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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Aviation Environmental Planner

Enclosures

c: State Clearinghouse
Stockton Metro Airport
ALUC c/o San Joaquin Council of Governments