

# PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

## AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLANS FOR SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT, SANTA MARIA AIRPORT, LOMPOC AIRPORT, SANTA YNEZ AIRPORT, NEW CUYAMA AIRPORT AND VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

**Project Name:** Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCPs) for Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Maria Airport (SMX), Lompoc Airport (LPC), Santa Ynez Airport (IZA), New Cuyama Airport (L88), and Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB).

**Lead Agency/Project Proponent:** The Policy Board of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission for Santa Barbara County.

**Brief Project Description:** The basic function of the ALUCPs is to promote compatibility between the county's airports and the land uses that surround the Airports. The ALUCPs apply to areas around Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Maria Public Airport, Lompoc Airport, Santa Ynez Airport, New Cuyama Airport, and Vandenberg Air Force Base. As such, the ALUCPs include specified limitations and conditions on the future development of new residential, commercial and other noise and risk-sensitive land uses surrounding the Airports. The ALUCPs provide land use compatibility policies and criteria for the area surrounding the Airports, and includes components describing the Airports, existing and planned land use patterns in the Airport environs, compatibility zone maps, compatibility policies and criteria, and procedural policies.

**Project Location:** The ALUCPs establish policies applicable to the development of future land use in the area surrounding the Airports in the cities of Lompoc, Santa Maria, Goleta, and Santa Barbara and unincorporated Santa Barbara County. The ALUCPs establishes Airport Influence Areas (AIAs) for six airports in Santa Barbara County; Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Maria Airport, Lompoc Airport, Santa Ynez Airport, New Cuyama Airport, and Vandenberg Air Force Base. The AIAs are composed of two review areas. Review Area 1 includes areas within the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) contours and safety zones delineated for the Airports as part of the ALUCP update. Review Area 2 includes the FAR Part 77 airspace surfaces and overflight notification areas identified in the ALUCPs. Agencies with jurisdiction over lands within the AIA would be required to submit proposed general plan amendments, comprehensive plan amendments, specific plans, and zoning ordinances and amendments to the Airport Land Use Commission, for determinations of consistency with the relevant ALUCP.

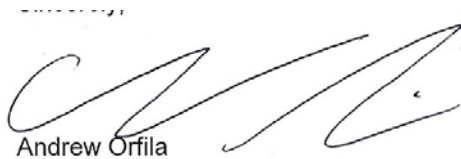
A map showing the location of the Airports in a regional context is provided as Figure III-1, on page 5 in the Initial Study. The AIA for Santa Barbara Airport is depicted in Figure III-14, the AIA for Santa Maria Public Airport is depicted in Figure III-15, the AIA for Lompoc Airport is depicted in Figure III-16, the AIA for Vandenberg Air Force Base is depicted in Figure III-17, the

AIA for Santa Ynez Airport is depicted in Figure III-18, and the AIA for New Cuyama Airport is depicted in Figure III-19. The AIAs shown in the Initial Study figures include Review Areas 1 and 2 for each Airport.

**Initial Study:** An Initial Study of the ALUCP was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)<sup>1</sup> and its implementing guidelines<sup>2</sup> to ascertain whether implementation of the ALUCP might have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the Initial Study is attached to this proposed Negative Declaration and is incorporated by reference.

**Finding:** The Santa Barbara County Airport Land Use Commission finds, on the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study, and any comments received and responses thereto), that there is no substantial evidence that the ALUCPs prepared for each Airport may have a significant effect on the environment and that this Negative Declaration reflects the ALUC's independent judgment and analysis.

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<sup>1</sup> California Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.  
<sup>2</sup> 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15000, et seq.