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### Re: 2020120204, County of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Ms. Kelly:

The California Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Program has reviewed the Draft Environmental Review for the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan Update. One of the goals of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Aeronautics Program, is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions or their equivalent (ALUC), to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including the Aeronautics Program in the review of the Draft EIR.

The Aeronautics Program commends the County of San Diego for including mitigation measures regarding airport hazards and noise, and encourages the continued collaboration of the County with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) acting as the ALUC for San Diego County, County Airports, and the FAA when applicable to ensure safety practices and land use compatibility are upheld.

Compatibility concerns regarding airport obstructions and hazards to flight (such as wildlife attractants, lighting, or glare i.e., solar, etc.) should also be considered for further review upon site specific updates or projects. Proposed structures that exceed FAA Regulations Part 77 height criteria are subject to an Obstruction Evaluation/Airspace Analysis for determination.

Per the California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq. relating to the State Aeronautics Act, Section 21676(b) prior to the amendment of a general plan...within the planning boundary established by the airport land use commission pursuant to Section 21675, the local agency shall first refer the proposed action to the commission. If the commission determines that the proposed action is inconsistent with the

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commission's plan, the referring agency shall be notified. Any proposed development in the defined safety zones or Airport Influence Area (AIA), therefore, must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan(s) formed by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674.

An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development of airports, as declared by the California Legislature. A responsibility of the ALUC is to assess potential risk to aircraft and persons in airspace and people occupying areas within the vicinity of the airport.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: [tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany Martinez  
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