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### **Re: SCH # 2024080799 – City of Vista General Plan Update 2050**

Dear Mr. Ressler:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the General Plan Update 2050 (Project). The Division of Aeronautics collaborates with cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) to ensure compliance with the State Aeronautics Act (California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq.). We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the review process.

The closest airports to the City of Vista are the Oceanside Municipal Airport and the McClellan-Palomar Airport. Portions of the City of Vista are located within the planning boundary of an airport land use plan.

In accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq., related to the State Aeronautics Act, Section 21676(b) requires that before amending a general plan within the planning boundary established by the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) under Section 21675, the local agency must first refer the proposed action to the commission. If the commission finds the proposed action inconsistent with its plan, the local agency will be notified. Therefore, any proposed development within the defined safety zones or airport influence area shall comply with the safety criteria and restrictions outlined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) adopted by the ALUC, as mandated by PUC Section 21674.

A portion of northern Vista lies within the Airport Influence Area (AIA) Review Area 2 of the Oceanside Municipal Airport, while a portion of southern Vista lies within the AIA Review Area 2 of the McClellan-Palomar Airport. The Project also contains portions that lie within the overflight, avigation easements, and FAA height notification area of the McClellan-Palomar airport. Therefore, the Project must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions outlined in the

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2010 Oceanside Municipal ALUCP and the 2010 McClellan-Palomar ALUCP, adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. An ALUCP is essential for minimizing noise nuisances and safety hazards around airports while promoting orderly development, with the ALUC responsible for assessing risks to aircraft, airspace users, and people on the ground.

California Public Utilities Code Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards near airports. Structures should not be at a height that will result in penetration of the airport imaginary surfaces. In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace" a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) may be required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). For further information or a copy of Form 7460-1, please refer to the FAA website <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp>.

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.

It is recommended that general plans incorporate the safety, noise, and airspace protection guidelines from Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCPs) to ensure development within Airport Influence Areas align with airport safety and operational standards. Policies should define compatible land uses, mandate consultation with the Airport Land Use Commission for development reviews and incorporate noise mitigation measures as needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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