

Director's Report
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As you may be aware, on December 16 the County Board of Supervisors considered various options for classification of McClellan-Palomar Airport. The meeting included a staff presentation and statement from multiple speakers both for and against this option. The Board directed staff to proceed by focusing on modified C/D-III classification subject to preparation of a Program-Level Environmental Impact Report (referred to as an EIR). The fourth Public Workshop to present the draft Master Plan will be held on February 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, located at 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

It's also time for work to start on the EIR. A Notice of Preparation (referred to as an NOP) is the first step in the EIR process. The NOP will provide a description of the project and provide an overview of potential environmental effects of the project that will be discussed further in the EIR. The NOP will be posted for a 30-day public review to coincide with the next Master Plan workshop.

The format of the workshop will be similar to the previous events which was a short staff presentation/overview and County/Consultant staff available at individual stations to discuss elements of the proposed project. Comments on the NOP will be accepted in writing at the workshop, emailed, or mailed to the Airport office. We will have information on how to do that at the workshop and on our website.

County staff will compile the comments and integrate them into the analysis of the EIR. Another public workshop will be held during the public review period for the draft Program EIR, which we anticipate will occur early 2017.