

GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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REAL PROPERTY REPORT  
INFORMATION ITEM

EL CAJON FLYING SERVICE  
SAA FLIGHT TRAINING  
PROPOSED RENOVATION

El Cajon Flying Service (ECFS) and SAA Flight Training (SAA) are proposing to renovate the hangar space that SAA is currently subleasing from ECFS. The renovation will consist of the remodeling of existing hangar space into a modernized ground school and flight briefing facility capable of more effectively handling their current student base of approximately 100 students per year. No aircraft or tenants will be displaced as a result of these renovations.

The remodeled facilities will allow more classroom space to support SAA's new CAAC Professional Pilot Program. The majority of students attending the school will be enrolled in this new program which has been developed to improve air and ground safety in and around the Gillespie Field Airport by implementing changes to their curriculum such as:

- 60% increase in the number of hours students spend in Ground Training
- 47 % increase in the number of dual hours students fly
- 160 hours of English as a Second Language instruction and proficiency testing by a full time ESL Instructor
- A reduction in the number of solo hours students fly to 10 hours; the majority of which will be flown at the Borrego Springs Airport and other outlying airports.

SAA Flight Training's renovation is the culmination of their move from the Jet Air leasehold to their current location. SAA Flight Training employ's 64 individuals comprised of staff, ground and flight instructors, and maintenance personnel; operates 24 aircraft; and produces local revenues of nearly five-million (\$5,000,000) dollars per year.



