

McClellan-Palomar Airport EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

McClellan-Palomar Airport (Palomar Airport) has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to John Otto, Airport Manager, (760) 431-4646. Palomar Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Palomar Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport.

Airport Information

Name of Airport: McClellan-Palomar Airport

Website: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/airports/palomar.html>

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Airport Category: Non Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Coordinator at (760) 497-4938 or after hours, Security Operation Center at (760) 908-8249 for assistance. Palomar Airport is located at: 2192 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, California 92011

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays:

Palomar Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency:

The gates at Palomar Airport are “common use” gates with air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We direct our air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane, to the maximum extent practicable. Maximum aircraft size is limited to a Bombardier RJ700 or equivalent.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

Palomar Airport is not an international airport and cannot accept international commercial flights. We will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

Palomar Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/airports/palomar.html)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport’s social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.