

Comment Letter I30

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To: LUEG, PalomarMP
Subject: Airport Permitting Process

As a resident of Carlsbad, I attended the meeting and presentation held on January 30, 2018.

While I acknowledge the efforts that were made to explain that McLellan Palomar Airport will never be another John Wayne, I was troubled by the assertion made by one of the presenters that the Master Plan was compliant with the requirements of Carlsbad’s CUP 172.

The basis for the assertion that the plan was in compliance with CUP 172 was that the plan included no expansion of the footprint of the airport. In support of that position, the panel member referenced the definition of the word “expansion” in the City code.

As written in Section 21 of the Carlsbad City code, the definition is as follows:

“Expansion” means to enlarge or increase the size of an existing structure or use including the physical size of the property, building, parking and other improvements. (Ord. CS-050 § II, 2009).

The definition is not limited to changes that require a larger footprint, as asserted at the meeting. Further, the definition clearly states that “expansion” includes both enlargement of the physical attributes of the facilities as well as any enlargement of the use of those facilities.

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Parsing the sentence leads to two separate, but equal aspects of the definition:

“Expansion” means to enlarge or increase the use of the property, building, parking and other improvements. (Ord. CS-050 § II, 2009)

“Expansion” means to enlarge or increase the size of an existing structure including the physical size of the property, building, parking and other improvements. (Ord. CS-050 § II, 2009)

The contemplated plan will increase both the size of an existing structure - the length of the runway - and the use of the facilities. The plan contemplates increasing the number of commercial passengers using the airport from close to zero in 2017 to over 500,000 per year in the plan timetable.

As a result, I take issue with those responsible for the development of the Master Plan, and I take the position that the citizens of Carlsbad voted many years ago to specifically require that a plan such as this would have to be approved by a majority of the voters.

Yours truly

Stuart Hepburn

Response to Letter I30**Stuart Hepburn**

- I30-1** The County acknowledges this comment; however, it does not raise an issue concerning the analysis or adequacy of the PEIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088. Please refer to **Master Response 5 (Airport Expansion/Public Vote)**. No further response is required. This comment is included in the Final PEIR for review and consideration by the County Board of Supervisors prior to a final decision on the Proposed Project.