



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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November 20, 2025

TO: Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair
Supervisor Palomar Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem.
Supervisor Monica Montgomery, Vice Chair
Supervisor Joel Anderson
Supervisor Jim Desmond

FROM: Clifford Kaiser, Chairman
Palomar Airport Advisory Committee

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR 2025.

Enclosed is an annual report prepared by the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC) which contains a summary of actions and recommendations for the calendar year 2025. This report was prepared in accordance with Article XL, § 738 of the Administrative Code of the County of San Diego.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (760) 310-7408 or Jamie Abbott, Director of Airports, at (619) 956-4800.

Respectfully,

Clifford Kaiser, Chairman
Palomar Airport Advisory Committee

Attachment: Palomar Airport Advisory Committee – Annual Committee Report 2025

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This report was prepared in accordance with Article XL, § 738 of the Administrative Code of the County of San Diego. This report covers activities for the calendar year 2025, which included six PAAC meetings.

Findings and Recommendations

January 16, 2025

- Chairperson Cliff Kaiser and Vice Chairperson Shirley Anderson were elected to their positions.
- PAAC committee members and County staff discussed meeting minutes completion. Mr. Otto reported that he had a conversation with staff and will be able to support 10 business days turnaround on the draft meeting minutes due to extra staff support.

March 20, 2025

- Mr. Abbott updated the PAAC committee and the public about the new Director of Public Works Marisa Barrie.
- Mr. Otto announced that a Commercial Service started with American Airlines on February 13, 2025.
- Mr. Otto provided a presentation about challenges and updates on unleaded fuel for Palomar Airport.

May 15, 2025

- Mr. Karpe suggested that improvements to alleviate concerns about noise during quiet hours could be made if improvements to the VNAP hours are changed for Props and Jets to have the same voluntary restrictions. Mr. Karpé moved the motion to be approved, Mr. Cohen seconded. Motion was approved with 4 votes in favor; Shirley Anderson, Armen Kurdian, Larry Cohen, and Kevin Karpé, 3 nays'; Gordon Nesbitt, Cliff Kaiser, Clayton Lackey, 2 absent members; Garry Greening, and Howard Krausz. Airport staff ran this through the County's internal process, and it was determined that this is a staff level decision and not appropriate at the Board level.
- Chairperson Kaiser advised that the PAAC would like to create a VNAP sub-committee that would consist of a maximum of 9 members, 2-3 committee members and the rest from the community. Chairperson Kaiser asked if any members would like to join. Mr. Karpe offered to be a subject matter expert but did not want to serve as a member of the subcommittee. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Lackey volunteered to be part of the sub-committee, Mr. Kaiser mentioned that Mr. Greening wanted to be part of it as well. Mr. Kaiser moved the motion to be approved, Mr. Lackey seconded. Motion was approved with all members present votes in favor: Shirley Anderson, Armen Kurdian, Larry Cohen, Kevin Karpé, Gordon Nesbitt, Cliff Kaiser, and Clayton Lackey. 2 absent members: Garry Greening, and Howard Krausz.

July 17, 2025

- Mrs. Gutierrez presented to the PAAC members and public information regarding proposed amendment of two new 50-year leases with Palomar Airport Road 2006 LLC, formerly known as Carlsbad Jet Center, at McClellan-Palomar Airport. Mrs. Gutierrez presented the recommended motion item: *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed two new 50-year leases with Palomar Airport Road 2006 LLC”*. Mr. Kurdian moved to approve the recommended motion *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed two new 50-year leases with Palomar Airport Road 2006 LLC”*. Chairperson Kaiser seconded. Motion was not approved, 2 yay from Mr. Kurdian and Chairperson Kaiser, 1 opposed Mrs. Anderson, 2 abstain, Mr. Greening and Mr. Krausz, 1 recusal from Mr. Lackey, and 3 absent Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Karpé and Mr. Cohen.

September 18, 2025

- Mr. Abbott commented that Carlsbad Jet Center has two leases, this item was brought back for fairness to the PAAC to help clarify the discussion. Mr. Abbott delivered all the items related to the lease and recommended the following Motion for approval *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed two new 50-year leases with Palomar Airport Road 2006 LLC”*. Mr. Cohen moved to approve the recommended motion *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed two new 50-year leases with Palomar Airport Road 2006 LLC”*. Mr. Kurdian seconded. Motion was approved with 5 votes in favor: Mr. Kurdian, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Karpé, 2 opposed: Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Greening, 1 abstain: Mr. Krausz, 1 absent: Mr. Lackey.

November 20, 2025

- Pending

Additional Activities

The PAAC meetings serve as a public forum for attendees to express comments and ask questions about airport operations. Much of the public comment is regarding aircraft noise concerns, flight path and VNAP. Public comments allow the PAAC and Airport staff to inform residents about airport operations and explore the opportunities to address their concerns.

The PAAC also supports the Fly Friendly program in several ways. A significant component of that program is education. The PAAC has taken a role of educating residents in the local communities, as well as the pilot communities. The PAAC also works closely with airport users and pilot communities, including the Palomar Airport

Association. PAAC Members and Airport Staff frequently attend the Palomar Airport Association meetings to provide airport updates and information regarding the Fly Friendly Program.

Informative presentations were provided to committee members and attendees during the PAAC meetings in 2025. At every PAAC meeting Mr. Reiner presented the Airport Monthly Performance Report.

In January, Mrs. Bechtold updated about the high heat event that happened early 2024, she said that as of March of last year all items are within compliance, high heat event is over, but staff continue to monitor. Mrs. Bechtold mentioned that the gas line maintenance has been completed and that all line sections are working as of January 15, 2025. Mrs. Bechtold advised there are no other plans for replacement until a probe dictates further repairs as for now there is routine and monthly check for the sites to ensure consistent compliance.

In March, Mr. Abbott advised that the Airport Enterprise Fund is a self-supporting fund, separate from other County funds it is used to budget continuing airport operations, and it funds the maintenance and management of the eight County airports collectively and the services to the airport community. Funding sources for the AEF include the following: FAA grant funding, on-site lease agreements and fees: landing fees, tie-down fees and fuel flowage. Funding is used for items such as safe and efficient operations of airports and on-going maintenance such as the runway / taxiways, airport grounds, terminal buildings, capital improvements, infrastructure improvements, safety and 24/7 operations.

In May, Mr. Reiner updated that the County is still in the process of relocating the noise monitor and presented a map with potential locations. Mr. Reiner suggested that if the noise mic is placed on County owned property it could be placed the same day and save time and money. County-owned land is one potential location that is being reviewed, is 1.37 miles from the airport on the centerline, no lease will be required, and no permits.

In July, Mr. Otto updated that the Western Aviation fuel tank is being reviewed, officially submitted the removal plan. We will know if the plan is approved by mid-August. Mr. Reiner gave an update about the new noise mic, he said it will be placed off Locker Ave.

In September, Mr. Abbott updated everyone on the Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF). Mr. Abbott commented that Palomar Airport does not receive support from General Fund or any County Fund and that the Federal grants support capital projects. Mr. Abbott informed that the AEF comes from rents and leases, grants and allocations, passenger facility charges, customs fees, fuel flowage, royalties and sales, parking revenue, permits, interest earned, landing fees and tie down fees. Mr. Abbott said that large capital projects are paid for by AEF and Federal funds.

In November, pending

The Palomar Airport Advisory Committee is proud to have served the County Board of Supervisors and the residents of North County in 2025.

Committee Members and Terms of Office

Palomar Airport Advisory Committee Terms of Office			
Committee Member	Committee Title	Year Appointed	Term Expires and Nominating Authority
Clifford Kaiser	Chairman- General Public	01/25/2011 09/24/2013 02/03/2015 03/13/2019 05/21/2024	01/05/2015 01/05/2015 01/07/2019 01/02/2023 01/04/2027
Shirley Anderson	Vice Chairman- General Public	09/26/2023	01/08/2029
Gary Greening	Carlsbad Representative	05/21/2024 01/07/2025	01/06/2025 01/08/2029
Larry Cohen	General Public	05/21/2024 01/07/2025	01/06/2025 01/08/2029
Howard Krausz	General Public	05/21/2024 01/07/2025	01/06/2025 01/08/2029
Clayton Lackey	Industry Representative	06/25/2024 01/28/2025	01/06/2025 01/08/2029
Gordon Nesbitt	Oceanside Representative	10/27/2015 03/12/2019 05/21/2024	01/07/2019 01/02/2023 01/04/2027
Armen Kurdian	Vista Representative	09/26/2023	01/04/2027
Kevin Karpé	San Marcos Representative	03/12/2019 05/21/2024	01/02/2023 01/04/2027