

NEWSLETTER

Public Workshop #4 is scheduled for February 18, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Carlsbad Faraday Center located at 1635 Faraday Ave. Per Mr. Peter Drinkwater, Director of San Diego County Airports, this workshop will have the same format as the past workshops - the county will present and no questions will be allowed. After the presentation, county representatives will be located around the room to address concerns. In addition, after the environmental study is completed, there will be another workshop scheduled early in 2017.

Supervisor Bill Horn's December 16, 2015, directive to staff - "McClellan-Palomar Airport (CRQ) will become a Design Class C/D Airport. Think outside the box, we are building an airport designed for the next 50 years and maybe 100 years." Maybe Supervisor Horn is not aware of today's regulations and reality.

Today's reality, airports are the most polluting environment in any urban environment. As such, no primary airport has been built in the United States since 1995. Why? It could be because of the following facts:

- December 10, 2014 - Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it has settled an Aviation Lead Contamination Lawsuit with airports and the aviation industry.
- September 27, 2006 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, California AB 32 - Mandates California Counties and Cities reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.
- April 29, 2015 - California's Governor Brown signed an executive order establishing greenhouse gas reduction target of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.
- November 30, 2015 - California Supreme Court ruled developers do more to show their projects will not significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions. This ruling is now filtering down to all major construction projects.
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) refuses to grant curfews as community noise relief, even though curfews are shown to improve deflated property values as a result of the constant aircraft noise.
- January 20, 2016 - President Obama's State of the Union Address, "No challenge — no challenge — poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change," the Global warming debate is over, it is a reality <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0cPoGbgAC4>

With the above, it must be asked why Supervisor Horn is ignoring the facts and pushing the County of San Diego's staff to pursue a path in direct contradiction to the way the laws of California and the EPA are now moving. With global warming now a reality, the old ways of thinking is and has changed. For a politician to use the excuse to increase the tax base and jobs at the expense of the environment, public health and the established community way of life is no longer acceptable.

No matter how Supervisor Horn or the County staff color McClellan-Palomar Airport's next 20 year Master Plan, the fact is — a Design Class C/D (John Wayne type) airport is the most polluting option for Carlsbad. Additionally, in 2007 it was reported the airport is built on top of a unlined landfill that has already contaminated the ground water and underground methane gas fires flaring up. Those fires can last for months. To further complicate that fact, unlike today's landfill projects requiring a sealed plastic top, the landfill under CRQ is only porous crushed concrete. According to the County's own 2013 SCS Engineering report, the landfill is already contaminated with aircraft fuel. With the number of additional flights required to handle the more than 3,000,000 projected passengers, that contamination is more than likely to grow. Then there is the estimated ten million or more annual ground traffic trips required to support the increased passengers.

All this means a lot, lot , lot more pollution and street traffic congestion in Carlsbad!!!

One more half truth. In the presentation to the Board of Supervisors, the County Staff stated, of the four options presented for CRQ, the modified C/D Options was the one most of the public attending the three workshops **voted** as the best option. Since nothing had yet been decided or presented as fact, along with no questions being allowed during the presentations, how can the County Staff statement come close to reality?

The public has only been presented with proposed options under consideration and never asked to vote!