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Ms. Jill PaW

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Dear Ms. Pahl:

Re: Napa—Valiejo Waste Management Authority's Negative Declaration for the Expansion of Operations at the Existing Waste Transfer Facility in South Napa County; SCH# 2005012112

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics, reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division of Aeronautics has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety and airport land use compatibility. We are a funding agency for airport projects and we have peiit authority for public use airports and lieliports. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

1. The proposal is for expansion of the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Program. The project site is located approximately 4000 feet northeast of the Napa County Airport. The project consists of mobile equipment that will sort clean wood, metal, fiber and sheet rock to be processed by grinding for use in secondary markets. According to the Negative Declaration, the project site is located within "Compatibility Zone D" of the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission's (ALUC) Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.
2. Due to the proximity of the project site to the airport runways, structures and equipment (including construction cranes, etc.) should not be at a height that will result i.n penetration of the approach imaginary surfaces. Public Utilities Code, Section 21659, "Hazards Near Airports Prohibited" prohibits structural hazards near airports- To ensure compliance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77, "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace," submission of a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Fonu 7460-1) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may be required. For further technical information, please refer to the FAA's web site at <http://www.faa.goviats/ata/ATA400/oeaaa.htmj>.
3. From the infoijijation provided in the Negative Declaration, the proposed recycling facility expansion does not appear to involve uses that are likely to attract wildlife. For future reference, however, please note that land use practices that attract or sustain hazardous wildlife populations on or near airports can significantly increase the potential for wildlife-aircraft collisions. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends that landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, surface mining, wetlands and other uses that have the potential to attract wildlife, be resthcted in the vicinity of an airport, FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5200-33A
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