
CHAPTER 6.0
COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

6.1 INTRODUCTION

Public involvement and agency coordination programs were implemented at the beginning of the project to ensure that information was provided to the general public and regulatory agencies, and that input from these parties was received and considered in both the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a separate Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Following release of this Draft EIR document, a public hearing will be held to receive input on the findings presented in the Draft EIR. The primary components of the agency coordination and public involvement program for the EIR include:

- Public notification;
- Agency and public scoping workshop/meeting;
- Publication of the Draft EIR for agency and public review;
- Public hearing;
- Publication by the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA) of responses to comments received on the Draft EIR

Keeping agencies and the public informed and gathering their input is an essential component of any environmental study. The following sections summarize the agency coordination and public involvement program for this Draft EIR.

6.2 SCOPING

Notification of the scoping process for this Draft EIR was completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA. The public, as well as state and federal agencies, were notified about preparation of this Draft EIR.

6.2.1 NOTICE OF PREPARATION

On August 4, 2009, a Notice of Preparation was submitted to the State Clearinghouse and a notice of Public Scoping Workshop/Meeting was sent to regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and interested members of the public. The notice summarized the background, purpose, alternatives, and CEQA and NEPA document preparation/process. A newspaper advertisement was placed in the Daily Triplicate on July 8, 2009. A copy of the notice and newspaper advertisement are provided in **Appendix A**.

6.2.2 SCOPING WORKSHOP/MEETING

The Public Scoping Workshop/Meeting was held on August 6, 2009, in the Del Norte County Building, 981 H Street, Crescent City. A presentation given at the workshop summarized the project, as well as the scoping and environmental review process. Representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA), BCRAA, and their consultant team were available to discuss the scoping process and the project, and to listen to public comments. One person attended the scoping workshop/meeting and provided comments. The sign-in sheet, speaker registration card, and a copy of the presentation are included in **Appendix A**. Comments were requested via mail, fax, or email to the BCRAA by September 2, 2009.

6.2.3 SCOPING COMMENTS SUMMARY

One written comment was received and is included in **Appendix A**. A summary of the issues identified is included below:

- **Runway Safety Area design:** Commenter encouraged the consideration of natural materials in Runway Safety Area design to minimize impacts to wetlands and soils.
- **Biological Resources:** Commenter expressed concern for the protection of wetlands and endangered and threatened species, and mitigation for impacts. Commenter provided specific suggestions for mitigation projects for consideration.
- **FAA Coordination:** Commenter identified a concern with the FAA's process for identifying priority projects.

6.3 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

A mailing list was created and maintained for providing notice to interested parties. This list includes federal, state, and local government regulatory agencies, local organizations, and individuals who requested to be included. The mailing list is contained in **Appendix A**.

6.4 PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will take place approximately 30 days after the release of the Draft EIR and the Draft EA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the findings of the Draft EIR and Draft EA and to receive input from the public, agencies, and other interested parties. The public hearing is scheduled for March 29, 2011.

The comment period closes 39 days after the release date of this Draft EIR and the Draft EA. All comments received on the Draft EIR or Draft EA shall be considered by the BCRAA and FAA in preparing the final environmental documents.

6.5 DRAFT EIR AND DRAFT EA AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

The Draft EIR and Draft EA were made available for review by the general public, government agencies, and interested parties for a period of at least 30 days, as required by CEQA. The Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR and Draft EA for review was published on February 25, 2011. This Notice was sent to all those included on the mailing list; published in the Daily Triplicate, and posted to Del Norte County's website. A copy of the Draft EIR and Draft EA are also available for review at the Del Norte County Building Help Desk; the Public Library in Crescent City, California; and at the FAA Airport's District Office in Burlingame, California. Anyone wishing to comment on the Draft EIR and Draft EA will be offered the

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opportunity to do so in person at the Public Hearing or in writing. Written comments should be sent by the close of the 39-day review period April 4, 2011 to:

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