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Important Info...

Airport Operations
408-918-7700

Airport Noise Abatement
408-918-7704

FAA Control Tower (RHV)
408-272-7014

UL94 unleaded aviation
fuel is available self serve
24 hours per day

For Truck Delivered Fuel
RHV: (9a-5p)
408-918-7712
E16: (8a-5p)
408-430-3124





From The Director *Eric Peterson, C.M.*

There is a lot going on behind the scenes at your county airports. The most exciting change is the upcoming signage and marking project at RHV. Once completed, the airfield configuration will meet current design standards set by the FAA and address safety concerns noted by the air traffic control tower personnel regarding the runup areas.

We also get to welcome Casey to the staff. He is busy working on many projects, including this news-letter, and is taking the lead on renting vacant office and commercial hangars.

Last year I met with E16 airport users to discuss their concerns and promised to meet with them regularly. In this newsletter, you will find the dates for quarterly E16 user meetings to be held in the San Martin airport terminal building from 3:00p to 5:00p.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to drop me a line. eric@countyairports.org or 408-918-7700 x 27722.

Happy Flying!! *Eric*

Betts Retirement

Congratulations to long-time Assistant Director of County Airports, Ken Betts, who retired from the County after almost two decades with

Roads and Airports. Ken was sent off with a party with freinds and colleagues on June 23, 2023. His services to the aviation industry and to County Airports

has surely been missed. Good luck Ken! We wish you all of the happiness that retirement can bring.



Kenn Betts worked for the Airports for 18 1/2 years. Photo: Eric Peterson

Staffing Changes

We're happy to announce some changes to the lineup at County Airports! **Scott Riddle** was

promoted to Assistant Director of County Airports when long-time Airports AD, **Ken Betts** retired in 2023.

Casey Boatman joined the team as the Airports Business Manager. Casey has an eight-year career

in Airport Management and most recently served as a

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Scott



Casey



Jihad



Charles



Connor



Ricardo

Staffing from Pg. 2
 Property Manager at SJC. **Jihad Elmashni** was recently promoted to Operations Supervisor. Please also welcome our new team members on our Operations & Maintenance Staff: **Charles Gonzaga, Connor Jamison, and Ricardo Arias.**

New Rules for Powered Parachutes at E16

The FAA and Santa Clara County Airports have come to an agreement on the establishment of a Powered Parachute Operating Area at E16.

The designated area depicted on the diagram to the right of this article has been established in order to promote visibility among other

Airport users and convenience for the Powered Parachute Pilots.

The new operating area is located mid field north of Taxiway Bravo and south of Taxiway Charlie between Taxiways Yankee and X-ray.



Pilot Bevan Hart prepares for departure utilizing the new Powered Parachute protocols established by the FAA for E16. Jan. 23, 2024
 Photo: Casey Boatman

E16 Airport Users Quarterly Outreach Meeting Dates Set for 2024

Dates for quarterly E16 meetings will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the E16 terminal building.

THURSDAY 3/28

THURSDAY 6/20

TUESDAY 9/24

TUESDAY 12/12

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 Eric Peterson, A.A.E., Director, County of Santa Clara Airports
 Photo: Eric Peterson*

Annual Fire Extinguisher & Hangar Inspections

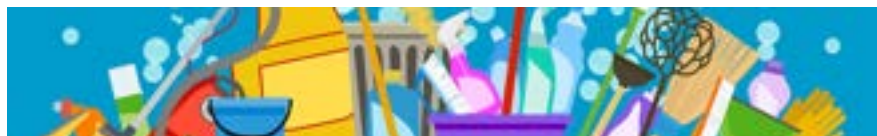
Annual Fire Extinguisher and Hangar Inspections are just around the corner for E16 and RHV.

E16
Beginning Week Of
March 4th

Dumpster will be on site from 2/26 - 3/4

RHV
Beginning Week Of
March 18th

Dumpster will be on site from 3/11 - 3/18



Dumpsters to be Provided for Hangar Cleanup

This year we will provide dumpsters for you to clean out your hangar prior to the inspection.

Please remember that the dumpsters are only intended for Airport generated waste.

Got Hazmat? operations@countyairports.org

We will dispose of your hazardous materials like aviation oils, oil filters, batteries and tires. Drop them with any Ops

staff member or send an email to operations@countyairports.org and we will pick it up from your hangar.

County Puts Goats to Work at E16

Some of you may have noticed a large herd of goats positioned south of the Runway 32 Approach back in

Daniel Allen, the business owner, was passionate about his herd, stating, "If you think about it, I have the oldest profession in the history of the world." Allen said he deployed 600 goats who, according to Allen, each eat an acre of grass per year! Rain or shine, 24/7, these various hollow-horned ruminant



December. Green Goat Landscapers, a local Bay Area business, was engaged to trim the tall grass under the solar panels on Airport property.

mammals eat constantly, stated Allen. Together the herd consumed 20 acres of Airport property in two weeks. The County's primary objective was to prevent grass fires this summer.

*Cover Photo: Goats on break under the solar panels at E16
Above Photo: Shephard Daniel Smith tends to his group of goats at E16. Dec. 14, 2023
Below Photo: Friendly goat poses for picture.
Photos: Casey Boatman*



REID-HILLVIEW AIRPORT Markings and Signage Project

In the coming months you will begin to see a number of changes to replace our aging signage and to address ongoing runway compliance issues identified by the FAA.

The project, dubbed the Reid-Hillview Airport Markings and Signage Project,

will replace signage and markings to meet current FAA guidelines. In the coming weeks, all tenants will receive additional, specific, information pertaining to these changes.

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The Runup Areas will be relocated to the parking ramp between taxilanes M & P. The old runup areas will be reconfigured to accommodate a holding bay.



AIRPORT MARKINGS & SIGNAGE PROJECT

From Pg. 2

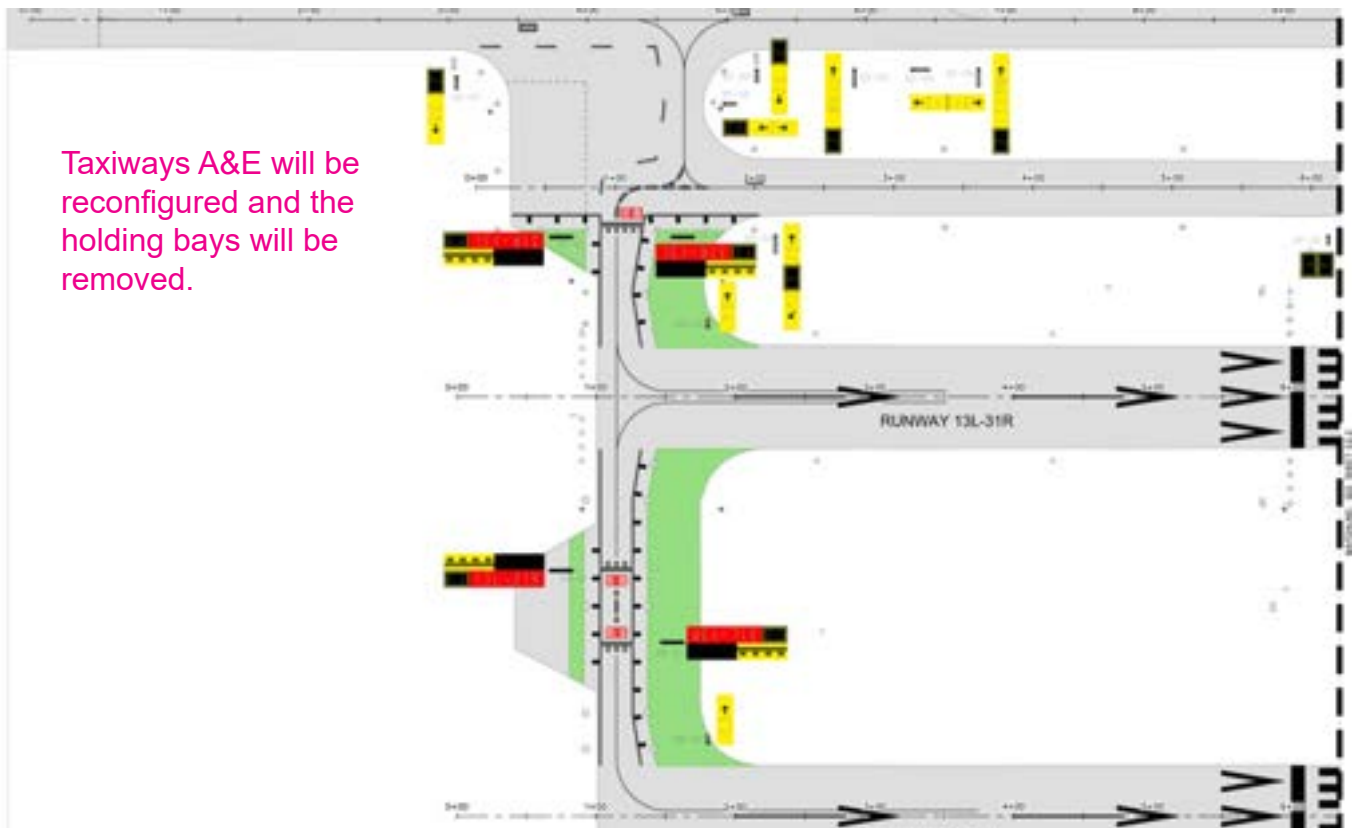
Each diagram below highlights major changes including a change to the location of the runup areas, which is being made in conjunction with the local air traffic manager and his staff, to address limitations and concerns with both runup areas. The new layout has been designed to FAA specifications

and will provide for several improvements over the existing runup configuration. Construction teams will be mobilizing in the coming weeks and the project is expected to get underway in the early Spring. The project will be completed in phases intended to be the

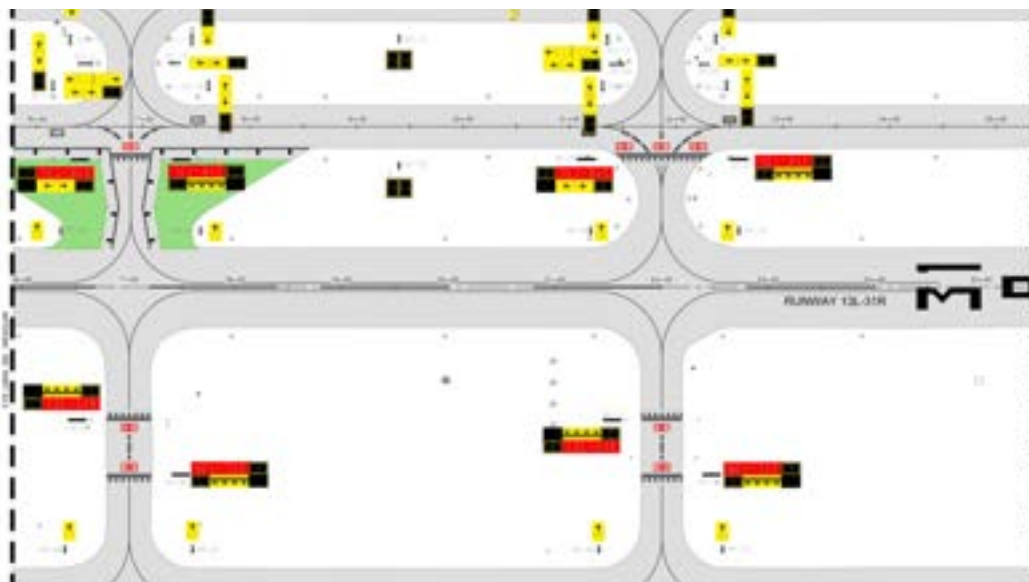
least disruptive to the operation of the Airport. For more information, please check NOTAMS regularly and expect timely updates to the Airport website: countyairports.org

A detailed diagram of the new runup area and complete airfield can be found on the back page.

Taxiways A&E will be reconfigured and the holding bays will be removed.

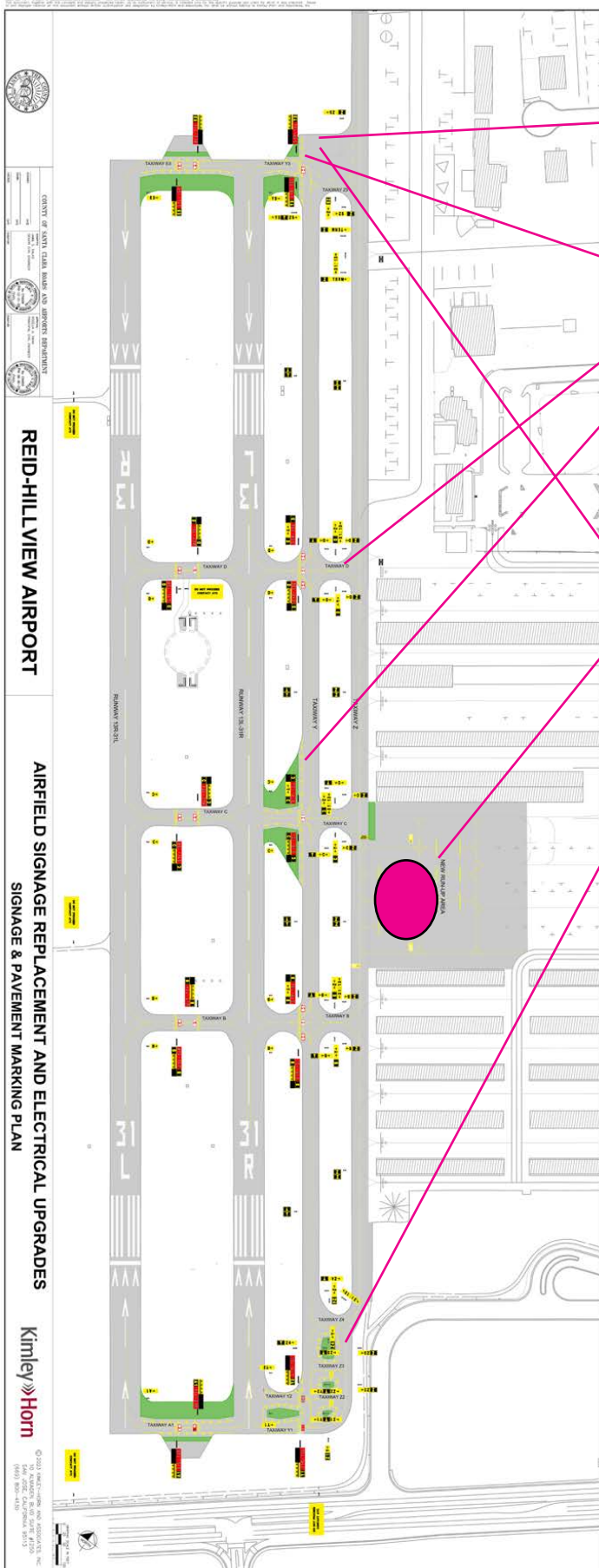


Numerous updates to airfield markings and signage will take place around the airfield, including a narrowing of Taxiway C between RWY 31R and TWY Y.



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Lighting and Signage Project from Pg. 4&5



Re-Alignment to enter and exit the runway from Taxiway Z

Updated Markings and Signage throughout the Air Operations Area

New Run-Up Area Taxiways M-P

Elimination of Current Run-Up Areas

Dates Set for Airports' Days 2024



Airport Day spectators, Reed-Hillview Airport (RHV) Sept. 23, 2023
Photo: Casey Boatman

Planning is now well underway for the annual Airport Days celebrations at both E16 and RHV. CAAPSO will host these events and has announced that the RHV event will be **Sept. 21** and the E16 event will be **Oct. 26**.



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THE SPIRIT OF AVIATION
Chapter 62
Reid-Hillview Airport
San Jose, California

YOUNG EAGLES



YOUNG EAGLES PILOTS NEEDED

Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated more than 30 years to giving young people ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.



CALLING ALL PILOTS

YOUNG EAGLES SATURDAYS
RHV: Saturday April 20, May 18
June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 28
October 19
9:00AM-1:00PM

San Jose Reid Hillview Airport RHV
2500 Cunningham Ave, San Jose

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