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DATE: April 5, 2022
TO: Airports Commission
FROM: Harry Freitas, Director, Roads and Airports
SUBJECT: County Airports Quarterly Noise Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive Quarterly Noise Report from the Roads and Airports Department, Airports Division. (Peterson)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or the Airport Enterprise Fund.

CONTRACT HISTORY

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Airports Commission has requested that the County Airports Quarterly Noise Report be agendaized for the Commission's review on a quarterly basis.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

BACKGROUND

Staff documents all complaints, and where possible establishes communications with the complainant to secure additional information or to answer specific questions regarding aircraft operations. When sufficient information is available, staff will contact an aircraft operator to determine if the aircraft was operated outside of normal flight procedures or if corrective action is warranted.

During the fourth quarter of 2021, which covers the months of October, November and December there were 3 referrals for Reid-Hillview Airport (RHV) and no referral for San Martin Airport (E16). There was 1 referral for operations not associated with either Reid-Hillview or San Martin Airports.

There were 36,762 operations (takeoffs and landings) during the quarter at Reid-Hillview, which equates to one referral for every 12,254 operations.

	RHV		E16 ¹	
	Ops.	Daily Avg.	Ops.	Daily Avg.
Oct	14,583	446	4,360	141
Nov	13,749	458	4,407	147
Dec	8,430	272	2,872	93
Total	36,762	400	11,639	127

ATTACHMENTS:

- Q4 Referrals(PDF)

¹ Data collected from a flight tracking website.

Quarterly Noise Referrals

Airport	Date Time	Nature of Complaint	Action Taken
RHV	10/10/2021 10:08:00 PM	Mr. B from East San Jose left a message on the County Airports noise referral voicemail. Mr. B stated that there was a departure from RHV Airport post 10:00 pm.	Airport staff reviewed ATC radio transmissions and radar data for the evening of Sunday, October 10. A Piper aircraft conducted a circling departure at the time specified by the caller. The caller did not reference an aircraft operation contrary to County or Federal rules and regulations. No further action was taken.
RHV	10/25/2021 7:33:00 AM	Airport staff were copied on an email from Mr. K that was sent to several South Bay Area airports. Mr. K stated that a large number of aircraft were flying in the vicinity of his residence. Mr. K did not leave an address for his residence.	No investigation was conducted. Mr. Katkowsky seems to be addressing all airports in the NorCal Bay area. There was no reference to any aircraft operations contrary to County of Santa Clara, State or Federal rules & regulations. No further action was taken
RHV	11/8/2021 12:00:00 PM	Mr. S from East San Jose sent an email to the County Airports noise office. Mr. S stated that there were numerous aircraft from Reid-Hillview Airport that were flying over his residence, and that at least one airplane came over more than once.	Airport staff reviewed radar data for the afternoon of Tuesday, November 8. Several aircraft were observed flying in the RHV area at the date and time specified by the caller. The caller had recently moved into the new development south of Eastridge mall.
Other	11/19/2021 10:00:00 AM	Mr. G from San Martin left a phone message for the County Airports noise office. Mr. G stated that a helicopter was flying low over his residential area.	Airport staff reviewed radar data fro the morning of Friday, November 19. A flight track consistant with the caller's description was noted at the time specified. No further action was taken.