

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Noise Exposure Map Notice for Monterey Peninsula Airport, Monterey, California**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by Monterey Peninsula Airport District, California for Monterey Peninsula Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is May 9, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David B. Kessler, AICP, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009—Telephone: 310/725-3615.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Monterey Peninsula Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective May 9, 2008. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by Monterey Peninsula

Airport District, California. The documentation that constitutes the “Noise Exposure Maps” as defined in section 150.7 of Part 150 includes: Exhibit 1 “2007 CNEL Noise Exposure Contours Map,” and Exhibit 2—“2012 CNEL Noise Exposure Contours Map.” The Noise Exposure Maps contain current and forecast information including the depiction of the airport and its boundaries, the runway configurations, land uses such as residential, open space, commercial/office, community facilities, libraries, churches, open space, infrastructure, vacant and warehouse and those areas within the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) 65, 70, and 75 noise contours. Estimates for the number of people within these contours for the year 2007 are shown in Table 4B. Estimates of the future residential population within the 2012 noise contours are shown in Table 4D. Exhibit 3M displays the location of noise monitoring sites. Flight tracks for the existing and the five-year forecast Noise Exposure Maps are found in Exhibits 3E, 3F, 3G, and 3H. The type and frequency of aircraft operations (including nighttime operations) are found in Tables 2L and 2P. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on May 9, 2008.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's

review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Planning and Environmental Division,  
APP-400, 800 Independence Avenue,  
SW., Washington, DC 20591;

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Western-Pacific Region, Airports  
Division, Room 3012, 15000 Aviation  
Boulevard, Hawthorne, California  
90261;

Federal Aviation Administration, San  
Francisco Airports District Office, 831  
Mitten Road, Burlingame, California  
94010-1303;

Thomas Greer, General Manager,  
Monterey Peninsula Airport, 200 Fred  
Kane Drive #200, Monterey, CA  
93940.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on May 9, 2008.

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