

5. Coordination and Public Involvement

5.1 Introduction

Under 40 CFR § 1501.4, federal agencies are required to involve environmental agencies, applicants, and the public, to the extent practicable, in preparing EAs. Therefore, when conducting the NEPA process, the FAA and the airport sponsor are encouraged to begin early coordination with the proper federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, including surrounding municipalities, to determine any possible environmental concerns as the Draft EA was prepared. Following release of the Draft EA document, a public hearing was held to receive input on the findings presented in the Draft EA. The primary components of the agency coordination and public involvement program for the EA included:

- Notification of the publication of the Draft EA for agency and public review in local newspapers;
- A Public Hearing on April 14, 2015; and
- Preparation of a Final EA that includes responses to comments received on the Draft EA.

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 EA.

5.2 Agency Consultation

Agency consultation was conducted by the FAA and LAWA to explain the Proposed Action and solicit comments and questions. The following agencies were consulted by the FAA and LAWA as part of the Draft EA development process:

- State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
- California Coastal Commission

SHPO concurred on the delineation of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) in a letter dated August 4, 2014. SHPO also concurred with FAA's finding of no effect on historic properties in a letter dated February 9, 2015. The California Coastal Commission has concurred with FAA's determinations of no adverse effects to coastal resources and issued a Negative Determination by letter dated February 19, 2015. A copy of each letter is provided in Appendix B.

5.3 Public Involvement

The Draft EA was available for review by the general public, government agencies, and interested parties for a period of 33 days prior to the date of the Public Hearing (April 14, 2015) and for 10 days after the date of the Public Hearing (for a total of 43 days). The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EA for review was published on March 12, 2015. This NOA was sent to all those included on the mailing list provided by LAWA. The NOA was also published in the following newspapers: *Los Angeles Times*, *The Argonaut*, and the *Daily Breeze*. The NOA was also posted to the LAWA website, www.ourlax.org. Copies of the Draft EA were available for review at the locations listed in **Table 5-1**, and included LAWA offices and the FAA Western-Pacific Regional Office in Hawthorne, California.

Table 5-1: Locations Where Draft EA was Available

LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE
FAA, Western-Pacific Region, Airports Division	15000 Aviation Boulevard	Hawthorne	90261
LAWA Administrative Offices	1 World Way, Room 218	Los Angeles	90045
El Segundo Public Library	111 W. Mariposa Avenue	El Segundo	90245
Inglewood Library	101 W. Manchester Boulevard	Inglewood	90301
Los Angeles Public Library Westchester-Loyola Branch	7114 W. Manchester Avenue	Los Angeles	90045
Playa Vista Branch Library	6400 Playa Vista Drive	Los Angeles	90094

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The Draft EA was also made available on LAWA's website at <http://www.ourlax.org>.

Anyone wishing to comment on the Draft EA was offered the opportunity to do so in writing or verbally during the Public Hearing. Written comments were accepted from the release of the NOA on March 12, 2015, until 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), Friday, April 24, 2015.

All comments received on the Draft EA were considered by FAA and LAWA in preparing the Final EA.

5.4 Public Workshop and Hearing

A combined public information workshop and public hearing was held to present the results of the environmental studies, and to receive comments on the Draft EA from the public and government agencies. The format of the workshop and hearing was structured to provide an opportunity for the public to discuss aspects of the environmental studies in an informal setting, and an opportunity to submit written and/or

verbal comments during the proceedings. The combined public workshop and hearing was conducted from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PDT on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the following location:

Flight Path Learning Center
6661 West Imperial Highway
Los Angeles, CA 90009

The public workshop was conducted during the first hour (5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and the public hearing was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Notification of the hearing was accomplished through press releases and the published NOA in the local media, as described in the previous section. Copies of the NOA publications, as well as the informational brochures and boards presented at the public workshop and hearing, are included in **Appendix H**.

A court reporter recorded the public hearing and the transcript is available as part of Appendix H. A Spanish translator was made available at the public workshop and hearing. However, there were no attendees who required translation services. Members of the public or agency representatives wishing to comment were able to provide verbal comments during the public hearing or written comments at any time during the public review period. A total of thirteen (13) participants attended the public workshop and hearing. Two (2) oral comments were received at the public hearing from one (1) commenter. Comments and responses to these comments are presented in Appendix H.

5.5 Comments on the Draft EA

Two (2) written comment letters were received on the Draft EA during the public review period. Comments and responses to these comments are presented in Appendix H.

5.6 Final EA

The Draft EA has been revised as necessary to address any inconsistencies or reflect updated information since publication of the Draft EA. The public and agencies will be notified of the availability of the Final EA for review. The Final EA will be submitted by LAWA to the FAA for their review and determination of whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision (FONSI/ROD) or to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Copies of the Final EA will be available for review at the locations listed in Table 5-1, and include LAWA offices and the FAA Western-Pacific Regional Office in Hawthorne, California.

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