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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 1,100 FOOT EXTENSION TO RUNWAY 13/31 AT GNOSS FIELD AIRPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be conducted by the Marin County Board of Supervisors to consider the merits of the proposed 1,100 linear foot extension to the Gness Field Airport Runway 13/31. The public hearing is scheduled for the regular meeting of the Marin County Board of Supervisors on **Tuesday August 19, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room #330 – Administration Building) Civic Center, San Rafael, California. Please call Marin County Public Works at (415) 473-6528 on or after Thursday, August 14, 2014 to obtain a copy of the staff report, or visit our website at "<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting-archive>" Written material should not be mailed or delivered directly to the Board of Supervisors because it will not be accepted or considered as part of the administrative record for the project. Interested persons are invited to review and submit **written comments only** by mail to the County of Marin Public Works Department, to the attention of Bob Goralka, Principal Civil Engineer, P.O. Box 4186, Suite 304, San Rafael, CA 94913-4186, or delivered directly to the Department of Public Works at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 304, San Rafael, CA 94903. Comments can also be sent via email to rgoralka@marincounty.org or faxed to the County of Marin Public Works Department at (415) 473-7847. All comments received by, Monday August 11, 2014 will be included in the packet of material sent to the Board of Supervisors. Comments received and not included in the Board package will be given to the Board of Supervisors prior to the public hearing.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Marin County Airport (Gness Field) is located in an unincorporated portion of Marin County just north of the City of Novato, California and east of U.S. Highway 101. The subject property address is 451-A Airport Road, Novato, California, 94945. Assessor's Parcels # 125-190-24, 125-190-54, and 125-190-70.

BACKGROUND

Gness Field Airport serves as an important link in the regional transportation network by providing air travel options for residents and businesses of Marin County. The Airport has one runway (Runway 13/31) that is 3,300 feet long and 75 feet wide. On an annual basis, approximately 85,500 takeoffs and landings occur at the Airport. Typical aircraft types include single and twin engine propeller aircraft, as well as small business jet aircraft. The existing runway is surrounded by a system of levees and ditches that protect the airport from flooding and channel drainage through the surrounding area.

An Airport Master Plan was adopted by the County of Marin in 1989, then updated in March of 1997. An Airport Land Use Plan was adopted by the County in 1991. A Preliminary Design Report for a Runway Extension, prepared in 2002, together with an Aviation Demand Forecast both document the need for runway improvements to serve existing and anticipated aircraft and activity levels, as well as current and future changes in small aircraft design. The Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 1,100 foot runway extension was certified on February 11, 2014.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed extension of runway 13/31 consists of the following elements:

- Extend Runway 13/31 from its current length of 3,300 feet to a total length of 4,400 feet with Runway Safety Areas (RSA) that meet current FAA guidelines;
- Extend the corresponding taxiway to the full length of the runway;
- Corresponding realignment of drainage channels to drain the extended runway and taxiway;
- Corresponding levee extension to protect the extended runway and taxiway from flooding ; and
- Relocate the Navigational Aids (NAVAIDs) that pilots use to land at the Airport to reflect the extended runway.
- Lot Line Adjustment to gain exclusive use of small piece of land south of the Airport necessary to provide for a 204-foot long RSA on the south end of Runway 13/31.

CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

On February 11, 2014 the Marin County Board of Supervisors conducted a noticed public hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Gness Field Airport – Proposed Extension of Runway 13/31 and following the close of the public hearing certified the Final EIR. Digital copies of the certified Final EIR may be accessed from a link on our website, "<http://www.gnessfieldeis-eir.com>" In addition, all relevant documents incorporated into the certified Final EIR by reference are also available for public review at the Marin County Department of Public Works Office, Marin Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 404, San Rafael, California, and available for public review between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please direct questions about the proposed project to Reuel Brady, Associate Civil Engineer, Marin County Public Works 415-473-6525.



Bob Goralka
Principal Civil Engineer



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