

Public Scoping Meeting

Environmental Impact Statement *and concurrent* Environmental Impact Report Marin County Airport – Gross Field

Presented to: Interested Parties

By: FAA Consultant, Landrum & Brown

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Federal Aviation
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Agenda

- I. Purpose of Presentation
- II. Project Background
- III. Proposed Project Description
- IV. Environmental Processing



I. Purpose of Presentation

Accomplish the following goals

- Introduce the project
- Introduce the scope of the proposed action (project) and the environmental processes
- Identify issues

II. Project Background

Marin County Airport – Gross Field

- Located in Marin County, California (north of Novato)
- Serves as an important link in the regional transportation network as a reliever airport



II. Project Background

Marin County Airport – Gross Field

- One runway (Runway 13/31) that is 3,300 feet long
- ~95,000 takeoffs and landings annually
- Single and twin engine propeller aircraft, small business jets
- System of levees protect the runway from flooding

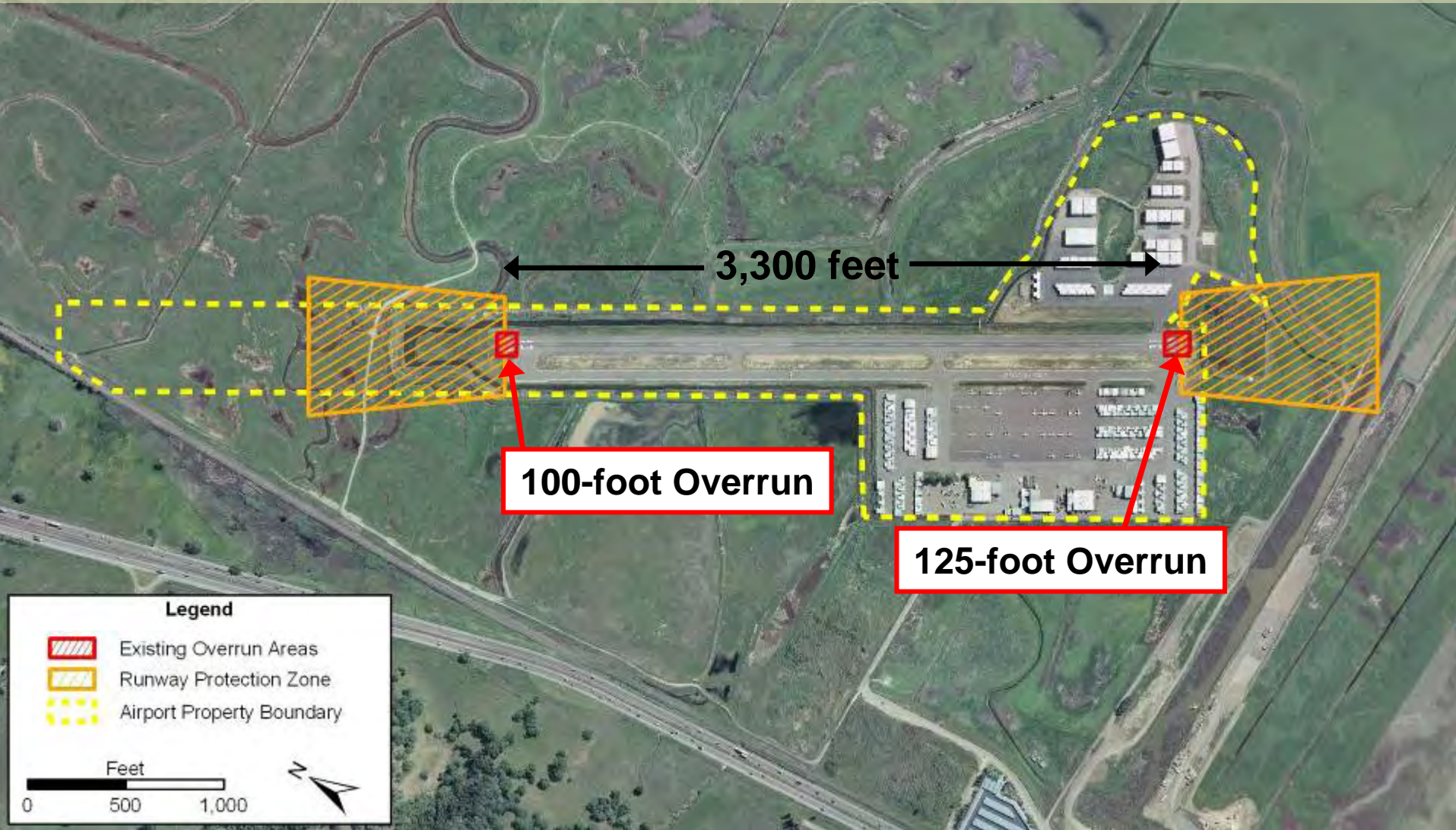


II. Project Background

Challenges to overcome

- **The current runway length of 3,300 feet limits the ability of current Airport tenants to operate aircraft at optimum weight for maximum efficiency**
 - Currently requires pilots to restrict the weight of the aircraft well below what the aircraft could accommodate
 - They must either reduce fuel or reduce the passengers and/or cargo
- **The Airport needs to comply with current FAA standards for Runway Safety Areas (RSAs)**
 - Latest FAA guidance calls for 240-foot long by 120-foot wide RSA beyond the end of each runway
 - Currently the Airport has 125-foot overrun (RSA) on the south end and 100-foot overrun (RSA) on the north end

II. Project Background

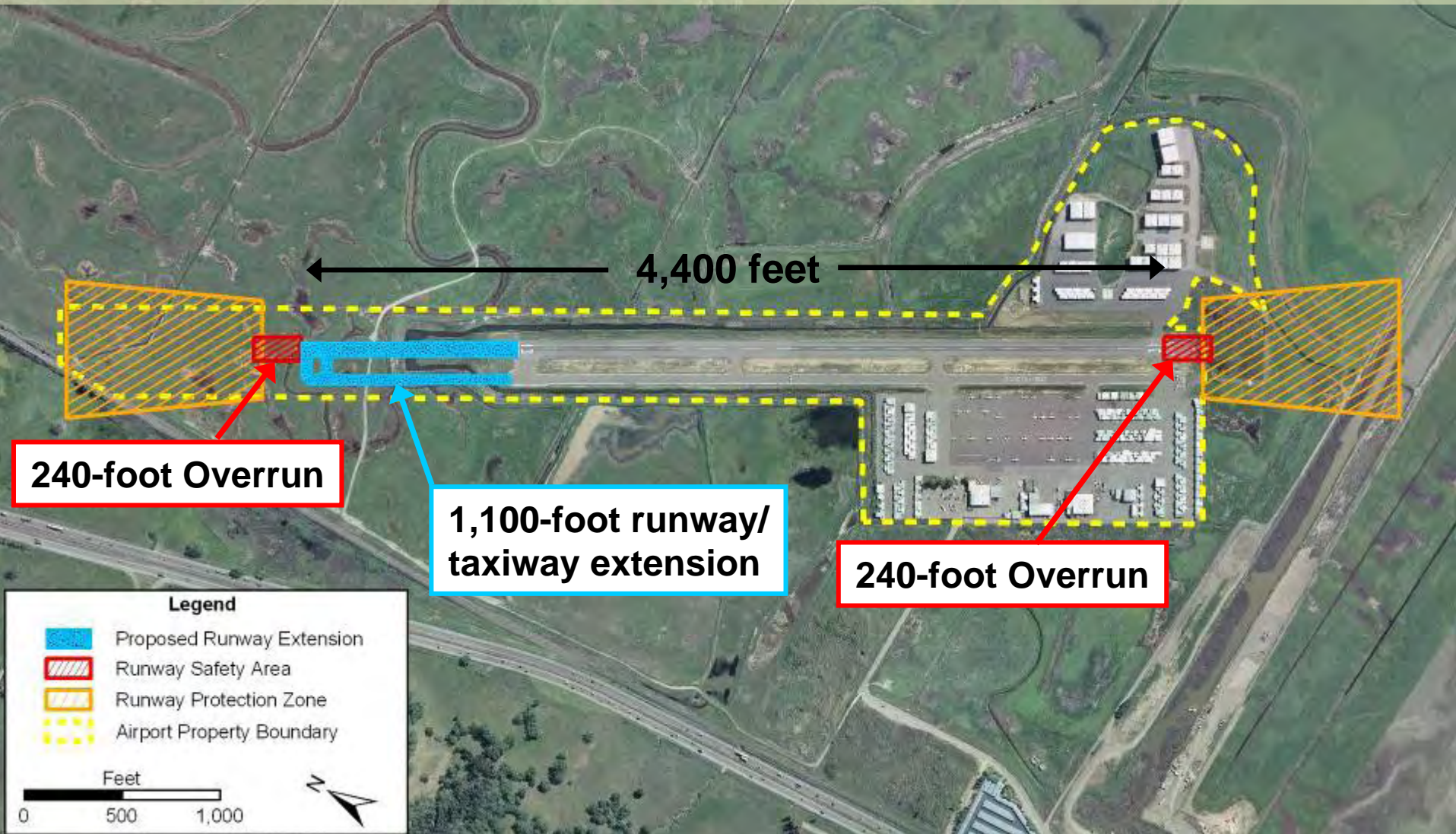


III. Proposed Project Description

Marin County, as the owner and operator of Gness Field Airport, has proposed the following improvements:

- Extend Runway 13/31 to the north from 3,300 feet to a total length of 4,400 feet with RSAs (i.e. overrun areas) that meet current FAA guidelines
- Extend the corresponding taxiway to the full length of the runway
- Levee extension and realignment of drainage
- Re-program the navigational aids that pilots use to land at the Airport to reflect the extended runway

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IV. Environmental Processing



IV. Environmental Processing

To comply with the relevant environmental laws, this project requires the preparation of:

- An **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act
- An **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act
- Other Federal and state laws/acts that are relevant to the project site or type of impacts
 - Section 106 Consultation
 - Department of Transportation 4(f)/303(c)
 - Endangered Species Act
 - Clean Water Act
 - NAAQS/CAAQS
 - Others

IV. Environmental Processing

Introduction to Applicant/Agents:

- **FAA** is the Federal Lead Agency for the NEPA compliance and EIS documentation
- **Marin County** is the State Lead Agency for the CEQA compliance and EIR documentation
- **Landrum & Brown** is the Contractor preparing the EIS/EIR Documentation
 - Sub-consultants that specialize in local environmental resources

IV. Environmental Processing

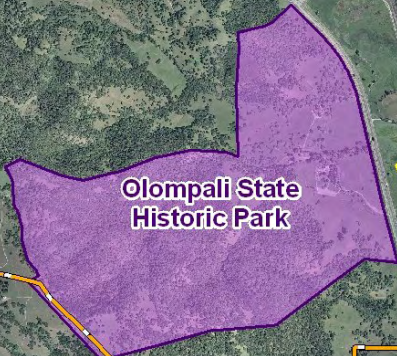
NEPA/CEQA Requirement to Study Alternatives:

- **In addition to Sponsor's Proposed Project, the following alternatives will be studied (at a minimum):**
 - No Action/No Project (2007 baseline)
 - Reconfiguration of the Airfield: extending the runway/taxiway to the south, or in both directions, from 3,300 feet to a total length of 4,400 feet
 - Development of alternative airports and/or allocating demand to other nearby airports serving the region
 - Technology: existing and emerging technologies that could affect aviation demand such as teleconferencing and video conferencing

Assessing Environmental Impacts

**Marin
County**

**Sonoma
County**








Novato

**Rush
Creek**

Bahia

**Black Point -
Green Point**

Legend

-  Boundary for Biological/Wetlands Surveys
-  State Parks
-  Tidal Marshes
-  Novato City Boundary
-  County Boundaries

Feet

0 2,500 5,000



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Scoping Comment Period

Please submit written Scoping comments by 5:00 PM Pacific time on August 29, 2008 to:

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Thank you!

