

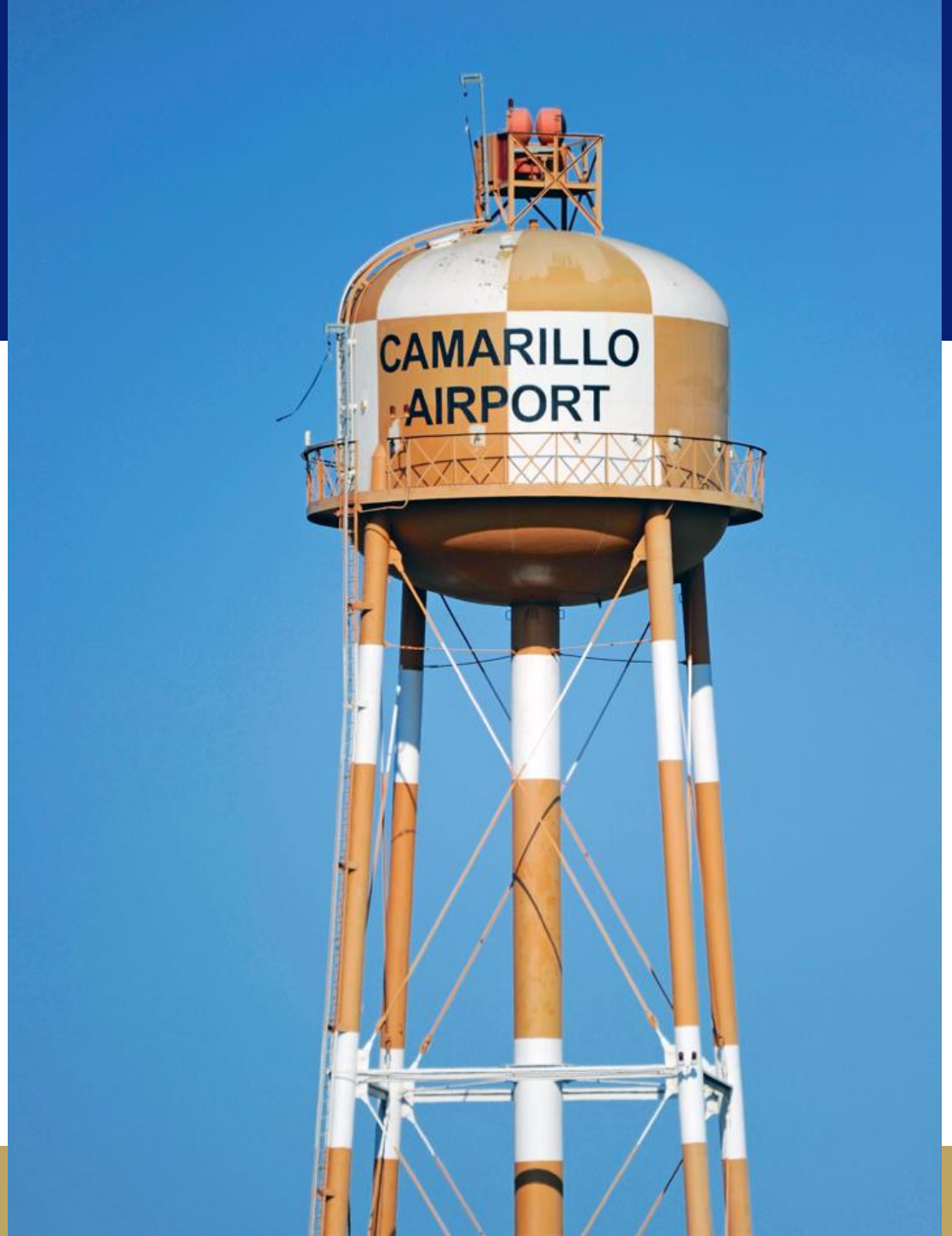
April 10, 2024

# CAMARILLO AIRPORT UPDATE

# Jurisdiction

Ventura County Department of Airports owns and operates Camarillo Airport.

Ventura County Board of Supervisors is decision-making body.



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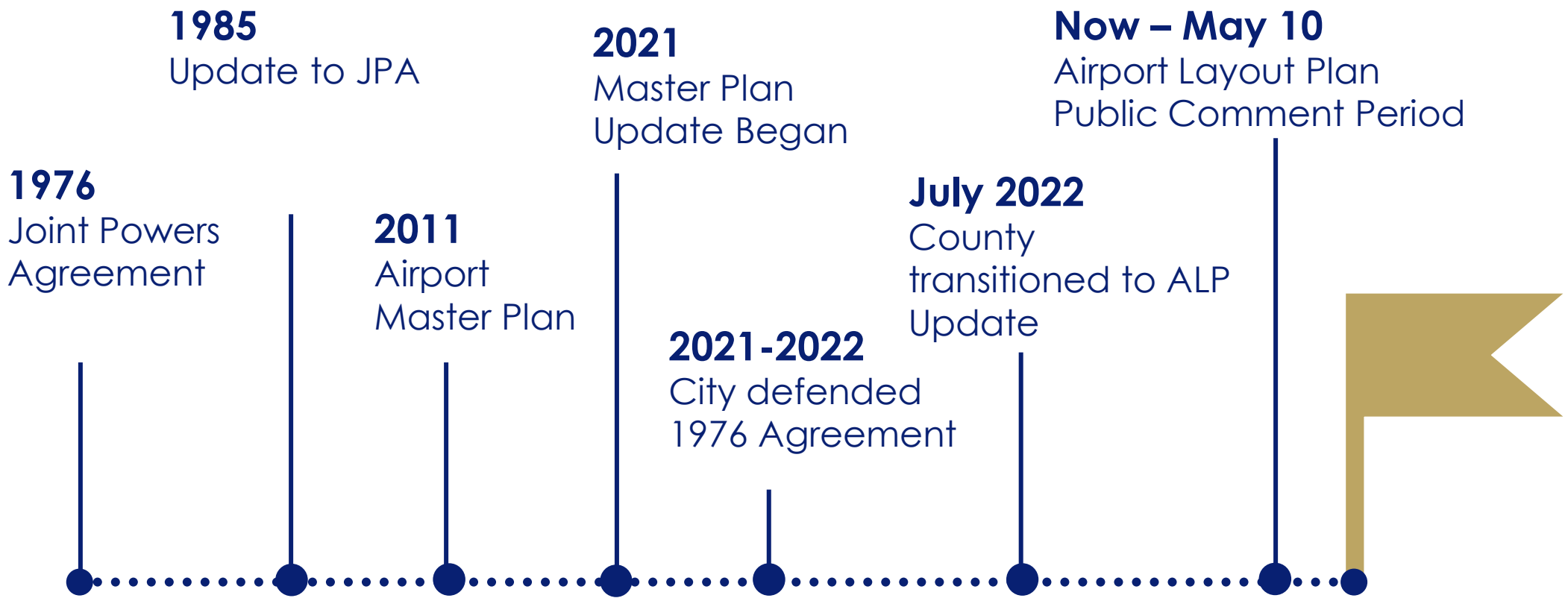
The Airport Authority advises the Camarillo City Council and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on policy matters relating to Camarillo Airport operations and development, and policy matters regarding land use matters within the "Camarillo Airport Zone" as defined in the Joint Powers Agreement.

### Camarillo Airport Authority Members

- Supervisor Kelly Long, **Chair** - Board of Supervisors (District 3)
- Mayor Tony Trembley, **Vice Chair** - City of Camarillo Representative
- Supervisor Vianey Lopez - Board of Supervisors (District 5)
- Councilmember Susan Santangelo - City of Camarillo Representative
- Scott Barer - Public Member
- Supervisor Jeff Gorell - Alternate Board of Supervisors (District 2)
- Vice Mayor Kevin Kildee - Alternate City of Camarillo Representative
- William Thomas - Alternate Public Member

# Timeline…


1976
Joint Powers Agreement
1985
Update to JPA
2011
Airport Master Plan
2021
Master Plan Update Began
2021-2022
City defended 1976 Agreement
July 2022
County transitioned to ALP Update
Now – May 10
Airport Layout Plan Public Comment Period

# What We've Done:

- Retained Legal Counsel
- Ongoing Discussions with Ventura County
- Formed Airport Ad Hoc Committee
- Statistically Representative Survey
- Opened Lines of Communication with community members
- Created email distribution to share information
- Created Trending Topics webpage
- Participate in ALP and Part 150 Meetings
- Communicate updates on ALP and Part150 to community via email notification

# County's Position on 1976 Agreement

**Ventura County concurs that the 1976 Agreement is valid and enforceable, thereby reaffirming that the County is no longer asking the City to explore any changes.**

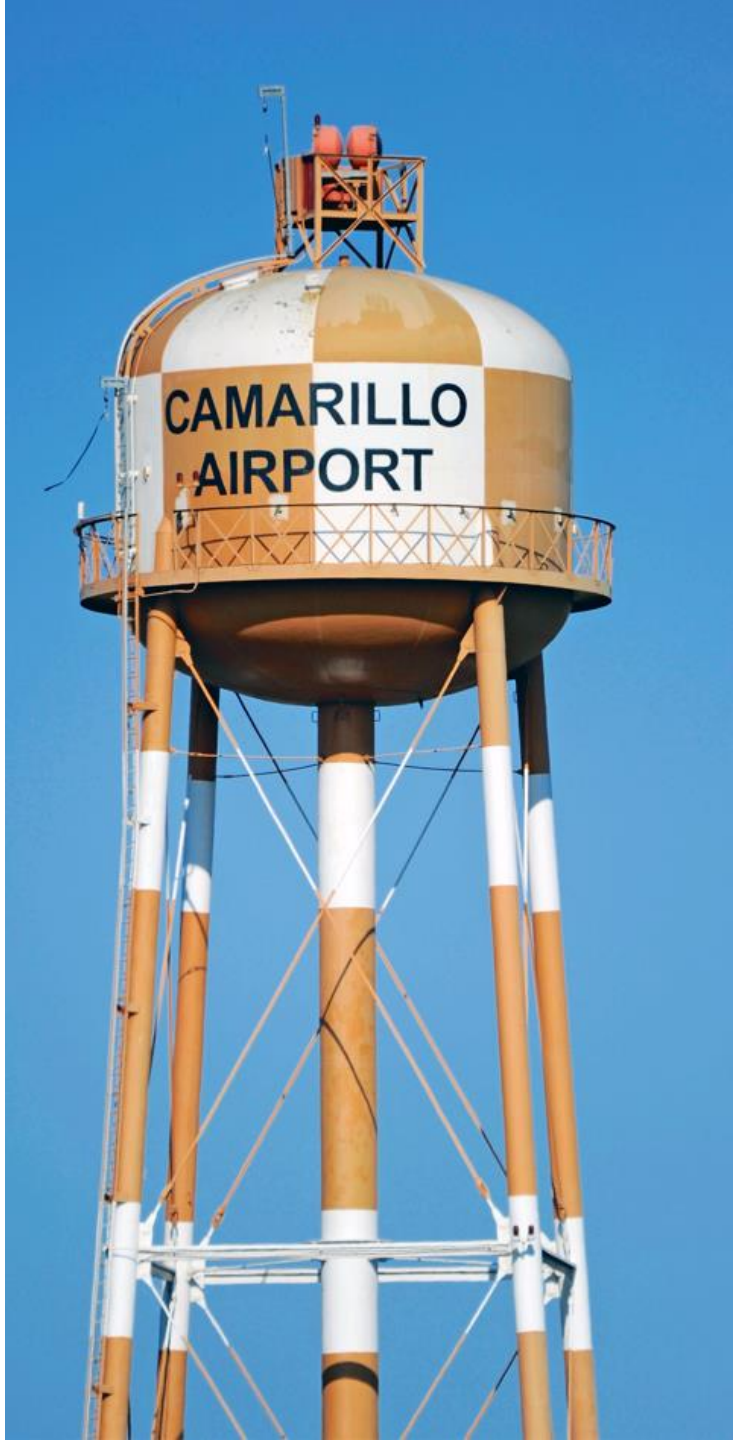
# County Airport Projects

## Airport Layout Plan Update

- Maintenance/rehab of existing pavements and facilities
- Short-term (5-7 years) capital improvement plan

## Part 150 Noise Study

- Update noise exposure maps and noise compatibility program



# Airport Layout Plan Update

**Public Comment Period open through May 10, 2024**

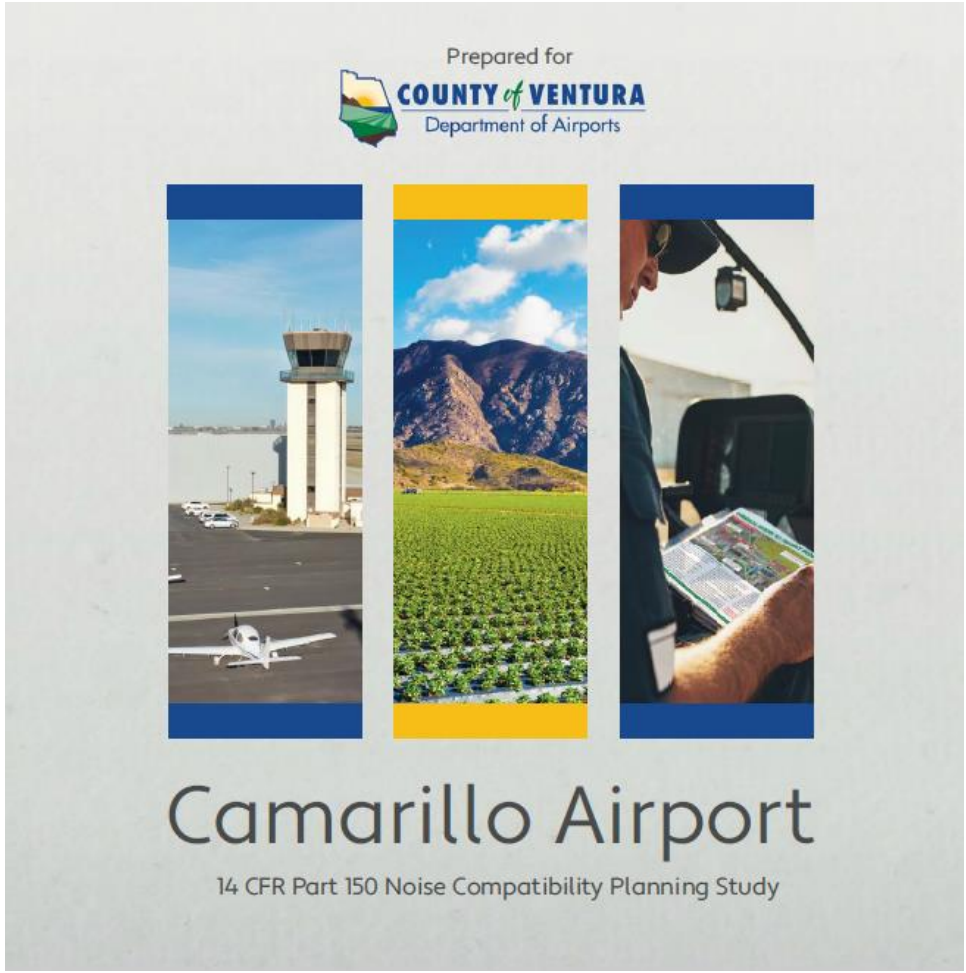
https://cma-alp-update.airportstudy.net/



# Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study

## Next Community Meeting: June 3

https://cma-noise-study.airportstudy.net/



# Commitment to Transparency & Engagement

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## CAMARILLO AIRPORT

**STAY INFORMED!**

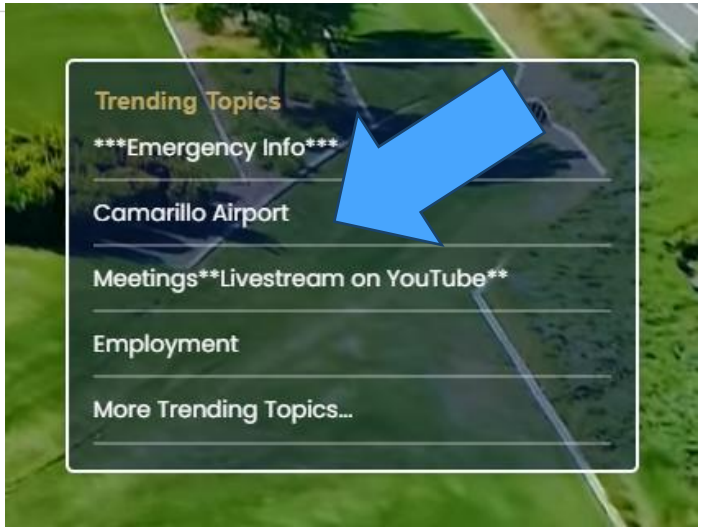
- To receive all City communications regarding this project, please sign up for email alerts for "Camarillo Airport Layout Plan".
- Opt to join the Ventura County Department of Airports Community Communications e-mail mailing list by completing the online form.

**AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN (ALP):** Link to Ventura County Department of Airports Webpage for Camarillo ALP
Frequently Asked Questions: Link to Ventura County Department of Airports FAQ webpage

**PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY for Camarillo Airport:** Link to Ventura County Department of Airports Webpage for Part 150 Study

**Timeline**

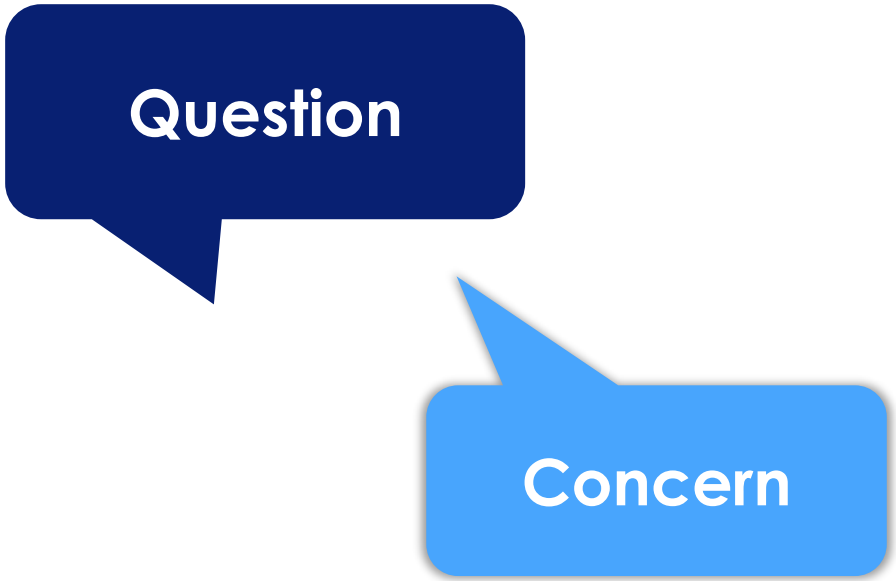
**April 10, 2024 |** City staff update to Camarillo City Council **[City News Email]**
**February 20, 2024 |** Camarillo Airport Layout Plan Community Meeting **[Meeting Recording]** | **[Meeting Flyer]** | **[City News Email]**
**December 13, 2023 |** Director of Airports Keith Freitas to give educational presentation to Camarillo City Council **[Agenda]**
**November 14, 2023 |** Airport Layout Plan Meeting, Camarillo Public Library 5:30pm-7:30pm
**September 26, 2023 |** Second Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study for Camarillo Airport
**June 7, 2023 |** Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study: **Message from Dept of Airports** | Flyer-English/Spanish | Noise Monitoring Maps
**April 18, 2023 |** Community Meeting for Camarillo Airport Layout Plan Flyer-English | Flyer-Spanish
**March 20, 2023 |** First Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study public information workshops. Summary of workshop: **[English]** | **[Spanish]**
**November 23, 2022 |** View the Public Statement from Ventura County Department of Airports on the status of the Camarillo Airport Layout Plan.
**July 13, 2022 |** Camarillo Airport Director Keith Freitas discussed the upcoming Camarillo Airport Layout Plan at the Camarillo City Council meeting on July 13, 2022, outlining the efforts made by the Ventura County Department of Airports to align their long-range planning efforts with the desires of the Camarillo community and uphold the spirit of the 1976 Agreement.




**cityofcamarillo.org/trending | "Camarillo Airport"**

# What We're Hearing From Community:

- Relationship between ALP and Part 150
- Concerns about Airport Expansion
- Experiencing Noise Impacts
- Advocating for Alternate Flight Path
- Concern about the County's Process
- Confusion about jurisdiction
- Questions on Environmental Review



# COMMON QUESTIONS We're Hearing From Our Community

# What is the legal significance of the documents we are discussing?

- 1976 Joint Powers Agreement
- Traffic forecast
- Airport Master Plan
- Airport Layout Plan
- Part 150 Study (NEM and NCP)

# What is the relationship between the ALP Update and Noise Study?

- Both studies are voluntary. Both studies rely on the same forecast.
- Neither study commits the County (or FAA) to take specific action. Both studies require further action to implement.
- There is no formal relationship between the ALP Update and Part 150 Study.
- FAA consideration of the ALP Update will not affect its consideration of Part 150 Study.

# Can the County extend the curfew currently in effect at the Airport?

- Ventura County Code prohibits departures between Midnight and 5 A.M.
- This mandatory curfew is "grandfathered" under federal law, but any further restriction would require FAA approval. Based on the facts here, FAA will *not* grant approval.
- There are some lingering questions about how the curfew was changed from the original 1976 JPA (10PM to 7AM).

# Who controls flight paths and procedures?

- The FAA has exclusive jurisdiction over airspace, aircraft and pilots. In practice, the flight of aircraft is a shared responsibility between FAA Air Traffic and the Pilot-in-Command.
- State and local governments have *no* authority to dictate or control the flight of aircraft.
- Existing CMA noise abatement procedures are voluntary.
- Changes in procedures also would be voluntary, unless adopted by FAA Air Traffic.

# What is the legal effect of the noise limits in the 1976 JPA?

- "Airport development shall be guided to ensure that residential areas are not exposed to noise levels greater than 60 CNEL average and 90 dBA single event noise."
- This provision is best understood as a planning tool.
- This provision should *not* be understood as a restriction on aircraft operations, which would have been preempted in 1976 and are preempted today.

# Can the County close the Airport?

- No, for several reasons:
  - Obligated by contracts with FAA requiring County to keep airport open
  - Obligated by restrictive covenants in deed from US Government to keep airport open
- Santa Monica is *not* a model.
  - 40+ year effort to close, led by airport owner
  - Only contested closure in recent years


Questions