



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Airport Department

Meeting: 1/16/19  
Agenda Item No. 10

**DATE:** January 16, 2019  
**TO:** Airport Commission  
**FROM:** Aaron Keller, Interim Airport Director AK  
**SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara Airport Noise Abatement Program Overview

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Commission receive a presentation including an update of the recent Noise Abatement Program activity at the Airport, and a brief history of the Noise Abatement Committee.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Barbara Airport maintains a Noise Abatement Program which serves the community and Airport users by striving for the following goals:

- Achieve airport operations that are compatible with the surrounding communities
- Provide the region with facilities for access to the National Air Transportation System
- Maintain a continuing dialogue between the Airport, Airport users, and the surrounding community through the Noise Abatement Program

There is no restricted airspace in the Santa Barbara or Goleta area, and the Airport has no control over how or where any aircraft is flown. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Pilot in Command has authority over aircraft in flight. The Airport maintains voluntary noise abatement approaches that aim to minimize aircraft noise over noise sensitive residential areas. Pilots are strongly encouraged, but not required, to follow these voluntary approach procedures.

SBA Noise Abatement Outreach

In response to the December noise complaints, aircraft operator education via mailings (email and letter), and individual contact with pilots, airlines, and other aircraft operators continues to occur.

Airport Operations staff continue to research each noise complaint received, determining the nature of the aircraft activity at the time and location of the noise complaint, and providing education to aircraft operators whose aircraft did not fly a voluntary noise abatement approach to Santa Barbara Airport.

### Noise Abatement Committee History

- SBA Noise Abatement Committee was established in 1978
- The Committee's first meeting was held in January 1979
- In 1988 United Airlines introduces Stage III "quiet aircraft" to Santa Barbara
- In 1989 FAA approved Santa Barbara Airport Noise Exposure Maps & the Noise Compatibility Program
- In 1990 the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA) was implemented
- In 1992 a remote noise monitoring system is installed
- In 1998 a new state-of-the-art computerized noise monitoring system, the first of its kind in the US, is installed
- Airport begins update to its FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program in 2001
- Noise Exposure Maps are updated in 2003
- Airport completes the FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program in 2004
- The Committee continued meeting through 2016, then went to ad hoc status
- In December 2018 Airport Commissioners requested the Committee reinstate a regular meeting schedule

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