



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Airport Department

Meeting: 3/20/19  
Agenda Item No. 13

**DATE:** March 20, 2019  
**TO:** Airport Commission  
**FROM:** Henry Thompson, Airport Director   
**SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara Airport Noise Abatement Program Update

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Commission receive a presentation including an update of the recent noise abatement program activity at the Airport, and confirmation of the Noise Abatement Sub-Committee date and time.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Barbara Airport received the following number of noise complaints in January and February:

- January 113 Complaints
- February 68 Complaints

In response to these complaints, the following number of letters were sent to aircraft operators of a flight that did not fly a voluntary noise abatement procedure into SBA:

- January 47 Letters
- February 20 Letters

SBA received a noise abatement analysis from the FAA to further research the noise complaint trend in the past year. The analysis findings revealed that there has not been an increase in the number of turbine powered aircraft who are not complying with Voluntary Noise Abatement Program at SBA. The analysis also reported the reasons for the increase in noise complaints to the airport operator could not be ascertained with any degree of certainty. The analysis confirmed the data acquired by the Airport, and reported three aircraft types (CRJ9, CRJ2, E75L) account for the vast majority of the flights that did not fly a voluntary noise abatement procedure air. At SBA, these aircraft are solely operated by air carriers (Airlines).

Airport Operations staff continue to work with Harris Group in moving forward with implementation of PublicVue. PublicVue will provide the public with a portal into the Airport noise program. This will allow noise sensitive community members to enter noise complaints online, view and research near-real time aircraft activity at SBA, and view flight tracks and aircraft flight activity in their vicinity. PublicVue is currently scheduled to be released for public use this coming June.

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