

AIRPLANE NOISE AND THE FAA

SVC's Board was pleased to meet last month with San Diego FAA representatives Jerry Pendzick and Bill Sapp to discuss the noisy airplane flights we've been hearing and the role of the FAA. Mayor Judy Ritter and Council member Amanda Rigby joined us.

- FAA does not regulate noise from private jets and small aircraft; Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) are not mandatory for pilots of non-air carrier flights.
- United Express (frequently seen overhead) routinely file and fly IFR flight plans for safety, separation, and flight following the flight.
- Planes landing at Palomar: business jets, Gulf-stream 4, 737s
- Noise has gotten worse since Premier Jet came to Palomar - the number of planes has doubled and the landing approach was changed three years ago.
- **The new element** — our AHA! moment — is learning about a new approach (RNAV) devised for planes with Global Positioning Systems (GPS), as initial and final approach fixes. This allows planes to turn toward the airport in a tighter circle — over our houses.
- There is a large flight school at Palomar.
- Altitude of flights - fixed-wing aircraft must be 1,000 ft. above ground; turbo-jets must be 1,500 ft.
- For complaints about flights, a written report must include time of day, date, registry numbers of plane (painted on the rear quarter of the fuselage), and witnesses.



We will continue to research this and report to you.

FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Annual Meeting, June 19

Shadowridge Country Club, 7 p.m.

Board member election, Annual Report — Presentation by Mayor Judy Ritter and City Manager Patrick Johnson

Buena Creek Clean-up

September 20, Burlington parking lot

REPORT ON VISTA BUSINESS PARK

At our general meeting on February 27, Vista's Economic Development director Kevin Ham reported on the growth at our Business Park.

- In 2001, Vista's Business Park had 7 million sq. ft. of space and now is at 14 million sq. ft.
 - 23,000 people work in the Business Park = \$.5 billion in salaries
 - DJO largest company (orthopedic devices), income of \$1.2 billion/yr
 - Vacancy rate now of 7% -- lowest in our history
- The Business Park specific plan has been amended from original distribution and manufacturing to allow for more corporate offices.

The Vista CAREs program helps local business by meeting with them to see what their needs are and how we can help. With the Chamber of Commerce, the Vista Cares Business Walk, on one day with 60+ volunteers, interviews Vista businesses.

California's new "Go Biz," recently established, provides an economic development ombudsman at the state level to assist businesses

Regarding business incubators, Mr. Ham is very cautious about cities' undertaking projects that private enterprise can do better. Vista explored implementing one with the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 2008. The City decided not to move forward since several private entities were meeting the need, the economy was still weak and the costs would be very high.

[Mr. Ham has been with City of Vista for 13 years and is Chair-Elect for the CA Association of Local Economic Development Departments.]

SUMMER'S COMING — WATER-WISE TIPS

San Diego Water Authority debuts free digital flipbook to **enhance regional water-use efficiency** ... To continue reading, please use the link below.

<http://www.watersmartsd.org/news/new-eguide-offers-tips-tools-and-inspiration-watersmart-living>
New rebates are offered for residential **soil moisture sensor systems**: <http://www.watersmartsd.org/news/new-rebates-offered-residential-soil-moisture-sensor-systems>

VID OFFERS WEIGHT-WATCHER CLASSES

Interested in a healthier you? VID is offering to host a Weight-Watchers meeting, open to nearby companies, their employees, and the public.

Please contact Sherry Thorpe at sthorpe@vid-h2o.org no later than February 21.

- Meeting day: Thursday
- Time: Weigh-in, 11:30 a.m.— class, noon-12:30
- Place: VID, 1391 Irrigation Street, Vista 92081
- Cost: free registration through March 22; \$14 per week or \$42.95 for a monthly pass

Right here in our neighborhood — check it out!

NEW CERT CLASSES SCHEDULED

The Vista Fire Department, in conjunction with Palomar College, is pleased to offer emergency response training to residents and employees within the City of Vista.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact them. Additionally, people are trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

The next training class in Vista begins on April 16 and meets for 8 weeks on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The class will meet at the Public Safety Training Center at 182 Santar Place, San Marcos, with the final disaster simulation on Saturday, June 7th. Each class is taught by Vista Fire Department personnel.

For more information, please contact Chief Ned Vander Pol at nvanderpol@ci.vista.ca.us, 760-310-0217. You can also register by contacting Sandy Hopkins at the Vista CERT: sandy.hopkins@vistacert.org,

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760-214-3583. You can also go directly to the Vista CERT website, www.vistacert.org for much more information about CERT.

VID ASKS: USE WATER WISELY

Prompted by the driest winter in California’s history, Governor Jerry Brown declared a statewide drought emergency on January 17. Locally, due to investments in water supply reliability and increased efficiency, the San Diego County Water Authority says the region will have adequate water supplies and no water shortage allocations are anticipated this year.

However, water users must continue to be proactive regarding water conservation, and the Vista Irrigation District remains at Level One of its Water Supply Response Program. Level One includes the following mandatory water use practices:

- No washing-down paved surfaces
- Irrigate before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Eliminate landscape irrigation run-off, overspray, etc.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle
- Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains
- Restaurants serve water on request; hotels launder daily on request
- Repair all leaks within five days of notification.

[\[More to come next month\]](#)

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