

PALOMAR AIRPORT UPDATE

Leaders of Carlsbad's Citizens for a Friendly Airport presented their case against the proposed expansion of the McClellan-Palomar Airport at South Vista Communities' January 25 meeting.



Hope Nelson, representing the group, provided the following update:

They are committed to ensuring nothing happens until the full story of what the plans are for Palomar is disclosed, including a fair discussion with all stakeholders, including residents.

Current position: NO EXPANSION.

- * The 800-ft. expansion would bring the runway to 5,697 ft, the same size as John Wayne airport (5,701 ft)
- * We do not need more air traffic over our communities 24/7.
- * We do not want the increased traffic; Palomar Airport Rd can not handle it adequately.
- * We are concerned for property values and erosion of the biggest tax generator for our cities (property taxes).

They are currently focused on the proposed McClellan-Palomar Airport master plan and PEIR (program environmental impact report). Substantive comments were received by the County on the PEIR by the March 19 deadline.

The City of Carlsbad hired outside legal counsel (Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell, in Denver), who prepared Carlsbad's excellent comment letter on the PEIR:

<http://www.carlsbadca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=35531>

The document points out numerous inconsistencies in the PEIR, including lack of information related to commercial service and impacts of noise, air quality, geological and greenhouse gas emissions.

Carlsbad City Council has not yet taken a position with the County on the airport. **Next discussion: Carlsbad City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 6 p.m., 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive.**

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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Buena Creek clean-up—Saturday, April 21** — see flyer on p. 3 for all details.
- **Community Meeting—Thursday, May 10** — Traffic and Public Safety — resident concerns about increased speeding and accidents on South Melrose. See article below.
- **South Vista Communities Annual Meeting— Thursday, June 21**

TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY



Scenes like this have become regrettably commonplace along South Melrose and Shadowridge Drive, as speeding appears to be on the rise. South Vistans are reasonably concerned about public safety, as deaths and injuries have resulted from some of these crashes.

You may have seen increased patrols by Sheriff's deputies, for which we are grateful. Join us at South Vista Communities' community meeting on **Thursday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at the Shadowridge Golf Club** to learn what the City and the Sheriff's Dept. have learned from the recent patrols and some of the new measures proposed by Vista's Traffic Engineering dept.

OUR WATER AND WEATHER

Dry conditions and dramatic swings in annual precipitation in California are nothing new. Thanks to a decades-long water supply diversification plan, including the addition of desalinated seawater, and a long-standing commitment to water use efficiency, the San Diego County Water Authority, Vista Irrigation District's (VID) water wholesaler, has indicated that San Diego region is well-prepared to meet water demands in 2018. That being said, as dry conditions persist, it is important that the region continue to use water efficiently.



Currently, VID is at Level 1 of its Water Supply Response Program. Level 1 mandatory water use efficiency practices include eliminating irrigation run-off, not irrigating landscapes within 48 hours of measurable rainfall, not using water to wash down paved surfaces, and repairing leaks in a timely manner. VID appreciates its customers' water conservation efforts and encourages them to continue to follow the water use efficiency practices outlined above.

To help its customers save water, VID offers incentives for water conserving devices through the SoCal Water\$mart rebate program. Customers can visit VID's website at www.vidwater.org for more information on water conservation.

— Brent Reyes, VID

FREE LANDSCAPE DESIGN WORKSHOP

The Vista Irrigation District and San Diego Water Authority invite you to be their guest at a free landscape design workshop.

- Saturday, April 14
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Vista Irrigation District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista

Register at <http://bit.ly/Vista-Apr14>

Discover step-by-step techniques to create your own beautiful, water-efficient landscape.

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BUENA CREEK CLEAN-UP EVENT! LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

Event date: **Saturday, April 21st**

Event time: **9 a.m. – 12 noon**

Check-in time: 8 – 9 a.m.

Event Location: Burlington Coat Factory parking lot
(at intersection of Sycamore Ave. and Shadowridge Dr.)

Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and sturdy shoes. (No flip-flops!)
Bring your own reusables: water bottles, buckets, and work gloves!

Sign up: Here's the link for registration: www.creektobay.org
Under the "Cleanup Sites" tab, we are Zone 2 – Buena Creek site

Anyone under 18 must have signed waiver, available on website.
NO waiver, NO participation

