



**JANUARY 2025**  
**SOUTH VISTA NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## AA Deal at Palomar Update

Dear C4FA Supporters,

Last week, on Wed, Jan 8th, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) voted to approve the AA contract to fly a very large jet out of Palomar Airport starting on Feb 13th, against the wishes of the residents, the City of Carlsbad, and the City of Vista.

We are disappointed by the Board of Supervisor's vote. It was an incredibly poor decision on the part of the BOS, who hid behind a weak rationale for their vote of approval. **This was NOT a vote to restore commercial passenger service to Palomar.** That already exists. We simply asked that the **contract be REVISED** so that voluntary quiet hours would be respected and that an appropriately sized aircraft would be used at this BII General Aviation Airport.



Those pushing hardest for the approval were not North County locals and many don't appear to even live in the County. Additionally, although the County is under a Court order to honor **Carlsbad's LOCAL CONTROL over Palomar Airport**, the City of Carlsbad was not consulted by the County, nor did the City give its approval.

**It's not over. C4FA is evaluating its options, including regulatory and legal avenues.** Simply put, the information provided by County staff in favor of the AA contract was incomplete or erroneous. **The FAA DOES NOT** require an airport to reconfigure, change polices, waive fees, and twist itself into a pretzel to make a particular airline's jet fit. Palomar Airport has active airline service available to the public on jets that are designed to fit the current configuration of the Airport.

**We need your help and your donations. Legal analysis and potential litigation is expensive and time is short.** There is a statue of limitations for legal action, and the clock started ticking last Wed, Jan 8th. Every donation counts, whether it's \$5, \$500 or \$5000. **We can't do it without you** – Please help us to keep Palomar Airport small and friendly, as it was intended to be.

[Please click here to donate today.](#)

As always – Questions? Please email us at [c4fa.info@gmail.com](mailto:c4fa.info@gmail.com). If questions are related to this subject please add "American Airlines" to the subject line.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Your Friends and Neighbors at C4FA*

*Please share this with friends and neighbors!*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Year Day is the time to embrace challenges with renewed energy and hope, to learn from past experiences, and consider how to do better in 2025. South Vista is vibrant, has beautiful landscapes, and continuously adapts to challenges including land use, conservation, housing, circulation, noise, and safety. These areas of concern have been outlined in the 2024 update of the 2050 General Plan (<https://vista2050.com>). The South Vista Communities Board will continue its involvement in all matters related to maintaining and improving the community's environment (parking, landscaping, architectural design, improvements and modifications), its standards of health and safety, and its quality of life. Through our advocacy we can do more in meeting community challenges and improving the quality of life than as individuals

Issues related to Palomar Airport became foremost in 2024, with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors proposal for approving a lease agreement with American Airlines to start services as early as 2025. On October 22, 2024, the Vista City Council passed a resolution, sponsored by Dan O'Donnell, opposing the county's approval of the lease, citing safety concerns related to the operation of larger jetliners, potential health risks, increased noise, and atmospheric pollution. On Wednesday, December 11th, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors postponed a decision on whether to grant American Airlines a lease to operate jet services with larger aircraft (76-passenger capacity) on daily flights out of Palomar Airport. This lease would allow C-class aircraft to operate at the airport, which is currently designated as a B-II class facility. This flight path flies directly over our homes in Vista and will have an impact on the quality of life for our residents.

Unfortunately, on Wed, January 8th, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) unanimously approved the American Airlines

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## UPDATE: GOOD SHEPHERD CEMETERY

From Sean Oberbauer, Land Use and Environmental Planning Manager, San Diego County:



I am reaching out to make sure that you have access to the public review link of the Good Shepherd Cemetery project (link below). The public review period of the Mitigated Negative Declaration ends on **January 24, 2025**. Hard copies of notices have been sent in the mail as well.

Good Shepherd Cemetery Public Review Link:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-20-004.html>

Please feel free and reach out if you have any questions.

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**INLAND RAIL TRAIL**— Construction Update

### What's Coming Up?

SANDAG crews will continue to build the retaining wall along the bikeway corridor. Crews will excavate the ground to prepare to install the new modular block and gravity retaining walls designed for durability and to support the surrounding landscape. After installation, crews will fill the surrounding area with soil to stabilize the structures and remove the temporary forms once the concrete sets on this segment of the bikeway.

Crews will construct catch basins to capture and direct water runoff away from the newly constructed walls and surrounding areas.

In the Civic Center Parking Lot, crews will clear the area of any vegetation and debris, and existing light poles to prepare the site for construction. Next, crews will excavate the ground to create space for a new

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lease contract to fly a large C-class jet out of Palomar Airport starting on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. This goes against the wishes of the residents of the cities of Carlsbad, and Vista, both of which have passed resolutions opposing the lease agreement. The meeting drew extensive public input, with 28 speakers addressing the board and over 1,100 e-comments submitted, the majority opposing the lease agreement. Concerns about noise, environmental impacts, and safety were raised. South Vista Communities thanks Vista Councilmember Corinna Contreras for her impassioned arguments against the proposal made at the meeting.

Supporters of the lease highlighted the economic benefits and reduced traffic to San Diego International Airport. County staff cited federal law and court rulings as to why denying the lease agreement would open the county to possible litigation or corrective action. Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, representing District 3 and Carlsbad as the host city for the airport, said she would support the AA contract. She said she felt she had "a gun to her head" regarding FAA grant assurances the county has taken and the possibility the money could be clawed back or put in jeopardy in the future. This was based on the County staff report, all information given by county staff. Airport officials offered adding two more noise monitors to the four now at the airport and will report the data collected to the board at the end of the year.

South Vista Communities is frustrated and dissatisfied by this decision. No provisions were made on how voluntary quiet hours will be respected, or on ensuring that appropriately-sized B-II aircraft be used at this B-II General Aviation Airport. No attention was given to the particulate pollution and health safety aspects that residents described. Additionally, although the County is under a Court order to honor Carlsbad's local control over Palomar Airport, the City of Carlsbad was not consulted by the County, nor did the City give its approval. *Cont. →*

## SANDAG *(Cont.)*

retaining wall and then form footings for the wall to ensure it has a solid foundation.

**Please be Work Zone Alert, follow all posted signage, and be aware of new traffic set-ups.**



Visit [sandag.org/subscribe](https://sandag.org/subscribe) to sign up for construction email updates. We will send monthly updates and additional updates for specific construction activities. Please feel free to forward this to your neighbors.

Questions/Concerns? Please email [GO-byBIKE@sandag.org](mailto:GO-byBIKE@sandag.org) or call our toll-free bikeway construction hotline at (833) 899-BIKE / (833) 899-2453. Please do not disturb construction crews.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER *(Cont.)*

Carlsbad considers the American Airlines contract an expansion of services at the airport, and the county should have consulted with the city before approving it.

— Francis Dumler, President

# RECREATION VEHICLE (RV) USER Know Before You Go...

You can keep pollutants, like bacteria, out of our waterways by using RV dump stations.



## Tips for proper disposal:

- ✓ Secure both ends of the hose before opening tank valve.
- ✓ Do not leave hose unattended while dumping.
- ✓ Tightly close valves when dumping is complete.
- ✓ Only rinse spills toward the dump station inlet pipe.
- ✓ Have dry clean-up materials on hand for spills.

When you enjoy the environment, help protect it by using RV dump stations to keep pollutants out of our local waterways. To find dump stations or more resources, visit Stormwater at ([www.cityofvista.com/Stormwater](http://www.cityofvista.com/Stormwater)) or call Water Quality Hotline: 760-643-2804



## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SOUTH VISTA COMMUNITIES?

Want to preserve the quality of life in South Vista? Want to help make a difference?

SVC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit grassroots organization which initiates actions to improve our community and responds to proposals from others that will impact our quality of life.

We operate with a very modest budget, thanks to our volunteers. Membership is \$25 per year (though more is always welcome). You can mail a check to SVC at 770 Sycamore Avenue, Suite 122, #208, Vista 92083 — or make your donation through PayPal at <https://southvistacommunities.org/>.

**Join us in making a difference!**

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