PS. PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PS.1 Compatibility Map Delineation

- 1.1 *Airport Master Plan Status:* The *Airport Master Plan* adopted by the Palm Springs City Council in 2002 is the basis for the *Compatibility Plan*.
- 1.2 *Airfield Configuration:* Establishment of a precision instrument approach procedure on Runway 31L is proposed, but no other runway system changes are indicated in the *Master Plan*.
- 1.3 *Airport Activity:* Despite a projected increase from 109,500 aircraft operations in 2002 to 170,260 in 2020, the *Master Plan* anticipates Palm Springs International Airport noise contours to slightly shrink in most locations. This impact reduction reflects the reduced single-event noise levels produced by the aircraft that will make up the future fleet mix at the airport compared to those operating there to-day. For the purposes of the *Compatibility Plan*, a composite of the 2002 and 2020 noise contours is used.
- 1.4 *Airport Influence Area:* The locations of the standard flight paths flown by aircraft approaching and departing the airport are the primary factors defining the influence area for Palm Springs International Airport. Close-in areas west of the airport are affected by sideline noise, but the more distant areas are seldom overflown and thus are excluded from the airport influence area.

PS.2 Additional Compatibility Policies

- 2.1 Noise Exposure in Residential Areas: The limit of 60 dB CNEL set by Countywide Policy 4.1.4 as the maximum noise exposure considered normally acceptable for new residential land uses shall not be applied to the environs of Palm Springs International Airport. For this airport, the criterion shall instead be 62 dB CNEL. This higher threshold takes into account the ambient noise conditions in the area and also the community's long-standing exposure to the noise of airline aircraft operations. Dwellings may require incorporation of special noise level reduction measures into their design to ensure that the interior noise limit of 45 dB CNEL (Countywide Policy 4.1.6) is not exceeded.
- 2.2 Zone C Residential Densities: The criteria set forth in Countywide Policy 3.1.3(a) and the Basic Compatibility Criteria matrix (Table 2A) notwithstanding, residential densities in Zone C northwest of the airport shall either be kept to a very low density of no more than 0.2 dwelling units per acre as indicated in the table or be in the range of 3.0 to 15.0 dwelling units per acre. The choice between these two options is at the discretion of the City of Palm Springs, the only affected land use jurisdictions. (Criteria for Zone C southeast of the airport remain as indicated in Table 2A.)
- 2.3 Zone D Residential Densities: The criteria set forth in Countywide Policy 3.1.3(b) and the Basic Compatibility Criteria matrix (Table 2A) notwithstanding, the high-density option for *Compatibility Zone D* at Palm Springs International Airport shall

allow residential densities as low as 3.0 dwelling units per gross acre to the extent that such densities are typical of existing (as of the adoption date of this plan) residential development in nearby areas of the community.

- 2.4 *Southeast Industrial/Commercial Area:* Within the areas designated by a (1) and a (2) on the Palm Springs International Airport Compatibility Map, the following usage intensity criteria shall apply:
 - (a) In Compatibility Zone B1:
 - An average of up to 40 people per acre shall be allowed on a site and up to 80 people shall be allowed to occupy any single acre of the site.
 - (2) If the percentage of qualifying open land on the site (see Countywide Policy 4.2.4) is increased from 30% to at least 35%, the site shall be allowed to have an average of up to 45 people per acre and any single acre shall be allowed to have up 90 people per acre.
 - (3) If the percentage of qualifying open land on the site is increased to 40% or more, the site shall be allowed to have an average of up to 50 people per acre and any single acre shall be allowed to have up 100 people per acre.
 - (b) In *Compatibility Zone C*:
 - (1) An average of up to 80 people per acre shall be allowed on a site and up to 160 people shall be allowed to occupy any single acre of the site.
 - (2) If the percentage of qualifying open land on the site is increased from 20% to at least 25%, the site shall be allowed to have an average of up to 90 people per acre and any single acre shall be allowed to have up 180 people per acre.
 - (3) If the percentage of qualifying open land on the site is increased to 30% or more, the site shall be allowed to have an average of up to 100 people per acre and any single acre shall be allowed to have up 200 people per acre.
 - (c) To the extent feasible, open land should be situated along the extended runway centerlines or other primary flight tracks.
 - (d) The above bonuses for extra open land on a site are in addition to the intensity bonuses for risk-reduction building design indicated in Table 2A. In both cases, incorporation of the features necessary to warrant the intensity bonuses is at the option of the City of Palm Springs and the project proponents and is not required by ALUC policy.
 - (e) The intensity bonuses for extra open land provided here are judged to represent a balance between the ALUC objective of enhancing safety in the airport environs and needs of the community for more intensive development of the area involved. The resulting intensities remain consistent with the guidelines set in the *California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook* given the character of the airport activity and the surrounding community.
- 2.5 Expanded Buyer Awareness Measures: In addition to the requirements for avigation easement dedication or deed notification as indicated in Table 2A, any new single-

family or multi-family residential development proposed for construction anywhere within the Palm Springs International Airport influence area, except for *Compatibility Zone E*, shall include the following measures intended to ensure that prospective buyers or renters are informed about the presence of aircraft overflights of the property.

- (a) During initial sales of properties within newly created subdivisions, large airport-related informational signs shall be installed and maintained by the developer. These signs shall be installed in conspicuous locations and shall clearly depict the proximity of the property to the airport and aircraft traffic patterns.
- (b) An informational brochure shall be provided to prospective buyers or renters showing the locations of aircraft flight patterns. The frequency of overflights, the typical altitudes of the aircraft, and the range of noise levels that can be expected from individual aircraft overflights shall be described.





Compatibility Map

Map PS-1

Palm Springs International Airport





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