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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Hi Frequent Flyers,

Cal Pilots has been very busy in the last few months we attended SWAAAE, which is the South West Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives, meeting in Monterey in January. CalPilots is very well regarded in this group of airport managers. I represented our group in comments, in one-on-one conversations and through supplying our newsletters, as I have done for years.

CalPilots participated with the ACA (Association of Ca Airports) and with the Aerospace States Association (ASA) organization in this annual event to inform our elected officials in the Assembly and Senate of the importance of Aviation to the State of California, during the visits to the Capitol, February 24th through 26 for Aerospace and Aviation Days in Sacramento.

We were supported by Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R) from Fresno, Chair of the Aviation Caucus, and his aides, particularly, Nicholas Sinclair. As mentioned before, this Caucus is Bi- Partisan (Rs and Ds) and Bi-Cameral (both Houses- Assembly and Senate in California). It is open to all legislators. Sen. Richard Roth (D Riverside) is the Vice-Chair.

Led by ACA's Legislative Committee (Carol Ford, Chair {I represent CalPilots on that Board}, Melissa McCaffrey (AOPA) and John Pfeifer. The team was supplemented by Board District members Charlie Broadbent, [Mgr, Montgomery Field] Gary Engel {Yolo County}, Gary Gosliga, [Airport Director at March Joint Powers Authority].

Also helping was Cody Rogatz, Mgr, Humboldt County Apts, who took a wad of CalPilots info to share with the Pilots at the Counties' airports and after returning home made a pitch for CalPilots at a presentation he gave.

Rayvon Williams,( ACA President and Mgr Watsonville), Andy Swanson [PAO,Mgr], were leading the charge. Additionally, the group was joined by Mary Hansen (ACA Secretary/Treasurer) Gil Wright (CalPilots, VP), Ashley White-more (Tehachapi Mgr), Phil Derner,(NBAA), Luis Truillo (Aerolease/Aeroplex) and Mark Bautista (former ACA Pres.). Karen Kahn and Ed Story of CalPilots Board joined the outreach by personning our table under the tent on Wednesday.

The ACA team was successful in bringing the Aviation fuel tax issue to the forefront of legislators and was able to confirm support of SB988 which would require an aviation fuel retailer to provide a quarterly information return and would subject a retailer who fails to file that information return or who files an inaccurate information return to a monetary penalty.

Additionally, during ACA's meeting with Caltrans' Amy Choi she told us she believes she has the administrative ability to ensure Airports won't be penalized for starting projects before State matching grants are received. She is working with Division of Aeronautics attorneys to resolve this issue. This is a huge. For years a CalPilots, ACA and others (inc. AOPA) have tried to remedy this situation which has sometimes caused Airports to miss a whole construction season while waiting for the State Match.

We thank Rayvon Williams, ACA President, for his contributions to this article.

Update: We are working with CalDART and NBAA to resolve questions presented by COVID-19. We will let you know how the situation changes and affects Aviation in the State.

Till next time.

Carol Ford



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As a tax-exempt, California public benefit corporation and a Federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, CALPILOTS cannot engage in any "substantial amount" of political activity. The PAC provides an opportunity for the aviation community to support "aviation-friendly"; legislators and candidates. This includes members of city councils, county boards of supervisors and state legislators. Through the PAC the aviation community can support legislation that is favorable to aviation.

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## CALIFORNIA AEROSPACE AND AVIATION DAYS



Your California Pilots Association is charged with the task to advance "public understanding and interest in beneficial use and utilization of aviation in California." There are many ways we fulfill this duty. Our involvement in an annual event at the Capitol in Sacramento focuses on direct education of our elected officials and their staff regarding General Aviation's benefits.

CalPilots was front-and-center as it teams with the Association of California Airports (ACA) and the Aerospace States Association to present the "Aerospace & Aviation Days", February 24-26, 2020.

Monday, we were inside the State Senate and Assembly Chambers for the announcement of resolutions that formally acknowledge the value of these industries to the California public and economy.

Tuesday was the day of activity as we traverse through the maze of Senator and Assembly Member offices hand delivered information including an aeronautical chart of the state showing the airports not only in one's own district but also in others' districts as well, demonstrating the need for ALL the airports. We conversed face-to-face with our policymakers or their staff members. We reinforced our contacts with lawmakers as well as encouraging their participation in the legislative Aviation Caucus, chaired by Assembly member Jim Patterson from Fresno(R), and co-chaired by Sen Richard Roth (D) Riverside. This caucus is bi-partisan (Republicans and Democrats) and bi-cameral (Senate and Assembly). That evening we shared hosting of an informal reception for our representatives in the Lt. Governor's office, designed to encourage more detailed discussions.

The Exposition and Showcase phase took place Wednesday on the west steps of the Capitol. From 11 am to 2 pm CalPilots was among the organizations and businesses to engage with members of the public. Displays of interesting and often intriguing uses of aviation were highlighted. This year we had a drone flight on the grounds. It is a fun experience for attendees and we hope you enjoyed the event.

The Aerospace & Aviation Days website ([www.caaviationday.com](http://www.caaviationday.com)) provides numerous educational resources and information about the event.





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L to R: Assemb. Patterson, his aide Nicholas Sinclair, Gary Gosliga, Ashley Whitmore.



L to R: Ashley, Melissa, Philm Rayvon, Cory, Gary Engel



Left: Senator Ben Allen, Santa Monica, Gary Gosliga



L to R: Andy, Charlie Broadbent, John Pfeifer





**Editors note: CalPilots continues to make comments on behalf of our Chapters and members for those development projects that could have an impact on or near General Aviation Airports.**



January 20, 2020

Karin Cleary-Rose

Santa Ana River Wash Project

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Subject: California Pilots Association (CalPilots) Comments Regarding the Proposed Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement ([EIS](#)) [San Bernardino County, CA FWS-R8-ES-2019-N111; FXES11140000-189-FF08E00000](#)

Dear Ms. Cleary- Rose,

The California Pilots Association mission is to Preserve, Protect and Promote and the state's airports. As a statewide volunteer organization, we work tirelessly to maintain the State's airports in the best possible condition.

The **California Pilots Association and the San Carlos Airport Pilots Association** share the same concerns as the City of Redlands and the Redlands Airport Association (RAA) about the proposed HCP as it relates to the airport. We do not believe the property associated with Redlands Municipal Airport (REI) should be included in the HCP. **We are requesting the northern boundary of the HCP be changed to the northern boundary of Redlands Municipal Airport for the same following reasons:**

The REI Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan include future improvements on the north side of REI's runway. They also include plans for a runway extension. These proposed plans are well documented with Caltrans Division of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration. The costs and challenges associated with developing these improvements inside of the proposed HCP area may make them impractical to construct.

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**We also believe that the creation of the HCP should include the development of an FAA approved Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan to mitigate any associated wildlife hazard impacts on aircraft operating at REI.**

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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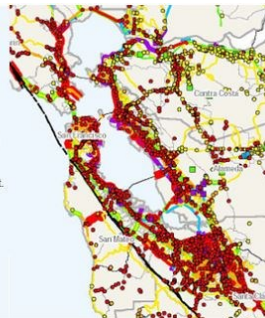
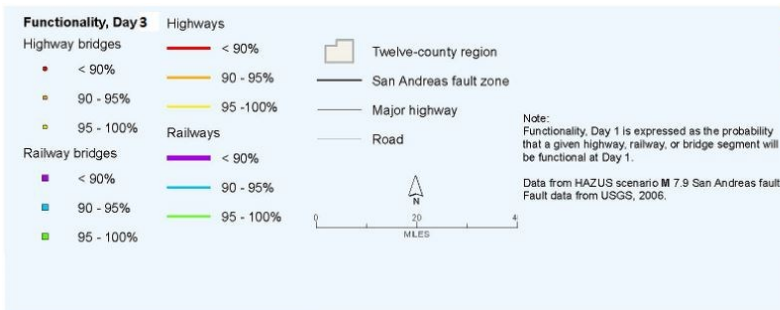


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## More Pictures from CalDART's Oct 26, 2019 Exercise



This earthquake scenario used by bay area disaster planners served as the base scenario for the DART exercise. Look at the widespread destruction to the surface transportation system and imagine the impact that aviation could have in responding to a M7.9 earthquake.



The regional hot wash dinner after the event featured speakers left to right, top to bottom, Marian Harris of San Mateo County DART, Dinner Host Walt Gyger of Tradewinds Aviation, Paul Marshall of CalDART, Jim Uhey of NorCal VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), Carol Ford of CalPilots, Jeff West of Reid Hillview DART, Ed Ford of CalDART, and John Liegl of SCAPA DART. Tom Hail of the



Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team made the Channel 8 News, telling the community about how they can use their local DART to their advantage in a disaster.

The SCAPA (South County Airport Pilots Association, a CalPilots sub-chapter) DART was assisted by Team Rubicon, a national volunteer emergency response and recovery organization. SCAPA DART also partnered with the local American Red Cross to open a shelter and



transport shelter overflow out of region where additional shelter could be found.

Ross Ferguson of Half Moon Bay (San Mateo County DART) taught a marshaling class at the beginning of their exercise.





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### **What is the Health of your Airport?**

**Santa Monica (SMO)** - Actively under threat, "excess" pavement being destroyed, estimated closure ~ 2028. Litigation continues to keep the airport open.

**Reid Hillview (KRHV)** - Actively under threat - no federal funds for 10 years, Possible closure in 2029. Already planning discussions about what else to do here.

**Gustine (3O1)** – Degradation of hangers and overall airport maintenance has been lagging. Pilots are moving their planes to other airports. Misuse of Runway for car testing.

**Livermore Airport (KLVK)** - Consideration of elimination of height restrictions on buildings near airport within the Airport Influence Area.

**San Jose (KSJC)** - successfully have eliminated small GA from SJC, now moving to close where those planes went - RHV

**Sacramento Executive (KSAC)** - City Council Considering zoo at end of runway or closing airport for zoo - County airport director has mentioned wanting to close this airport

**Banning (KBNG)** – City Council passed Resolution to close airport. Pilots and Law enforcement working to keep the airport open.

**Los Banos (KLSN)** - Suggestions of moving airport, but no action on new airport, potential for closure despite runway lengthening in 2002/3 time frame

**Bermuda Dunes (KUDD)** – CalPilots won Legal Battle against city/orthopedic hospital on 1/2 mile final.

**Oceano (L52)** – City has asked SLO County to study what other uses could be made of the airport.

**Cloverdale (O60)** - City council moved forward with a proposal for a resort that would close the airport, only cost to eliminate funding stopped them. Also, 1/2 of Chief of Police salary assessed against Airport fund making airport appear unprofitable, despite repeated attempts to build new hangars blocked by city council (according to public testimony, all nearby airports are impacted for T-hangers and there's demand for at least 20 t-hangers).

**South Lake Tahoe (KTVL)** – Airport requested FAA procedures required to close the airport.

**Hoopa Airport (O21)** – Native American owned, not eligible for CA Grant Match~ Change State Rules.

**BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management)** – Proposed Wind Generators could affect coastal Airport operations. Attend meetings and Webinars.

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## **What is the Health of Your Airport?**

Health Check

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Orange County (SNA) Sponsor is has proposal to prevent GA Operations, use of hangers and tie-downs.

**Note: The following Kern County Airports are in the process of being closed and the land sold to be replaced by one new airport.**

**Delano (KDLO)** - Allegations of failure to maintain & non-aeronautical uses. Denying use of airport telling pilots and aviation business the airport has been sold.

**Elk Hills Button Willow (L62)**

**Wasco Kern County Airport (L19)**

**POSO Taft -Kern (L-17)**

**Lost Hills Kern County Airport (L84)** In process of being closed

### ***Should your Airport be on this list?***

#### **How you can help?**

Become a member of **CalPilots** or **Board Member**

Start a CalPilots Chapter at your airport

Start a CalPilots DART Program at your Airport

**Attend and comment on City Council Agenda Items that could affect your Airport:**

Your Airport Standing Committee Meetings.

Your City or County Planning Commission meetings

Your City or County Supervisor meetings

Your County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

BOEM Bureau of Ocean Energy management – Attend your local meetings

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