



SANTA CRUZ/SANTA CLARA COUNTIES AIRPORT/COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Recap of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Roundtable

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 | 1:00PM – 4:00PM PDT

This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. All members of the Committee will participate by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

Roundtable Members Present

Mary-Lynne Bernald, City of Saratoga, Chairperson
Lisa Matichak, City of Mountain View
Anita Enander, City of Los Altos
Glenn Hendricks, City of Sunnyvale
Kathy Watanabe, City of Santa Clara
Liang Chao, City of Cupertino
Lydia Kou, City of Palo Alto
Steve Preminger, Santa Clara County

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Sky Laron, Community Engagement Officer
Tamara Swann, Deputy Regional Administrator
Ivan Gutierrez, Community Engagement Officer
Beth White, Senior Strategist for Public and Industry Engagement
Joseph Bert, Operations Support Group

Congressional Staff

Eric Henshall, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Office
Karen Chapman, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Office
Phil Deppert, Congressman Jimmy Panetta's Office
Tom Pyke, Congressman Ro Khanna's Office

SCSC Roundtable Consultant Staff

Steve Alverson, Environmental Science Associates (ESA)
Chris Sequeira, ESA
Evan Wasserman, ESA
Phoebe Weiman, ESA
Chantene Koplowl, Legal Counsel

Presenter

Chris Sequeira, ESA

1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format

Roundtable Facilitator Steve Alverson welcomed the members of the public and reviewed the meeting format. He provided an overview of process for providing public comment and referred to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20. Further, Mr. Alverson provided announcements regarding communications for the record, specifically referring to an email received from Congressional Representative Staff, Karen Chapman's, email and FAA Representative, Raquel Girvin's, letter that had come in that morning. It was noted by Mr. Alverson that these communications could be discussed under the Member Discussion portion of the agenda. It was noted by Chairperson Bernald that the meeting was being recorded, with the video recording and additional resources available on the SCSC Roundtable [website](#).

2. Call to Order and Identification of Members Present (Video timestamp 00:06:05)

Chairperson Mary-Lynne Bernald called the SCSC Community Roundtable to order at 1:03 PM and called roll to identify the Roundtable members present. A quorum of the members was present.

Steve Alverson provided introductions for ESA staff members. Chairperson Mary-Lynne Bernald provided introductions for the public attendees.

3. Flight Track Dispersion 101 – Chris Sequeira, ESA, Backup Roundtable Facilitator (Video timestamp 00:12:00)

Summary: Chris Sequeira provided a presentation regarding how aircraft navigate in the National Airspace System and how that relates to flight track dispersion. Special cases of dispersion were presented and then a summary of the presentation was provided prior to member comments and questions. SCSC Roundtable members and commenters from the general public requested additional clarification from ESA on a few items as follows:

- Regarding returning to the dispersion prior to NextGen. What's not possible today, might be possible tomorrow with new technology such as:
 - Fine-grain dispersion, with precision dispersion. Programmatic dispersion.
 - Allow alternate flight procedures during off-peak hours.
 - Section 175 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 to apply to arrivals as well as departures.
 - Ground based noise measurement systems.
 - The RT should have Leg. Comm. recommend having dispersion return to how it was prior to NextGen.
 - The SCSC Roundtable should ask Congress to clarify FAA priorities with respect to noise.
- What is ESA's take on these suggestions/comments?
- What is ESA's take on how to maximize opportunity for Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS) to direct aircraft to curve and fly over the bay instead of over the peninsula. Is it possible to do dispersion with the GBAS technology, and if so, how do we do it?
 - How is it known that fewer people are affected by NextGen given that the FAA doesn't look at population density, or impacts at the end of a procedure when planes are vectored? How is noise

distributed? Can Chris provide any insight into the MIT work to disperse traffic? We would like to know ESA's take on the MIT work.

- Why doesn't the FAA conduct a full EIS regarding dispersion?

ESA will provide a written response to these questions in the near future.

Member Comments: Member Kou; Member Hendricks and Chairperson Bernald.

Public comment: Sky Laron; Darlene Yaplee; Jennifer Landesmann; Marie-Jo Fremont; and Robert Holbrook.

Follow-Up Comments: Chairperson Bernald and Member Matichak.

4. Committee Reports

Technical Working Group – Technical Working Group Committee Chair Anita Enander (Video timestamp 01:12:00)

Summary:

- Discussion and possible approval of sending a letter regarding use of the BDEGA flight paths to the FAA
- Discussion and possible approval of enlisting ESA's input regarding the CATEX process
- Discussion and possible approval of sending a follow-up letter to the FAA regarding PIRAT

Member Comments: Member Hendricks; Member Kou; Member Matichak; and Chairperson Bernald.

Public Comment: Robert Holbrook; Darlene Yaplee; Marie-Jo Fremont; and Jennifer Landesmann.

Follow-Up Comments: Member Hendricks; and Member Preminger.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to have the SCSC Roundtable endorse/approve Chairperson Bernald to send the letter regarding BDEGA to the FAA was seconded by Member Kou and passed unanimously.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to direct and authorize the SCSC Roundtable Chairperson, and the Chairperson of the TWG to work collaboratively with ESA to prepare and have the SCSC Chairperson send the letter to the FAA regarding the questions on PIRAT, reviewing and revising as needed from the draft letter that was presented, was seconded by Member Matichak and passed unanimously.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander to direct the TWG to look at the CATEX process (and broader environmental review process issue, using PIRAT as an example) and propose a communication to the SCSC Roundtable for possible approval and sending to the FAA, with a

possible recommendation by the TWG to refer an item to the Legislative Committee if necessary for legislation was seconded by Member Kou and passed unanimously.

ACTION: The motion by Member Enander requesting that the SCSC Roundtable Chairperson give direction to the TWG to pursue collaboration with the SFO Roundtable and Oakland Noise Forum on the NIITE, WNDSR, and BDEGA procedures (to the extent necessary) was seconded by Member Kou and passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee – Legislative Committee Chair Lisa Matichak (Video timestamp 02:05:00)

Summary: Legislative Committee Chairperson Lisa Matichak provided an overview of what the Committee wants to work on related to dispersion and, optimizing SFO's GBAS, the possibility of creating more tracks (if determined to be helpful after Legislative Committee research), and any other ideas that may arise from comments or responses from Chris Sequeira.

Member Comments: Member Enander; Legal Counsel Koplow; Member Chao; and Chairperson Bernald.

Public Comments: Jennifer Landesmann.

ACTION: The motion by Member Matichak requests that the SCSC Roundtable assign to the Legislative Committee the ability to discuss the topic of dispersion and bring back the information to the full SCSC Roundtable for further discussion was seconded by Member Hendricks and passed unanimously.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Chairperson Bernald (Video timestamp 02:20:20)

Summary: The possibility of the SCSC Roundtable becoming independent from the Cities Association from response of the Cities Association board request. Member Hendricks and Chairperson Bernald discussed additional options that may be available, and to whom Chairperson Bernald has reached out to.

Member Comments: SCSC Roundtable Legal Counsel Koplow; Member Hendricks; Chairperson Bernald; Member Watanabe; and Member Chao.

Public comment: Jennifer Landesmann; and Robert Holbrook.

ACTION: The motion by Member Hendricks to allow the SCSC Roundtable to authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to engage in a direct dialogue with the Cities Association using the framework structure being suggested (with use of a facilitator/mediator) was seconded by Member Watanabe and passed unanimously.

6. Oral Communications/Public Comment (Video timestamp 02:57:57)

Public comment: Jennifer Landesmann and Robert Holbrook.

7. Member Discussion (Video timestamp 03:02:01)

Member Comments: Member Hendricks and SCSC Roundtable Facilitator Alverson.

8. Adjournment (Video timestamp 03:06:30)

Chairperson Bernald adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM.