

## **Miramar CLF Meeting December 13, 2007**

The December meeting of the Community Leaders Forum was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> in the Commanding Officers Conference room. Approximately twenty community leaders were present.

Cpl Francis Gotch, who had replaced Cpl Taylor Poulin in Community Relations, handled the Public Affairs Announcements.

Assistant Airfield Operations Officer, Mr. Tony Guinn provided the monthly air operations report. For the month of November, there were 7392 operations conducted either on the station or within the Miramar flight tracks that overlie San Diego communities. This is up slightly from the previous month, where 7043 were flown. Total noise complaints remain fairly consistent at 23. Most of these complaints are from residents who live under the helicopter routes at the coast. Rancho Bernardo logged zero noise complaints for the month of November.

However, Rancho Bernardo residents are still affected by jet noise, primarily from the Julian Departure route. This occurs when the jets depart from the prescribed flight track and proceed on course early, thereby over flying Rancho Bernardo. While this occasionally occurs at the direction of Air Traffic Control for reasons of conflicting traffic, we have been experiencing periods of repeated departures from the prescribed flight track for several days, followed by several days, even weeks of strict compliance. This pattern does not really make sense from a traffic conflict standpoint and I have discussed this with the air operations people. They are checking with the squadrons to see what may be causing this unusual pattern of flight operations. I made it clear, that while Rancho Bernardo residents are reluctant to file noise complaints while our troops are fighting a war, there have been questions from folks just wondering: "What's going on?" Air ops is trying to find out for us.

The main presentation for the meeting was from the San Diego County Airport Land Use Commission Staff. The California State Legislature established the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board in 2003. The Airport Authority Board consists of nine members appointed from around the County.

The Airport Land Use Commission prepares, adopts and updates Airport Compatibility Plan for each airport within the County and insures that proposed new development is consistent with adopted the Airport Compatibility Plans. Basically, this commission tries to ensure that some developer does not try to build a school right off the end of an airport runway, for instance. The regional authority had cognizance over 16 airports in our county.

While the focus is airplanes, airspace, buildings and people, this is really a land use issue and should be of great interest to RB Planning Board members. An Airport Technical Advisory Group (ATAG) assists the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. This

groups meets about twice a week and is composed of pilots (both civil and military), private property owners and their attorneys, airport operators, economic development organizations, community planning group representative members and professional land use organizations. This Airport Technical Advisory Group has been instrumental in helping the Airport Authority understand stakeholder issues and enabling the Airport Authority to develop better land use compatibility plans.

This is a land use planning issue and certainly falls under the umbrella of planning group functions. It is my recommendation that one of the members of the Airport Authority Board be invited to speak at an upcoming RB Planning Board meeting. They have a very interesting presentation and will be more than willing to speak to our Board. Information can be obtained at [www.san.org](http://www.san.org).

The next planned CLF meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

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