

# **APPENDIX O**

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**Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics Letter  
(May 27, 2022)**



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July 7, 2022

Romoland Elementary School District  
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ATTN: Trevor Painton, Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AERONAUTICS REVIEW FOR PROPOSED GREEN VALLEY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE**

Dear Superintendent Painton:

In accordance with Education Code Section 17215, The California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics has investigated a potential site for a school. The proposed site is located north of Ethanac Road in Romoland, Riverside County, California.

According to the Department of Transportation letter dated May 27, 2022, "based upon the CCR, our flight evaluation, consideration of existing conditions, planned development, Caltrans does not object to the establishment of the proposed school site." Please see attached letter for more information.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (916) 323-0575 or by email at [jgordon@cde.ca.gov](mailto:jgordon@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gordon".

John Gordon, Education Administrator I  
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

In response to your request of April 19, 2022, and Section 17215 of the California Education Code (EC), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics, has analyzed the proposed K-6 or K-8 Green Valley School site within two miles of the Perris Valley Airport (L65). The proposed site is a 15-acre vacant undeveloped parcel located about 4,075 feet, southeast of the approach end of Runway 33 at Perris Valley Airport. The proposed site is located northeast of the intersection of Murrieta Road and Watson Road, Perris, CA 92585.

Pursuant to EC section 17215, our evaluation was conducted in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 21, section 3570. Caltrans also considered the Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook), the Perris Valley Layout Plan, a noise review, our files, and other publications relating to aircraft annual operations at the L65. A Caltrans flight was conducted to determine where the proposed school site is relative to aircraft flight paths and aircraft operational phases. The Riverside County Airport Land-Use Commission and the airport's management were given an opportunity to comment, and their comments are included.

The L65 is a Medium General Aviation airport with approximately 22 based aircraft and approximately 24,550 operations annually. The airport's Runway 15/33 is 5,100 feet long. The following policy documents and sources were used to determine if this use of land is compatible or not with the Perris Valley Airport:

- Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan dated October 2004
- The California Airport Land Use Handbook (Handbook), dated October 2011
- Google Earth Maps

On May 18, 2022, Caltrans conducted a flight inspection of the L65. Although our flight inspection revealed the proposed site could experience some overflights by aircraft arriving at or departing from the airport, our investigation did not reveal any condition that would create an undue hazard. The traffic patterns are on the west side of Runway 15/33 and the proposed site is southeast of the runway and therefore on the non-traffic pattern side of the runway. Despite that, nearly all the aircraft flying into and out of the airport are twin-engine

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turboprop parachute jump aircraft that may arrive and depart in any direction. And skydivers have occasionally landed outside of airport property.

Using the CCR runway criteria, the entire proposed school site is inside of Safety Zone 6, identified as the Traffic Pattern Zone (TPZ) contained in the Handbook. The Handbook states locating school sites in the TPZ should be limited with consideration of density and intensity.

Aircraft noise is not a factor at this proposed site. While there is generally a low risk of an accident occurring at the proposed site, the potential consequences of any accident could be severe. Caltrans cannot guarantee the safety of the proposed site or any other site. Based upon the CCR, our flight evaluation, consideration of existing conditions, planned development, Caltrans does not object to the establishment of the proposed school site.

This Caltrans recommendation is furnished pursuant to EC section 17215. This recommendation does not relieve the sponsor of compliance responsibilities relating to any law, ordinance, or regulation of any federal, State, or local government body, nor does it constitute Caltrans approval relative to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), the CCR, and other State statutory or regulatory codes.

Additionally, PUC sections 21670 through 21679.5 establish a mandated process to implement airport land use laws throughout the State. Pertinent portions of PUC section 21670(a) state that it is "in the public interest to provide for the orderly development of each public use airport in this state and . . . to prevent the creation of new noise and safety problems." These sections require the creation of Airport Land Use Commissions within the counties, set forth the commissions' powers and duties, and call for the adoption of land use measures around the vicinity of public-use airports. Section 21670(f) specifically states that school districts are included among the local agencies that are subject to airport land use laws and other requirements of the PUC. School site acquisitions pursuant to EC section 17215 must comply with the above PUC sections.

If the proposed property is not approved by May 27, 2027, another site evaluation by Caltrans will be required. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact me at (916) 879-6431 or via email at [michael.smith@dot.ca.gov](mailto:michael.smith@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

MICHAEL SMITH  
Aviation Safety Officer