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San Diego Airport Authority invites follow up questions about departure vector noise

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The [Peninsula Community Planning Board \(PCPB\) Airport Committee meeting at San Diego International Airport](#) last week to discuss potential increased usage of departure vector 250 has raised more questions from residents living in South Point Loma.

Some members of the community believe that an additional departure vector at 260 degrees has been covertly approved. Others are blaming the increased air traffic over their homes to either lack of compliance with the 275 degree vector, or variations and drifts due to winds aloft.

CAPTION: (LEFT) *One of 24 noise monitor sensors near San Diego International Airport (Photo courtesy of San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)*

[An original slide show follows this article of San Diego Airport flight operations.](#)

CAPTION: (RIGHT) *Peninsula Community Planning Board Airport Committee meeting of 25 September 2009 at San Diego International Airport Commuter Terminal (Original photo by Joel Siegfried)*

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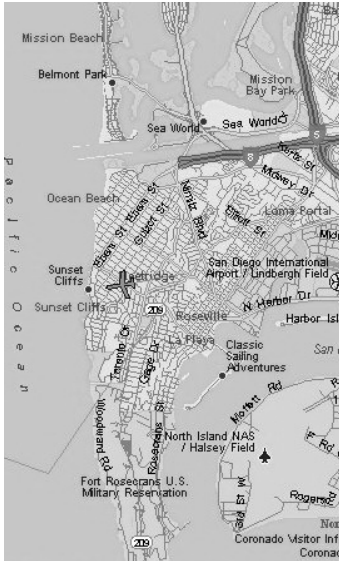
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Attempting to clarify some of these concerns, the [San Diego Airport Examiner](#) placed a call to the Airport Authority's Deputy Director for Public & Community Relations, **Steve Shultz**. Here's the gist of our conversation in question and answer format.



Question: It seems to this observer, from the email messages and comments that I've been receiving, that people seem more confused and suspicious. Do you think this is a result of flawed communications, and what, if anything, might resolve these complaints? For example, do you think a workshop or public seminar would be useful?

Answer: "No, I think that the [Airport Authority](#) is proactively conveying information through a number of resources. We have an extensive [noise web site](#). We provide an [email link](#) for noise reports, phone numbers and hot line for noise complaints, [quarterly noise reports](#), an [Airport Noise Advisory Committee](#) (ANAV) which holds regular public meetings, answers to frequently asked questions, a [Curfew Violation Review Panel](#) (CVRP), newsletter and other publications available for viewing online, a [Flight Tracker](#) tool (by Passur, Inc.), and of course, continuing efforts at noise mitigation through out [Quieter](#)

[Home Program](#) and environmental noise monitoring."

CAPTION:(ABOVE LEFT) Screen shot of San Diego Airport Flight Tracker public access tool (Original image by Joel Siegfried)

Question: I have heard dissatisfaction over use of the [Airport Flight Tracker](#), which gives a rather broad picture of flight activity, at best showing a five mile scale. What do you call the Flight Tracker that was displayed at last Friday's Airport meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board? Might the public be able to have access to this tool?

Answer: "It's not called a [Flight Tracker](#), but rather [ANOMS, Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System](#). It's a proprietary system which offers additional layers of information in real time, unlike the ten minute delay of the public access [Flight Tracker](#). We do offer free demonstrations of ANOMS which can be scheduled by calling **619-400-2781**. Due to proprietary restrictions, and real time data, it's not available or suitable for public use."

CAPTION: (ABOVE RIGHT) Screen shot of San Diego Airport ANOMS Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (Photo courtesy of Jeff Tittle, FAA Manager)



Question: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Answer: "We encourage use of the [Airport Authority's noise web site](#), and ask the public to call or [email](#) further questions or noise concerns."



Question: Thank you for your time and responses.

CAPTION: (LEFT) Peninsula Community Planning Board Airport Committee meeting of 25 September 2009 at San Diego International Airport Commuter Terminal (Original photo by Joel Siegfried)

The next public meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board's [Airport Committee](#) will take place on **Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m.** in the conference room of the [Point Loma Branch Library](#), at 3701 Voltaire Street. We will continue reporting on this issue.

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