Chapter Three

AIRPORT FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Half Moon Bay Airport

Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

3.1 AIRPORT FACILITIES

Facilities at an airport can be divided into two distinct categories: airside facilities and landside facilities. Airside facilities include those directly associated with aircraft operations. Landside facilities include those necessary to provide an interface between surface and air transportation, and support aircraft servicing, storage, maintenance, and operational safety.

3.1.1 Airside Facilities

Airside facilities generally include, but are not limited to, runways, taxiways, connecting taxiways, airfield lighting, and navigational aids. As depicted on **Exhibit 3A**, Half Moon Bay Airport is served by one runway. Runway 12-30 is 5,000 feet long and 150 feet wide and is constructed of concrete with an asphalt overlay. Both runway ends have displaced landing thresholds. A displaced landing threshold shifts the aircraft approach touch down to a point other than the designated beginning of the runway. In addition to the runway, there is a taxiway system to provide access to the various facilities at the airport. **Table 3A** summarizes the basic runway data for Half Moon Bay Airport.





Airport Property Line

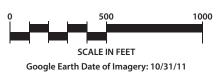






Exhibit 3A AIRPORT FACILITIES

TABLE 3A
Runway Data
Half Moon Bay Airport

		RU	RUNWAY	
		12	30	
Length (feet)		5,000		
Width (feet)		150		
Surface Material		Asphalt -Concrete		
Pavemen	t Strength (lbs.)			
Single Wheel		12,500 ¹		
Approach Aids		PAPI-2	PAPI-2, REIL	
Instrument Approach Procedures		GPS	GPS	
Displaced Threshold (feet)		752	762	
Fixed Wing Aircraft				
Traffic Pattern		Left	Right	
PAPI	Precision Approach Path Indicator			
REIL	Runway End Identifier Lights			
RNAV	Runway Area Navigation			
GPS	Global Positioning System			

¹ Load bearing capacity of the runway is set at 12,500 administratively. Source: FAA Digital Airport Facility Directory, March 7, 2013.

3.1.2 Landside Facilities

Landside facilities are essential to the daily operation of the airport and consist primarily of those facilities required to accommodate aircraft, pilots, and passengers while they are at the airport. Landside facilities at Half Moon Bay Airport are depicted on **Exhibit 3A**. As noted on the exhibit, landside facilities are all located on the east side of the airport. These include the terminal building, aircraft storage hangars, a fuel dispensing/storage facility, and two fixed base operators. The terminal building houses the Airport Operations Office and a privately operated restaurant. Fuel service is operated by the County; the aircraft maintenance providers are privately operated. The airport has 21 Port-a-Port hangars, T-hangars, and conventional hangars scattered along the length of the existing airport taxiways (see **Exhibit 3A**). These hangars are used for aircraft storage.

3.2 AIRPORT ACTIVITY DATA

Airport activity is defined as the take-offs and landings by aircraft operating at the facility; this is also referred to as aircraft operations. Activity is further described as either *local*, indicating aircraft practicing take-offs and landings (i.e., performing touch-and-go's), or *itinerant*, referring to the initial departure from or final arrival at the airport.

Table 3B provides a summary of operations for the existing condition (2012) and long range 20-year (2032) forecast year. Since Half Moon Bay Airport does not have an airport traffic control tower, precise operations records are not available. Therefore, an FAA-approved statistical methodology for estimating general aviation operations using local

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variables was utilized. This method, the *Model for Estimating General Aviation Operations* at Non-Towered Airports, was prepared for the FAA Statistics and Forecast Branch in July 2001. This report develops and presents a regression model for estimating general aviation operations at non-towered airports. The model was derived using a combined data set for small towered and non-towered general aviation airports and incorporates a dummy variable to distinguish the two airport types. In addition, the report applies the model to estimate activity at 2,789 non-towered general aviation airports contained in the FAA Terminal Area Forecast. The estimate of annual operations at Half Moon Bay Airport was computed using the recommended equation (#15) for non-towered airports. Independent variables used in the equation include airport characteristics (i.e., number of based aircraft, number of flight schools), population totals, and geographic location. This equation yielded an annual general aviation operations estimate of 46,832. Operational 20year forecasts were generated assuming slight growth at 1.2 percent annually on average.

TABLE 3B					
Operational Fleet Mix					
Half Moon Bay Airport Aircraft Fleet Mix and Operations					
Operations	2012	2032			
Itinerant GA and Air Taxi	23,416	29,750			
Local GA	23,416	29,750			

Total Operations Source: Operational fleet mix derived from an inventory of existing operations at the airport and instrument flight rule (IFR) flight database information from the Airport IQ website.

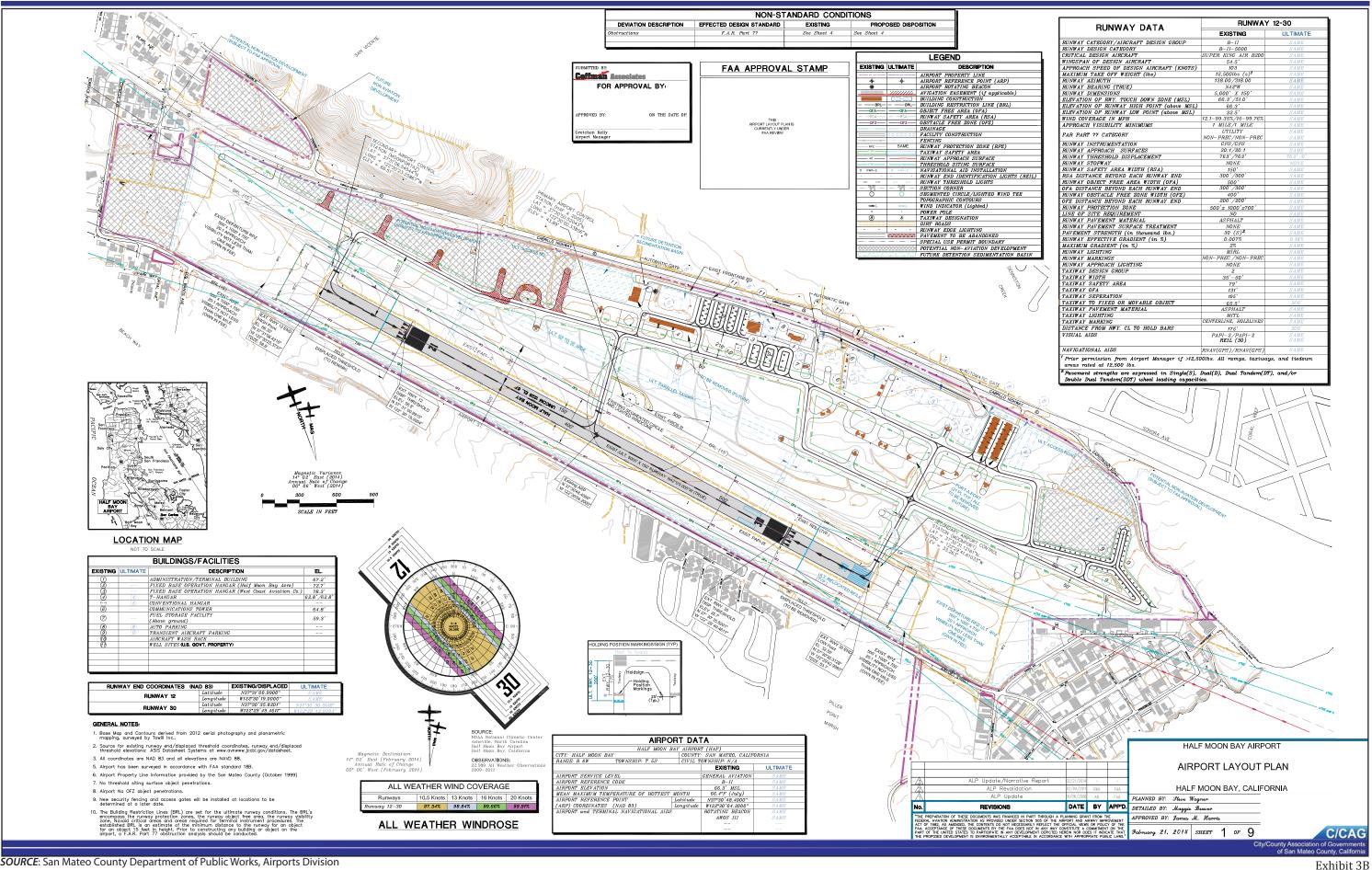
¹ Generated utilizing FAA's Model for Estimating General Aviation Operations at Non-Towered Airports Using Towered and Non-Towered Airport Data, July 2001.

² Operational forecasts prepared by Coffman Associates as part of the ALP Update and Narrative Report project an average annual growth rate of 1.2 percent through 2032.

3.3 AIRPORT FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Exhibit 3B depicts the Half Moon Bay Airport layout plan (ALP) drawing provided by the San Mateo County Department of Public Works, Airport Division. This drawing depicts both the current and planned facilities for the airport. Potential aircraft hangar locations, on-airport access roads, and parallel taxiway improvements are shown in blue dashed lines. The 2013 ALP calls for the removal of the 762-foot displaced threshold from Runway 30. This differs from the previous ALP, which called for the removal of the 752-foot displacement from Runway 12 and the 762-foot displacement from Runway 30. The 2013 ALP was submitted to the FAA in September 2013 for review.

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SOURCE: San Mateo County Department of Public Works, Airports Division

HAF AIRPORT LAYOUT DRAWING