



# **EIR No. 25-003**

# **Pacific Airshow**

City Council Meeting  
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# EIR No. 25-003 (Pacific Airshow)

- Analyzes and discloses the potential environmental impacts associated with the Pacific Airshow
  - Project Description includes new airshow activities
- Impacts – EIR analyzes 6 environmental impact areas
  - Significance of impacts based on established thresholds
  - In CEQA terms, impacts categorized as:
    - No impact
    - Less than significant
    - Less than significant with incorporation of mitigation measures
    - Potentially significant
- Mitigation Measures
  - Mitigation Measures identified to reduce level of significance or minimize less than significant impacts (wildlife hazards & biological monitoring)
- Significant and Unavoidable Impacts – potentially significant impacts that cannot be feasibly mitigated to a less than significant level



# Topical Issues Analyzed

## Issues Analyzed in the Initial Study and determined to have No Impact or LTS Impact

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology & Soils/Mineral Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use & Planning
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Utilities & Services systems
- Wildfire

## Issues Analyzed in the EIR

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources



# Significant and Unavoidable Impacts

- Air Quality
  - Operation emissions estimates from increased mobile source emissions (i.e. – vehicle trips) would continue to exceed daily emissions thresholds for criteria pollutants VOC, No<sub>x</sub>, CO
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
  - Emergency evacuation
  - Lack of significance thresholds
  - Difficult to assume the wide range of possible emergency conditions, number and location of increased population during airshow activities, and probable increase in response times
  - Emergency response measures recommended to compliment the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and airshow evacuation plan
- Noise & Vibration
  - Noise and vibration from multi-day music festival would exceed established noise standards
  - Mitigation is proposed to minimize impacts, but would remain significant



# Alternatives

CEQA requires an EIR to identify and analyze a reasonable range of alternatives to the project that would:

- Feasibly obtain most of the objectives of the project
- Avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the project, as proposed

The Draft Program EIR evaluated 3 Alternatives:

- Alternative 1: No Project/ No Airshow
  - Assumes no airshow would occur for the foreseeable future
  - Required by CEQA
- Alternative 2: 2023 Airshow – assumes 2023 version of the Airshow with none of the new airshow activities described in the project description
- Alternative 3: Reduced Project – assumes reduced size of Airshow with no military aircraft or equivalent noise-producing jets



# Final EIR

- Includes Draft Program EIR (made available for public review from February 20<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Comments on the Draft Program EIR
- Responses to comments on the Draft Program EIR
- Text changes to the Draft Program EIR
- Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program



# Statement of Overriding Considerations

- If the lead agency determines that it is infeasible to mitigate a significant environmental impact, the agency must adopt a “statement of overriding considerations.”
  - The lead agency finds that specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the project outweigh the significant effects on the environment.

# Recommended Action

- Recommend certification of EIR No. 25-003 because:
  - It adequately analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the Pacific Airshow
  - Identifies project alternatives pursuant to CEQA
  - Provides mitigation measures to lessen the project's impacts
  - Has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Approve CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations



# Questions?

