

Yolo County Airport

Draft County Good Neighbor Programⁱ

This Draft is intended as a starting point for discussions and further development:

I. Operational Practices

The County commits to ensuring compliance by airport operators and pilots with the following operational practices:

1. Flight Patterns

Acceptable flight patterns pertain mostly to noise abatement and limiting disturbances to residents and livestock. To that end, aircraft are to observe the designated flight pattern, which includes maintaining runway headings until off airport property either to the north or south, and maintaining an altitude of 1,000 feet above the ground.

2. Engine Run-up Restrictions

Engine run-ups and tests shall be performed in areas designated by the fixed base operator and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

3. Touch and Go operations

Touch and go operations shall be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

4. Airport Curfews

Purveyors or responsible parties of any nighttime activities occurring at the airport will ensure excessive noise does not occur after 10:00 p.m. (unless specified as part of a special event permit provided by the County).

5. Special Operations

When there are atypical operations such as military exercises, festivals and celebrations (other than agreed upon, regular activities by airport leases) and other one-time events that may affect neighbors, the County will distribute relevant information in a timely manner to the community email list and on the web site. This may not always be possible in emergency situations.

6. Other?

II. Community Engagement

The County wishes to keep airport neighbors, and the community as a whole, informed of airport developments and operations, making sure community concerns are heard and addressed as quickly and effectively as possible. Community engagement activities include:

1. Yolo County Supervisors will maintain an Airport Advisory Committee. The Committee will have Co-Chairs, one representing airport operations interests and one representing airport neighbor's interests.
2. Airport staff and/or Committee Co-Chairs will propose Committee meeting agendas, along with identifying what data or informational materials are needed to support agenda topics and requested input.
3. The agenda shall include, but not be limited to, any proposed actions which might impact the safe and efficient operation of the airport and/or the quality of life of nearby residents.
4. Public participation shall be encouraged. Any person wishing to propose an agenda item shall submit their suggestion to either County staff or Committee Co-Chairs, to be considered in a timely fashion pending other agenda topics or related considerations.
5. Public outreach shall be encouraged. County staff will email and post on the airport website meeting notices at least two weeks prior to regularly scheduled meetings. The agenda, accompanied by the meeting time and place, and relevant materials will be emailed and posted at least one week prior to meetings.
6. The County will maintain an up to date and accessible web site for airport information, operational changes, and programs.
7. Yolo County will maintain an email list of community members, airport operators and others who are interested in regular information and updates, and for announcing Committee activities. This list will be based on the one the County has at the start of this agreement, and will be revised based on Committee meeting interest and other public interactions.

8. Other?

III. County Commitments

The County commits to the following actions:

1. Be a responsible member of the community and be committed to minimizing the effects of airport impacts on surrounding neighborhoods;
2. Foster a good working relationship with airport neighbors and users, providing an understanding of the airport for pilots that utilize the airport either regularly or occasionally;
3. Inform, advise and invite neighbors and officials (including police and fire officials) of any planned air show or other “extracurricular” activities at the airport;
4. Maintain a standard complaint form available on the airport website or by contacting county staff (tel # and email);
5. Respond in a timely fashion to concerns or complaints. Concerns about operational or other issues will be handled in the following manner:
 - a. County staff will determine if the concern/complaint is under County, FAA or other jurisdiction;
 - b. County staff will communicate with the concern/complainant by phone, in person or by e-mail;
 - c. If under County jurisdiction, County staff will send a written notice to the owner/operator of the aircraft explaining any violation;
 - d. If under FAA jurisdiction, County staff will, when appropriate, send the concern/complaint to FAA;
 - e. County staff will keep a record of concern/complaints on file;
 - f. Complaints will not be acted upon unless County staff receives a completed complaint form.
6. Ensure all tenants and operators comply with all local, state and federal rules and regulations pertaining to airport safety and security;
7. Maintain the following documents on the airport website (www.yolocounty.org):
 - a. Good Neighbor Policy
 - b. Complaint Form
 - c. Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- d. Name and contact information of Airport Manager
 - e. Names and contact information of Supervisors
 - f. Names and contact information of key airport tenants
 - g. Other?
8. Yolo County Airport will inform pilots and flight schools that neighbors are concerned about deviations from accepted take-off and landing approaches, and expect pilots to follow adopted guidelines. Yolo County airport will make sure that all airport leases, operators and pilots have the latest brochures, information, and agreements about how to operate the facility in a manner consistent with policy and consistent with being a good neighbor to surrounding properties.
9. Other?

ⁱ Ideas drawn from Good Neighbor Programs at the following airports: Miami International Airport, San Jose International Airport, Peachtree-DeKalb Airport (Atlanta), Beverly, MA