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**Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport
Announces Upcoming Master Plan Update EIR / EA Public Scoping Meeting
Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

SANTA ROSA – The Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works – Airport Division announced today that it has scheduled a public scoping meeting regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) that the Airport is preparing for the updating of its 1998 Airport Master Plan. This meeting will provide information about the environmental review process and potential projects and the opportunity to provide comments about the proper scope and content of the environmental review documents.

The environmental review process will address several facility requirements including the extension of Runways 14 and 19, extensions of various taxiways, upgrading of runway and taxiway lighting systems, the relocation of the Instrument Landing System localizer antenna for runway 32, siting and relocation of the Air Traffic Control Tower, construction of a new terminal building, acquisition of land adjacent to the Airport, installation of airfield perimeter fencing, relocation and construction of internal service roads, construction of an aircraft rescue and firefighting building, and installation of lights on Runway 1-19, among others.

The public scoping meeting will be conducted using an Open House format so that interested persons can attend any time during the two hour meeting. Airport representatives and consultants will be available to brief attendees on the proposed project and the environmental review process and to obtain input on the content of the environmental documents. There will be an opportunity for the public to give verbal or written comments on the range of environmental topics to be evaluated.

“We take seriously and consider all comments given by the public. The Public Scoping Meeting will be an effective means for us and those working on the environmental studies to continue to hear from the public. We greatly appreciate input from the community throughout this process,” stated Airport Manager Jon Stout.

The Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 1st from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel**, 3555 Round Barn Boulevard in Santa Rosa.

In addition to comments made at the public meeting, written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on July 9th, 2008. They can be submitted to Crystal Acker, Sonoma County Permit Resource Management Department, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403; phone (707) 565-8357; fax (707) 565-8358; or by email cacker@sonoma-county.org. For more information, please contact Ms. Acker at (707) 565-8358 or visit the Airport website, www.sonomacountyairport.org, and click Master Plan Update on the homepage.

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study associated with the EIR and EA have been developed and are available on the Airport website or by calling Ms. Acker at (707) 565-8358.

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