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Sonoma County Releases Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Proposed Airport Safety and Improvement Project *Public to Provide Input at Open House on August 15, 2011*

Santa Rosa, CA – August 5, 2011, the County of Sonoma released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport Master Plan Implementation Project. The proposed project is the implementation of the 2030 Airport Master Plan (AMP) and includes a variety of projects related to maintaining and improving Airport safety, and maintaining and upgrading Airport facilities.

The DEIR document, required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), describes the proposed project, the existing environmental conditions, the impacts from construction and operation of the proposed project as well as mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate impacts. Information in the DEIR enables decision-makers, interested parties and the public to evaluate the proposed project and its environmental effects.

The County will host a public open house on August 15, 2011. The public is invited to attend the open house to learn about the proposed project and talk with Sonoma County Airport staff and technical project staff. Opportunities will be provided for attendees to enter formal comments on the DEIR into the public record.

Jon Stout, the Manager of Sonoma County Airport commented, “We look forward to meeting with the community at the open house to discuss the proposed project and hear their questions and comments first hand. The community’s participation is an essential part of the process.”

The DEIR will be available online by the end of day on August 5th at: www.sonomacountyairport.org/master-plan-update. It is being circulated for 45 days for review and comment. During this period there will be an open house meeting and one or more planning commission meetings where public comments will be accepted.

Public Open House: Monday, August 15, 2011

6:00 to 9:00 pm

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, Carston Cabaret

50 Mark West Springs Road

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

The public has until 5:00 pm PDT on September 19, 2011 to review the DEIR and submit written comments for consideration by the County of Sonoma. In addition to comments on the DEIR received at the open house, the public may submit comments via mail, e-mail or fax with attention to:

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For complete information on the environmental process, the proposed project, local locations to view the environmental document and future public meetings visit: www.sonomacountyairport.org/master-plan-update.

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