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Greetings Distinguished Officials and Staff Members,

Thank you kindly for the email. I will review the attached and respond accordingly with additional questions.

Regarding the *Land Use Legislative Session*:

Do we have additional supporting evidence on the following on the Mitre Aviation Leasing details for projected economic impact as mentioned on page (4) of the Final draft:

Gillespie Field and its two airport industrial parks generate an estimated \$403 million in direct economic impact and support 3,164 jobs in the City of El Cajon. These activities generate an estimated \$919 million in direct, indirect, and induced economic impacts and support 6,250 jobs, throughout San Diego County. The airport is home to flight schools, repair and maintenance shops, aircraft storage, aircraft sales and rental services, fuel providers, and instrument and avionics shops. The airport also functions as an essential emergency response resource for CalFire, Mercy Air, and Aerial Support to Regional Enforcement Agencies (ASTREA). Additionally, the airport supports public utility delivery through the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) leasehold on the property.

And Attachment B of the Leasing Guidance:

1. **Business Attraction and Investment Growth:** Airports enhance a region's connectivity to global markets making it more appealing to businesses seeking to establish or expand operations. In San Diego County, aviation infrastructure that supports high-tech clusters, manufacturing, defense, and biotech industries. Proximity to an airport is a key factor in site selection for corporate headquarters and logistics centers, leading to increased foreign and domestic investment.
2. **Tourism Development:** San Diego County's tourism economy benefits greatly by giving regional access to business and international travelers. Visitors contribute to local hotels, restaurants, and cultural attractions, and entertainment venues, indirectly supporting thousands of jobs and businesses that rely on a steady influx of air travelers.
3. **Enhanced Supply Chain and Trade Efficiency:** Airports facilitate faster and more reliable transportation of goods. In San Diego, businesses involved in import/export, aerospace, and defense rely on regional airports to connect with domestic and international suppliers and customers. Timely delivery systems attract logistics and freight companies, further strengthening the county's economic competitiveness.
4. **Real Estate and Infrastructure Development:** The presence of regional airports in San Diego County drives demand for commercial, industrial, and residential real estate. McClellan-Palomar and Gillespie Field have become economic centers for real estate and industrial growth, encouraging the development of airplane hangars, pilot-mechanical training facilities, business parks, and support infrastructure.
5. **Tax Revenue Enhancement:** Indirect economic activities related to airport operations increase local and state tax bases. Business expansions, real estate development, and tourism all contribute to higher sales, income, and property tax revenues. Additionally, the San Diego County Airport System collects economic contributions from FAA grants, aviation land leases, including possessory interest taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, and user fees and fuel taxes, all of which support the County's general fund and/or Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF). The direct capital investment supports airport operations, infrastructure upgrades, and the sustainability of the Airport Enterprise Fund.
6. **Job Creation:** In addition to direct employment, airports create a wide range of professional and support jobs to support travel, supply chain, manufacturing, aircraft maintenance, catering, retail, and construction industries.
7. **Education and Workforce Development:** San Diego's airport system stimulates the growth of aviation-related FAA accreditation education programs via partnerships with Miramar, Palomar community Colleges and through local flight schools that foster workforce development in

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aviation, maintenance, and related technical fields.

8. **Innovation and Technology Advancement:** The development of airport facilities in San Diego encourages innovation in aircraft systems, smart infrastructure, green technology, and sustainable aviation fuel. These advancements position the county as a leader in aviation technology.
9. **Emergency and Medical Services:** Airports provide crucial access for emergency medical flights, wildfire suppression aircraft, law enforcement, and disaster response. Gillespie field and Ramona Airport, serve as a strategic bases for the San Diego County sheriffs and Cal Fire operations, directly supporting public safety and resilience across the region.

There is really no estimated dollars tied to facilitating support for disaster assistance. I would like to see cost breakdown against the challenges for a clearer forecast of expectations. The San Diego Police (Aviation Patrol) may also share some of this space.

Thank You,
Cassandra Cotton

On Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 2:00 PM County of San Diego <sdcounty@service.govdelivery.com> wrote:

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