



Appendix B

FAA Forecast Approval Letter



REDDING REGIONAL AIRPORT



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**Federal Aviation
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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Dear Mr. Wadleigh,

RE: FAA Review Comments for Updated Aviation Activity Forecast – 28 August 2023;
Redding Regional Airport (RDD); AIP Grant/Project 3-06-0194-063-2022

The San Francisco Airports District Office (SFO-ADO) has completed the review of the updated Aviation Activity Forecasts for the Redding Regional Airport (RDD). The SFO-ADO review comments are as follows:

- FAA concurs with the forecast approach and methodologies presented in the updated aviation forecast validation document. The COVID-19 adjusted forecast alternative recovery scenario analysis and forecast assumptions presented are considered reasonable and well supported.
- FAA concurs with the forecast levels and growth rates for the total operations, and based aircraft, as presented in **Exhibit 2J – Forecast Summary** of the RDD Chapter 2 Forecasts – dated August 25, 2023. The subject aviation activity forecast is considered generally consistent with the FAA 2022 Terminal Area Forecast (TAF).
- FAA concurs with the near-term forecast presented for peak passenger enplanements through 2027 presented in the **Exhibit 2J – Forecast Summary**. This correlates with the maximum number of departing seats RDDs current Airlines contract(s). Per Table 3-4 of the AIP Handbook, to determine whether a project (e.g., expanded passenger terminal) is justified, there must be an actual need for the project at the airport within the next five years. Thus, the forecasted enplanements in 2027 are the most relevant.
- FAA concurs that the Runway Design Code (RDC) for Runway 16-34 is C-III-2400. Due to magnetic variation adjustment, the future runway designation is 17-35. Based on the most recent year of aircraft activity (2022) it appears reasonable that the Future RDC will be D-III-2400 for Runway 17-35.

This forecast was prepared at the same time as the evolving impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Forecast approval is based on the methodology, data, and conclusions at the time the document was prepared. However, consideration of the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on aviation activity is warranted to acknowledge the reduced confidence in growth projections using currently-available data.

Accordingly, FAA approval of this forecast does not constitute justification for future projects. Justification for future projects will be made based on activity levels at the time the project is requested for development. Documentation of actual activity levels meeting planning activity levels will be necessary to justify AIP funding for eligible projects.

It has been a pleasure working with you to help advance these needed plan bases for the RDD's ALP/Master Plan to support its needed critical projects in the coming near term.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 925-546-6439.

Regards,

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