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Mr. Doug Pomeroy
Federal Aviation Administration
San Francisco Airports District Office
1000 Marina Boulevard, Suite 220
Brisbane, CA 94005-1835

Re: Updated Purpose and Need Working Paper: Extension of Runway 13/31 for Gness Field Airport, Marin County, California

Dear Mr. Pomeroy:

The Marin Conservation League (MCL) supports the Updated FAA Purpose and Need Working Paper: Extension of Runway 13/31 for Gness Field Airport. The information distributed is very important for the decision to extend the runway 13/31.

The alternative suggested in the Updated Purpose and Need Working Paper is to extend the runway 300 feet, instead of the 1,100 feet addressed in the EIR/EIS. We concur with the analysis that a 300 foot extension would address the projected need for the current fleet and for the probable future fleet based at Gness Field.

A 300 foot extension will still require wetland mitigation, for the full amount of wetlands lost which includes the 106 feet 'shifted' from the south end of the runway and for the Safety Zone at 300 feet. MCL encourages local mitigation consistent with Marin County wetland mitigation at 2:1, or 3:1 if not in kind.

The Gness Field location makes it highly vulnerable to Sea Level Rise (SLR). It is identified as being inundated in even the more conservative mapping for SLR. We question whether it is a good investment to expand an airport that will need to be abandoned in 50 years?

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Powers".

Kate Powers
President

cc: Supervisor Judy Arnold

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