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Ms. Christine Tallman
Stanislaus County Clerk of the Board
1010 10th Street, Suite 6700
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Ms. Tallman:

Subject: Protecting Your Airports

Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics (Division), is excited for you to be among the first to have a copy of our new awareness video titled, *California's General Aviation Airports: Links to Vitality*. This short 18-minute production provides insight into what some communities are doing to support and protect their airports. Also included is our *Airport Land Use Compatibility Planning in California* brochure, which highlights important factors to consider when determining appropriate land uses around airports.

We realize your role as a local land use decision-maker or planner is not easy, but it is critical to the wellbeing and sustainability of the State's air transportation system. Although California aviation contributes nearly nine percent to both total employment and State economic output, many people outside of the aviation realm do not understand its value to their communities.

We are confident the video and brochure will assist in your efforts to protect airports from incompatible land uses. I encourage you to peruse on our website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/aeronautics>, where staff contact information resides and the video can also be viewed. Let us work in partnership to improve mobility in our great State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Cathey".

GARY CATHEY, Acting Chief
Division of Aeronautics

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE
FROM YOUR CLERK

Enclosures