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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



*A Dark Sky Community*

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MMVCA takes on FAA and Air Traffic Noise over Monte  
Nido

Board Seats Filled at Dec Board Meeting together with  
some Holiday Cheer

Minutes from Dec 2017 and Jan 2018 MNVCA Board  
meetings

## **Newly Altered Aircraft Flight Patterns Prompt Coastal Communities' Complaints**

Thanks to MNVCA Board member Alicia Gonzalez for spearheading a new campaign to get the attention of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and convince the powers that be to alter the flight patterns over Monte Nido and nearby coastal communities back to their pre-NextGen Aviation elevations and routes.

Alicia has formed a task force to be “squeaky wheels” on this issue. She has figured out what political entities to start contacting. She has coordinated with other communities’ activists on this topic and she has distributed an information handout to all Monte Nido residents (check your mailbox). This handout lists the websites where complaints to FAA can be placed, and the contact information for our US Congress representatives, Rep. Ted Lieu and Senators Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris. A copy of this information sheet is attached as an addendum to this Newsletter.

As you will read in the Minutes from the Jan 9 MNVCA Board meeting, Alicia made detailed presentation on this issue that included a map of current and previous flight paths from LAX over our area, and background information on the FAA NextGen Program roll out of “SoCal Metroplex Project” here in southern California over recent months. The implementation of this program is what has brought the unacceptably heavy and noisy aircraft traffic directly over Monte Nido at relatively low elevations.

Alicia briefed on the statistics of greatly increased noise complaints to FAA in our area as well as the experience in other communities where this NextGen Program was implemented in earlier years. The negative impacts to us now include adverse health effects on humans

and wildlife as well as potentially lower property values.

Also making presentations to the MNVCA group at the Jan meeting were Rick Mullen, Mayor Pro Tem of Malibu, Joey Apadaca from the office of Rep. Ted Lieu, Timothy Lippman from the office of LA Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and Kim Lamorie, president of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation. There was a large group present from Monte Nido community and also from other areas in the Santa Monica Mountains and everyone came away with a lot better understanding of this issue. It was generally agreed that the FAA is a particularly bureaucratic, cumbersome and non-responsive agency and getting useful action from them will take pressure from communities and their representatives and this will require a long term effort.

A complaint letter from MNVCA to FAA has been drafted and delivered to the FAA by the office of Rep Ted Lieu Our legal position is that the FAA did not conduct adequate community outreach to areas that would be affected and that the FAA finding that the SoCal Metroplex implementation would pose “No Significant Impact” was not based on adequate public input. It is also our position that an Environmental Impact Statement is required in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The goals of the MNVCA task force led by Alicia are to get the FAA to immediately increase the elevation of aircraft paths over Monte Nido and in the longer term, return to flight paths out of LAX that go mostly over the ocean and non-residential areas.

If you are being bothered by increased aircraft noise over Monte Nido, look at the information from Alicia and join the action group working on this.

## **Annual Board Elections held Dec. 12, 2017 to fill elect Board Members for 2018**

**The December Board meeting served the dual purposes of enjoying a bit of Holiday Cheer and conducting a business meeting. Pics from the Holiday cheer are shown here.**



**The primary purpose of the Dec Business Meeting was to hold the annual election for Board member**

**seats expiring after two year terms. Kara Kuipers chose not to run for reelection. Thanks from all to Kara for her leadership and her help especially on legal matters. Kara is expecting a second baby soon and we extend best wishes to the whole family. Heidi Stompe agreed to run and was elected to fill the vacant seat. Heidi is a veteran of MNVCA affairs and Board membership and returns to service on the Board after a few years "off". Thanks to Heidi for stepping up and for bringing her considerable experience and expertise in Monte Nido advocacy to MNVCA once again.**

**Those other Board members up for reelection all agreed to serve for another term. The complete slate of Board Members for 2018 are listed below.**

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## **MNVCA Membership**

The Annual membership letters to all the households in Monte Nido have been mailed out. This letter invites you to join or renew membership (if lapsed) in Monte Nido Valley Community Association. The annual fee is only \$75 and it all goes to supporting Monte Nido neighborhood events and causes that keep our community special. The address to send your membership form to is

**MNVCA at P.O. Box 8054, Calabasas  
91372.**

**Gary Bardovi Treasurer**

**When you join as a new member you can get a free Monte Nido Community Directory put together recently thanks to Cathy Sieling. Email Carrie Baltin to arrange to pick up your copy at  
[carrie@baltinassociates.com](mailto:carrie@baltinassociates.com)**

## **Next MNVCA Board Meeting**

**The Board meetings are held the second Tuesdays of the month starting at 7:00 PM. In some years, we hold meetings every other month. In other years, it is closer to every month. Check your email from Jill Reiss at [MNVCANewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:MNVCANewsletter@gmail.com) for Board meeting dates and locations.**

**The next meeting for 2018 is set for February 12, 2018 at the home of Joan Slimocosky located at 25632 Buckhorn Dr. More discussions and updates from the FAA/Air Traffic task force will be on the agenda for that meeting along with any new updates on the Vintage Properties development plans near the first Piuma Rd hairpin turn and any new information from County officials on LCP (local Coastal Plan) regulations.**

### **Minutes of the MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting December 12, 2017**

**At the home of Mary Helen and Steve Young**

December 12, 2017

President Carrie Baltin called the meeting to order at 7:10PM at the home of Mary Helen Young

Present from the Board: Carrie Baltin, Joan Slimocosky, Sally Livingston, Heidi Stompe, Jane Cudworth, Mary Helen Young, Maria Ioan, Alicia Gonzalez, Tod Stobie, Kim Creswick, Jill Reiss, Gary Bardovi, Ilda Jacobsen

Present from the Community: Brent Baltin, John Cudworth, George Ricciardi, Randi Goodman, Tom Canning, Adriaan van't Reit, Rodger Reiss, Steve Vaughn.

Agenda Changes: none

Treasurer's Report: Gary Bardovi reported on balances in general checking account. Memberships and some new legal fund contributions have been received. Assets in the CD are up for renewal in April. Currently they are earning .04%.

New Business:

MRT: Carrie received a donation request from MRT. We donated to them after the fire in Calabasas. The question was asked, "What is the mission statement of MRT?" At previous meetings, we had a long conversation about their policies re: Eucalyptus removal on Cold Canyon, their use of herbicides, and their mission to acquire lands for the public domain. Can we designate a donation for land acquisition or education to prevent the funds from being used for purposes we prefer not to support? George Ricciardi shared that he was formerly involved with MRT and wondered why they are not represented at the meeting. Jo Powe often attends to represent them. We can invite a rep to our next meeting to address our questions and concerns.

Federation Report: Joan reported. A subcommittee is being formed to put together a historical record /oral tradition of the mountains before some of the older activists are lost, with an emphasis on successes like King Gillette. There's a location to archive it where it's protected from disasters. If we ever have to oppose another big project it would be great to have this history to draw from to inspire people and reinforce that we can prevail.

Old Business:

Square Dance: Results previously were reported via email. The event was very successful. This year, we had a vegan option, which was well received. Financially, we almost broke even and if we discount the reusable posters, we made some

money. Thanks were offered to Tod, Alicia, Maria, and Ilda for their help. Lois Love suggested we send a gift basket to the Fleemans to thank them for permitting us to use the meadow. Ilda can arrange it. A motion passed to send \$100 gift basket.

Board Elections: Only one board member, Kara Kuiper, is leaving, to have a baby. Heidi Stompe was nominated to replace her and was accepted by acclimation.

FAA/Airport Noise:

Alicia reported: She is taking the lead on this issue as our representative from the Board. Tom Canning, Adriaan van't Reit, and David Calabria from the community, are working with her, and considering calling themselves the Quiet Skies Committee. They have produced flyers for distribution with information on what you can do. The flyers are not officially to be from MNVCA. Senators Boxer and Feinstein anticipated our problems before the NexGen flight changes were implemented and sent a letter to FAA with concern about what would happen here after this change. The Malibu Times recently ran an article on the problem, with an interview with Tom Canning. Rick Mullin, Mayor Pro Tem of Malibu, is taking the lead in Malibu and including Monte Nido in his efforts. Mullen and the Malibu City Council have sent a letter to FAA on behalf of Malibu saying they need to stop the new flight paths now. Mullen/Malibu's position is that flight elevation must be raised immediately and in the long-term it must revert back to the way it was before. Congressman Ted Lieu's office is being very responsive. (Joey Apadoca is Lieu's office rep and the point person for this issue.) There is a meeting with FAA regional administrator in 2 days (Dec 14). Motion passed to send a letter to Lieu's office before Thursday. It should be a complaint on behalf of the 400+ homes in MNVCA. This is a good time for everyone to send emails to Lieu. The January 9, 2018 MNVCA meeting will be dedicated to this issue. Maybe Rick Mullen will come. Jan 10 is the next LAX round table community meeting. We should organize people to attend.

Tom Canning and Adriaan van't Reit reported: Canning has lived here many years. He moved here for the peace and quiet. Until 3 months ago, jet noise was not an issue. Then it started

getting worse and worse. The jet fuel is creating air pollution in MN. Next Door Monte Nido confirmed that there was a real problem. Canning called Supervisor Keuhl and Henry Stern's offices but they said it's an FAA issue and has to go through Federal elected officials (Lieu, Feinstein, and Harris). The flyer sums up what he's learned. Why did this happen? Until a few years ago, the FAA used radar to track air traffic. Then they switched to the NexGen system, which is satellite based. They consolidated flights into a narrow area to affect fewer people, better tracking of flights, and to reduce elevation to save fuel. We are the last major airport in the country to be on the receiving end and every other location has gone ballistic about this. Some concessions and changes have been accomplished through suing FAA. Phoenix (one of their biggest complaints is the noise) sued and they won. The FAA is going back to the old system there. John Wayne Airport locals had a successful suit. We need to do a great deal of complaining because the courts count the number of people and number of complaints and it carries weight. Last month Monte Nido had 2300 complaints. We need to log lots and lots of complaints. It's really easy to log complaints with the phone app. The solution is to go back to the old way. We should not offer a compromise position.

We can eblast the community to keep everyone informed and encourage activism. Alicia will continue to be an ad hoc rep to any committees working on this issue.

Trash pickup: was successful. Heidi told of a wonderful experience she had that morning. Out of nowhere, 30 deer appeared from the creek the morning of the trash pickup while she was setting up.

Airbnb: Several neighbors complained about it at the last meeting. The complaint was that it produces noise, parties, and lights. Carrie contacted Sheila Keuhl's office to get information. Nicole will get back to us about what is and isn't legally permitted in this community. People moved to Monte Nido for quiet and serenity with the understanding there are no commercial enterprises here. This change is impacting the nature of the community. Discussion followed: What will we do with the information we get from Keuhl's office

when we get it? What is our role as the Board when it comes to Airbnb? Is it just to obtain and disseminate information? Is our role to protect the character of our rural community? We have to define that character. We can be protectors without being enforcers. We have complaints here all the time, for ex. motorcycles and speed. We got the Piuma light installed. The suggestion was made that neighbors talk to each other when there's a complaint and try to work it all out civilly.

Vintage Development: Brush clearance recently was done.

Red Book and Directory: Carrie has extra directories for people who need them. Contact Stephanie Abronson for Red Books.

Carrie thanked everyone for his or her efforts this year.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28PM for a potluck holiday celebration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Reiss  
Secretary

**Minutes of MNVCA Board Meeting  
January 9, 2018 at the home of Carrie  
Baltin  
7:00PM**

The main purpose of this meeting was to present information to the community on efforts to reduce air traffic and noise over Monte Nido. Before the regular MNVCA Business Meeting started, we heard a presentation from Board member Alicia Gonzalez who is leading this effort within our community and also from Rick Mullen from the Malibu City Council, Joey Apodaca from the office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu, Timothy Lippman, from the office of LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and Kim Lamorie, President of the Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation. A brief time for questions and answers and informal discussions

followed. Some of the highlights from these presentations are summarized below.

**Alicia Gonzalez** presented a PowerPoint briefing entitled "Air Traffic Noise and Pollution over Monte Nido". Alicia, herself has been a Monte Nido resident for more than 30 yrs and attests as all present that the aircraft noise here has increased very dramatically in recent months. The average elevation in Monte Nido is about 800 ft and we are surrounded by higher hills so that we are in a bowl where aircraft noise can reverberate and be amplified. We are rural and distant from other types of manmade noise (6 miles from freeway and from PCH) and we are 30-40 miles from the regional airports so that airport noise would not be expected here. The cause of this noise increase is a recently rolled out FAA NextGen Program denoted SoCal Metroplex Project locally.

The idea was to use newer traffic control technologies and new routes meant to enhance safety and efficiency and reduce fuel use. This was implemented using lower aircraft altitudes and concentrating flights over narrower flight paths that now pass over Monte Nido. This level of air traffic and noise is detrimental to human health, wildlife well being, and property values. The number of noise complaints from coastal communities near us to the FAA since roll-out in late 2017 has skyrocketed, however FAA is a notoriously difficult Federal bureaucracy. To get the attention of the FAA, it will be necessary to get the attention of our Federal representatives who can pressure FAA directly and also local officials who can help support our efforts. Alicia brought handouts also put in all Monte Nido mailboxes that give specific websites and the contact info for Rep. Ted Lieu and Senators Feinstein and Harris. Alicia and those working with her on this problem request that residents stay informed, register complaints when they experience the noise, be prepared to sign petitions, and support our efforts at public meetings when there is an opportunity. Other local communities (including Malibu) are likewise forming task forces to battle the FAA on this. Our Monte Nido group will coordinate with these. Other communities around the United States that have been badly impacted by NextGen rolled out in earlier years have succeeded in pressuring FAA to

make needed changes. In some cases lawsuits against FAA have succeeded. The position of MNVCA is that FAA did not conduct adequate community outreach to residents vulnerable to be adversely affected nor did they allow sufficient public comment. A finding by FAA that SoCal Metroplex would have “No Significant Impact” was not based on sufficient public notice and opportunity for comment. Especially given the environmentally sensitive areas being affected, a full “Environmental Impact Statement” should be required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Our objectives are to get FAA to immediately increase the altitude of flights over Monte Nido and in the longer term return to previous flight tracks with most traffic flying over the ocean and non-residential areas.

**Rick Mullen**, from the City of Malibu City Council spoke to the group noting that he was a Marine pilot for many years, is well aware of the sensitivity around aircraft noise in residential areas. He has also heard complaints from Malibu residents, and has talked to officials in other cities with similarly affected areas (like Monte Nido) due to the NextGen FAA roll outs. He has also heard from pilot groups that the new FAA routes were mapped without the pilots in the loop. It is a Federal matter, which is why contact with our US Congress reps is the first order of business, but local officials and citizen groups can help get us to our objectives. Mullen also attests to the fact that the local communities, including Malibu were not given adequate notice on the proposed changes by FAA.

**Joey Apodaca**, from the office of Rep Ted Lieu spoke to the group noting that their office has received a large number of aircraft noise complaints from the ocean communities it represents, and considers it the most difficult issue on their plate at present. They had a meeting Dec. 14, 2017 with the FAA regional office people to voice these complaints, let FAA know Rep Lieu and this community are serious in wanting mitigating action and that we are not going away. The office also delivered letters of complaint, including a letter from MNVCA. However, FAA is notoriously difficult, and it will probably take a sustained pressure campaign to get them to act. There will be “post implementation analysis” by FAA which will

give communities an opportunity to weigh in. Joey suggested that Lieu’s office be copied on correspondence to FAA on this issue. Violations of elevation regulations should be reported. Lieu’s office is looking into the best way to officially request an “Environmental Impact Study.” This appears an important step to take in order to get a relook at the SoCal Metroplex Project.

**Timothy Lippman** from the office of Sheila Kuehl, LA County Supervisor for our district then addressed the group. He noted that this is indeed a Federal issue, but Supervisor’s office is ready to weigh in where they can and look for ways to help. They want to stay in the loop and can be copied on any correspondence on this aircraft noise issue.

**Kim Lamorie**, president of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation spoke briefly to the group. She is asking Alicia to make her presentation at the next Federation meeting scheduled for Feb. 21 at the Diamond X Ranch at 7:00PM. Kim will have a representative of the National Park Service come to that meeting to solicit help from that agency on the aircraft noise problem.

Some questions and answers and discussions followed the presentations. It was noted that during the gas crisis in the 1970’s, the aircraft paths out of LAX were altered to go over Monte Nido to save gas. There was an avalanche of complaints and the FAA moved the routes back to over the ocean. Heidi Stompe noted that in over 30 years of flying out of LAX as a flight attendant in earlier times, she never flew over Monte Nido. One attendee from the Saddlepeak community who lives on a small horse ranch near the summit shared the fact that planes now fly low directly overhead all day long in 30 sec intervals.

**At about 8:30PM, the regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Carrie Baltin.** Present from the Board: Carrie Baltin, Mary Helen Young, Gary Bardovi, Joan Slimocosky, Sally Livingston, Alicia Gonzalez, Jane Cudworth, Heidi Stompe, Kim Creswick, and Ann Monahan,

Present from the Community: (apologies for spelling errors in following) Mania Natan (from Saddlepeak community), Margo Eldgridge, Noreen

Sand, Steve and Jackie Vaughn, Sarah Brooke, Jo Powe, Dana Sparks, Ken Lamorie, Tom Canning, Nancy Helsley (Cold Creek), Gail Lowe, Brent Baltin, Dave Calabri. There were numerous additional people from the community for the first part of the meeting and there was a sign-in sheet for those present to list their name and contact information to facilitate communication and action on the aircraft noise issue. This group will be part of a community action team led by Alicia Gonzales to work on what is expected to be a long term effort—get the FAA to change the newly established flight patterns over Monte Nido and nearby areas back to previous less disruptive patterns.

**Agenda changes:** none

**Minutes:** Minutes were distributed, edited and approved earlier by email and will be published in the MNVCA Jan/Feb 2018 Newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** Gary Bardovi reported on balances in the checking, savings and legal fund accounts. He also reported on the membership numbers for 2017 which led to a discussion of how to increase membership from the current about 100 out of 400 households to closer to the majority. Ideas on this topic include using electronic payment options, more extensive electronic messaging, as well as old school mailings more than once a year. This will be an agenda item at the next MNVCA Board meeting.

**Correspondence:** Gary noted a recent communication from ETI (local equestrian group) asking for donations for trail maintenance. It was noted that MNVCA made a contribution recently for that purpose. Gary will check to see if the new solicitation is for the new year or if we are up to date on contributions for trails.

### **Federation Report:**

Kim Lamorie and Joan Slimocosky commented on the ongoing project to collect and preserve the Oral History of the Santa Monica Mountains activists who have worked to preserve environmental treasures and prevent over development.

### **Old Business:**

**AirBnB:** No new information on this other than the Regional Planning people will be providing guidelines for these in the Santa Monica Mountains area.

**Vintage Properties:** No new activity other than brush abatement for fire regulation. It is expected that lots will be developed and will have to comply with all new LCP building regulations.

### **New Business:**

Jane Cudworth brought up the topic of a possible donation to MRT (Mountain Restoration Trust) from MNVCA. It was discussed briefly earlier, but no action was taken. Jo Powe from MRT briefed the Board on the categories for donation and assured us that designated gifts would be segregated from General Operations funds. The three major categories are Acquisition, Restoration, and Education. The Acquisition money raising generally coincides when there is an opportunity to buy a targeted site. Restoration can, although rarely does, involve using herbicides. Education is to support the excellent Stunt Ranch program headed by Nancy Helsley, to bring school children to the Santa Monica Mountains for learning about and experiencing the environment. Donations to this program enable the program to bring children from poorer schools who could not otherwise afford the transportation and related cost. Joan Slimocosky made a motion for MNVCA to donate \$500 to the Education program of MRT. The motion was seconded and passed by the Board. Nancy Helsley will be starting a new docent training class soon. These take place on Monday mornings for about seven sessions. To get more information on volunteering, you can email Nancy at [helsleyn@gmail.com](mailto:helsleyn@gmail.com).

There was a brief discussion regarding new Federation business, on upcoming LA County Planning Commission meetings that will be

attended by our Federation Reps. Details on LCP-related ordinances and enforcement will be discussed and the LVHF plans to provide input.

The next meeting of the MNVCA Board will be Feb. 12, 2018 at the home of Joan Slimocosky.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Helen Young  
(Substituting for Jill Reiss)

**The Next MNVCA Board Meeting will be on Dec 12 2017 at 7:00PM at the home of Joan Slimocosky 25632 Buckhorn Drive.**

**Members of the Community are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.**

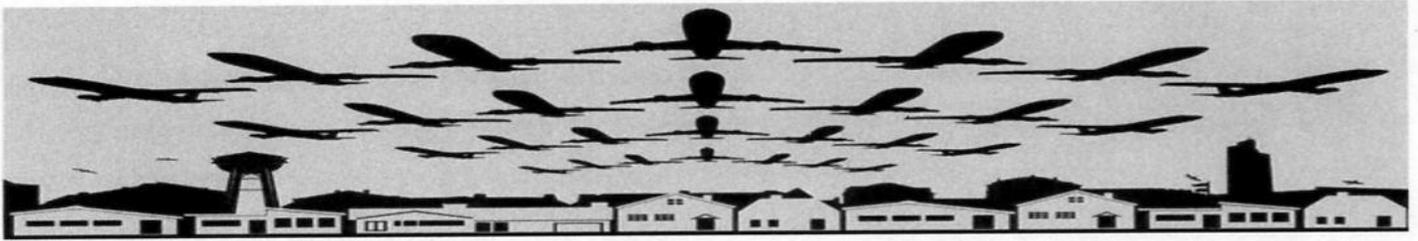
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**See Addendum below on Aircraft noise initiative**



## Air Traffic Noise Pollution over Monte Nido

The Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) has recently launched the LAX phase of NextGen, their new satellite navigation air traffic control system. It includes:

1. a dramatic reduction in departure and arrival altitudes combined with,
2. an extreme narrowing of the flight corridors that previously dispersed planes over a wide area.

Monte Nido, along with neighboring coastal and mountain communities, has been dramatically affected by the massive increase in noise created by these changes. It is relentless with 3 major flight paths now crossing directly over our, once very quiet, "Mountain Nest." The impact of this noise pollution on the quality of our lives, health, environment, and our property values cannot be overstated. It will be devastating if allowed to continue and will only grow worse as air traffic increases.

### What can you do to bring peace and quiet back to Monte Nido?

1. **Register your noise complaints daily by using the phone app.**  
Download <http://www.planenoise.com/mobile/lawa/nR9k3pXb/lax/>  
The more complaints logged by individual residents the stronger our case is.
2. **Contact our elected representatives with your complaints.**

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**Every complaint is logged and numbers count, so do this regularly. Speak your mind.**

3. **BE PERSISTENT.** A number of communities that have been affected by NextGen have had success in reverting flight paths and we can, too! Join the effort today. Watch for updates (on Next Door Monte Nido and from MNVCA) on our progress as we work in alliance with other affected communities and stakeholders in restoring sanity to our skies.