

AIRPORT COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.4

DATE: January 6, 2025

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Airport Commission

FROM: Benny Stuth, Acting Airport Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction Regarding Noise Reporting

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Airport Commission discuss noise reporting and provide direction.

SUMMARY

At the request of the Airport Commission, this item is being brought forth to discuss how noise reporting is conducted, and what, if any, changes should be made to noise reporting to better demonstrate overall noise concerns surrounding the Livermore Airport. Based on this discussion and input from the general public, the Airport Commission may advise the City Council on recommended changes pertaining to noise reporting and how it is analyzed and presented.

DISCUSSION

The airport has instituted the Casper noise reporting platform for the Livermore Airport to better capture and respond to noise reports and concerns as they arise. A useful feature of the new platform is that noise reporting has become more data driven and shows more specifically where noise is a concern within the community. A challenge with the Casper platform is that there are no limitations on how many noise complaints may be submitted per occurrence, meaning an individual complainant may submit unlimited complaints per noise incident. The result of this feature is a disproportionately large number of complaints coming from a small number of complainants, which has the potential to misrepresent the actual number of households being impacted by noise at the airport.

ATTACHMENTS

Noise Report Sample

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