



Property Devaluation in El Dorado County!!!

Communities for Responsible Mather Airport - CRMA

Is calling for a moratorium on the expansion of and improvements to Mather Airport until the Environmental Impact Report is completed and includes the relocation of all cargo operations back to Sacramento International Airport where it came from without our input or consent in the first place. Our property values have declined because of our current economy, eventually they will rebound. However, El Dorado County & Folsom will be **permanently** impacted by the expansion of Mather Airport into an International Cargo Hub. Our property values will never rebound if this allowed to happen! Our #1 issue is property values. Our #2 issue is our quality of life. Both of are these being diminished because of the third issue, noise and pollution from cargo jets.

❑ **Property devaluation.** One of the most important studies was conducted by FAA in 1994. The results indicated a consistent negative impact on residential property market values, showing losses to moderately priced homes as high as 19%. This study correlates fairly well with a variety of other published studies which also show that the higher the relative price of the property, the higher the diminution in value.

Data from Memphis and Louisville –the two metropolitan areas similar in size to Sacramento and having cargo-dominated airports – show that **local residents have not experienced prosperity**. This shouldn't come as a surprise. Planes landing, swapping cargo, and departing again are like 18-wheelers on I-5. It's freight passing through, generating noise and pollution, but little local business.

❑ **Capacity issues.** Highway 50 presently can't handle the current traffic from our everyday commuters. Imagine increased traffic, (big rigs), on 50 coming and going from the bay area and other central valley cities to service Mather at peak commute times every day of the week. This would produce gridlock like we have never known!

❑ **Environmental concerns.** The expansion of Mather into an *International Cargo Hub* with aircraft as large as Air China's 747's, presents serious environmental impacts for the surrounding wetlands that have yet to be satisfactorily addressed. **If 13 jet cargo operations a day is an issue now, imagine how it will be with 100!** Table 3-9 of the draft Master Plan: "Traffic peaks as great as 40 cargo aircraft an hour for 20% of the 24 hour period." (That's five hours out of 24. And we know that much of that traffic will be at night.) This information can be found on our website at www.keepthepeace.org

❑ **Costs are out of control.** Sacramento County has lost 4.8 million in the last four years subsidizing Mather cargo operations as they watch the profits leave in belly of the cargo jets.

Our Goal: To remove the negative impact of Mather Airport operations on residents of Sacramento and El Dorado County communities.

We are For: Relocating Mather's cargo operations back to Sacramento Int'l to:

- **Preserve property values**
- Restore quality of life
- Protect the environment
- Ensure the safety of the communities surrounding Mather airport

We are AGAINST:

- Expansion of Mather cargo operations
- Increased noise pollution
- Increased commercial traffic on county roadways
- Increased air pollution

What Else Is Wrong with Mather's Expansion?

In addition to Property Devaluation, there are other serious problems with Mather's expansion plans. Local and regional elected officials need to know about these problems.

The pain of ever-increasing noise from the growing cargo operations at Mather Airport is affecting once pristine and quiet communities all over El Dorado County and Sacramento County. Right now, the only plan elected officials in Sacramento County have is to just keep adding more and more flights without offering any effective noise reduction for residential communities. Sacramento County has no regard for the negative impacts caused by their own uneducated actions on their surrounding communities and our communities in El Dorado County, as they actively market Mather Airport as an *"International Cargo Hub"*. CRMA believes the noise problem has grown to unacceptable levels and, unless something is done to stop this, it will only get worse. *The time to act is now.* It's as simple as; calling or sending in email complaints.

Noise is harmful to children. People who live and work under aircraft noise are being hurt by it, especially children. Jet plane noise has been proven to cause permanent high blood pressure in kids. Classroom noise, especially from jet planes, has been proven over and over to cause severe learning problems. Cornell University, in particular, has been studying this problem for years. The results are quite clear. Noise is bad for kids – at home, in the yard, at the park and at school.

Noise is bad for everyone. It interferes with sleep, it aggravates high-blood pressure, it causes irritability and loss of productivity, and it is implicated in mental-health problems. Jet noise makes it hard to carry on normal conversations in some of our most heavily impacted areas such as those areas beneath the approach path for Mather.

El Dorado and Sacramento County residents care about noise. They want peace and quiet in their homes, gardens, parks, schools, businesses, hospitals and religious buildings. El Dorado and Sacramento County residents have consistently rejected claims by the **SCAS: Sacramento County Airport System** that noise only adversely affects those neighborhoods within a mile or two of the airport. Substantial noise problems exist as far away as Georgetown with inbound flights beginning as early as 3:00 am and coming in low and loud over the communities of Rescue, Shingle Springs, Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills and Folsom.

We believe that like Folsom, El Dorado County Supervisors should be fully engaged in the Mather expansion and related issues and they are not. We believe that the BOS must turn up the heat and serve notice that El Dorado County interests will not be ignored concerning Mather issues. For the complete list of whom to contact and how to complain, and.....

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