

SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

POLICIES

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SECTION	1.60	LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To establish a policy governing the procedures relating to advocating on behalf of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (“**Authority**”) on federal, state and local legislative matters.

POLICY STATEMENT:

- (1) Under the direction of the Board of Directors (“**Board**”) of the Authority, the Authority operates the San Diego International Airport, plans for necessary improvements to the regional air transportation system in San Diego County, and serves as the responsible agency for airport land use planning within the County.
- (2) It is important for the Authority to protect the airport and its planning functions by promoting public policies that are consistent with the Authority’s mandates and objectives.
- (3) The Board may direct staff to monitor and advocate on its behalf in support of or opposition to existing or proposed legislative actions that are either beneficial or harmful to the interests of the Authority.
- (4) The Board may direct staff to utilize advocates in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to assist the Authority in identifying legislative issues of interest, advocate in support of or opposition to specific policy matters, and obtain grants and other funding from the state and federal governments.
- (5) It is vital that the Board establish well-defined legislative policy goals and positions in order for Authority staff and its legislative advocates to carry out the public policy objectives of the Board. The following actions will be taken to ensure this occurs:
 - (a) The Board shall adopt a legislative agenda to include general legislative guidelines and specific goals. Such an agenda will serve as the foundation of the Authority’s legislative advocacy program.

The Board shall receive, from Authority staff, a legislative report on a monthly basis.

- (b) In directing Authority staff, the Board may take a position on pending or proposed legislation that has been determined to have a potential impact on the Authority's operations and functions.
- (c) In cases where fast moving legislation requires immediate response prior to a Board meeting, Authority staff, in consultation with the Board Chair, Vice Chair, or Chair's designee, is authorized to advocate a position provided that staff has determined that such action is consistent with the Board's approved legislative agenda. Such staff-initiated positions shall be brought to the Board as part of the legislative report at the Board's next regular meeting.

Authority staff and the Authority's legislative advocates shall follow the Board's approved legislative agenda and specific positions to guide any actions taken on behalf of the Authority concerning legislative matters. These actions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- (i) Transmitting written correspondence to federal, state, or local elected or appointed officials that communicates the Authority's position on legislation;
- (ii) Advocating the Authority's policy positions before governmental bodies and other decision-making bodies; and
- (iii) Meeting with federal, state, or local elected officials or their staff to discuss the Authority's positions and concerns.

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