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Buchanan Field Airport – Master Plan Public Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005

The public is invited to attend a meeting hosted by the Contra Costa County Aviation Advisory Committee to discuss the upcoming Buchanan Field Airport Master Planning process on Tuesday March 15, 2005. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Walnut Room at the Concord Hotel (soon to be Crowne Plaza) located at 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord.

A master plan provides guidance for airport development for a period of twenty-years. The Buchanan Field Airport Master Plan process will also include the development of a Strategic Business and Implementation Plan and a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 noise mitigation study. The comprehensive master planning process is expected to take 24 to 30 months to complete.

This initial public meeting will provide neighboring communities with an overview of the planning process and the community outreach program that has been designed to maximize public involvement. There will be a short presentation beginning around 7:30 p.m. followed by an informal question and answer period where community members have the opportunity to speak with airport staff, airport advisory representatives and the consultants conducting this study. "This is an important step in planning for the future of Buchanan Field," said Supervisor DeSaulnier. "I encourage the widest possible participation from the members of our community."

Throughout the planning process, the community will have multiple opportunities to discuss elements of the Master Plan through a series of public meetings and open houses. For further information feel free to contact Beth Lee, Airport Business and Development Manager, at (925) 646-5722 or at blee@airport.cccounty.us.