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TO: Aircraft Owners, FBO's and PML Airpark Residents
FROM: Craig L. Pedro, County Administrator
SUBJECT: Noise Sensitive Areas

I would like to start by thanking each of you for your contributions to the health, safety and economic vitality of the Columbia and PML Airports. Both airports are important assets to our community and it takes all of us working together to ensure their continuation as the recreational, commercial and public safety hubs they are today.

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of the importance of being good neighbors to the communities surrounding the airports. One of the biggest issues that can lead to conflict between airports and the communities that surround them is that of excessive noise caused by aircraft. This issue has proven significant enough throughout the country that the FAA has issued Advisory Circulars on this topic. Please see the most recent of such circulars, AC No. 91-36D and the voluntary flight practices aimed at reducing noise related concerns near airports and other noise sensitive areas. Why should pilots care and follow such practices? I believe the following sentence found in the attached circular sums this up well:

"Adherence to these practices is a practical indication of pilot concern for the environment, which will build support for aviation and alleviate the need for any additional statutory or regulatory actions."

Consistent with this circular, the County of Tuolumne has established noise sensitive areas in the vicinity of both of the Columbia and PML Airports. Please see the attached noise sensitive area maps for both airports. It is the County's request that you familiarize yourself with these noise sensitive areas and attempt to avoid them altogether as well as exercise good noise mitigation flight practices in general.

Thanks again for your contributions to our airports and your cooperation in being good neighbors to the communities surrounding them. By doing so, you will be helping to *build support for aviation* in our County.

Questions and/or clarifications with respect to the County's noise sensitive areas and noise mitigation best practices should be directed to Airport Manager Jim Thomas at 533-5685.

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