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Dear Mr. Cooksy:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics, conducted a State permit compliance inspection and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Master Record (FAA Form 5010) update of the Cameron Park Airport (Airpark) (FAA Site No. 01369.8\*A) on January 21, 2021. We appreciate your cooperation during the inspection and acknowledge your efforts clearing the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 77 obstructions noted in past inspections.

Our inspection chiefly concerned three areas adjacent to the Airpark where CFR Part 77 obstructions were identified and previously noted as discrepancy items 1, 2, and 3 of our September 10, 2020, (enclosed), November 6, 2019, December 6, 2018, and September 29, 2017, inspection letters. Obstructions noted in discrepancy items 1, 2, and 3 represented substantial penetrations of the CFR Part 77 Approach and/or Transitional Surfaces and were violations of the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), section 21659. The airport was provided notice of its responsibility to remove these potential hazards to navigable airspace and to comply with PUC, section 21659. However, failure to address the three discrepancy items led to a suspension of night operations on December 10, 2018.

Observations taken of the three areas during our most recent inspection on January 21, 2021, revealed that substantial trimming and clearing of trees has occurred since the September 2020 inspection and that the Approach and Transitional Surfaces noted in discrepancy items 1, 2, and 3 are now clear of obstructions. We commend your efforts and acknowledge the Airpark's considerable investment in time and resources in shaping a much safer operating environment. Please extend our congratulations on a job well done to all the Airpark's stakeholders.

Accordingly, by successfully clearing obstructions from CFR Part 77 surfaces, Caltrans determines that the suspension of night operations at the Airpark can be lifted and the airfield lighting re-energized as soon as feasible.

Please ensure that the Notice to Airmen posted with FAA Flight Service is canceled, all remarks about the Airpark closed at night are removed from the Airport Master Record (5010), and that you notify this office once the lights are re-energized.

In addition to the above, we recommend the following changes be made to meet current airport design standards during your next Airport Capital Improvement Project:

- The yellow "X" marking at the southeast end of Boeing Road was recently removed but not remarked with "TAXI" as recommended as an interim measure in our last letter. The now blank southeast end and a yellow "X" at the northwest end of Boeing Road should be repainted with "TAXI" as soon as possible per FAA Advisory Circular 150/5340-1M, *Standards for Airport Markings*, Chapter 5, section 5.15, *Interim Surface Markings for Taxiways Mistaken as Runways*. We also recommend referencing FAA Engineering Brief No. 72A, *Positive Identification of Runways for Landing*, which provides guidance for identifying situations where a taxiway could be mistaken for a runway and provides other mitigation strategies for dealing with this problem.

Understanding the significant resource burden associated with operating a safe, secure, and utilitarian airport, Caltrans will continue to offer both financial and technical assistance to the Cameron Park Airport District. The use of California Aid to Airports Program annual credit grant funds to correct safety discrepancies is considered an eligible expenditure. Please notify us by April 15, 2021, of your intended or completed actions concerning the item listed above.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact me at (916) 654-5450 or via email at [christopher.brooks@dot.ca.gov](mailto:christopher.brooks@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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