



Coastal Commission Hearing on Oceano Airport Improvements

What is the Oceano Airport Project?

This is a proposed project by the San Luis Obispo County Department of Airports to make repairs and improvements at the Oceano Airport, including a rehabilitated parking lot, a renovated multipurpose room and public restroom, a replaced airplane hangar, and a new electrical vault, navigational aids, and signage, along with a general maintenance and repair program. The project also includes a Community Events Plan.

What is the California Coastal Commission?

The Coastal Commission is a state government agency that preserves and protects California's coast and ocean for the people. The Commission achieves this by examining the impact of proposed development on the environment and public access to and along the coast. Commission staff make recommendations to the Commissioners, which is made up of 12 voting members, and the Commission votes on those recommendations.

When will the Commission decide on Oceano Airport?

The Commission will be holding a public meeting on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026** at the **Scotts Valley Hilton**, and the Oceano Airport will be one of the projects on the agenda for a public hearing (**Item 17d**). At the hearing, the Commission will hear from staff, the applicant, and the public. Learn how to participate below.

What is staff recommending to the Commission?

Staff recommends **approving** the airport improvement project, but only **with conditions** that ensure the Airport is resilient to flooding and future sea level rise, and that prohibit any future expansion or increased intensity of airport use. The conditions also reflect the Airport's Community Events Plan and include requirements to engage with the community.

How may this affect me?

If you live, work, or recreate near the airport, this project may affect you. Additionally, in collaboration with Commission staff, the Airport has proposed a Community Events Plan, which would be required to be implemented by the permit. Through this, there may be additional opportunities for recreation and education at the Airport.

How can I participate?

- **Questions:** Email Ryan.Moroney@coastal.ca.gov or mail them to
- Central Coast District office at 725 Front Street, Suite 300, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- **Access** the hearing agenda [here](#), and access the staff report [here](#)
- **Attend** virtually or in person on **August 12, 2026** at Scotts Valley Hilton, 6001 La Madrona Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- **Speak** at the hearing by submitting a speaker request [here](#). If this is your first time participating, you can read all about our hearing procedures [here](#) (y aquí [en español](#)), and [tips for making public comments here](#).
- **Comentarios en español** SpanishProgram@coastal.ca.gov