

CHAPTER 7.0

COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

7.1 INTRODUCTION

Agency coordination and a public involvement program were implemented to ensure that information regarding the Proposed Action and its potential environmental impact is made available to the general public and public agencies, and that input from interested parties is received and considered. The primary components of the agency and public participation program for this Environmental Assessment (EA) include:

- Early agency coordination during the development of the Draft EA,
- Publication of the Draft EA for public and public agency review,
- Conducting a joint Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing, and
- Publication of the Final EA and Federal Aviation Administration decision of whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

The following summarizes the public involvement and review process.

7.2 EARLY AGENCY COORDINATION

Public and regulatory agencies were contacted during the course of the preparation of this EA to solicit information and preliminary comment. Coordination was conducted for environmental issues having greatest potential for impact and with agencies having specific regulatory authority. Copies of responses from this early agency coordination are contained in [Appendix A-2](#) of this EA.

7.3 DRAFT EA AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

The Draft EA was made available for review by the general public and interested parties. Notification of the document's availability was accomplished through legal advertisements in the Mammoth times on April 24, 2010 and May 1, 2010, as well as on the Town of Mammoth Lakes web page. Copies of the Draft EA document were available for review at the Town of Mammoth Lakes offices and at the Mono County Public Library. Anyone wishing to comment on the information and conclusions in the Draft EA could do so at any time during the advertised public review and comment period. All comments were submitted to:

Ms. Karen Johnston
Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mammoth Lakes
Post Office Box 1609 (437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R)
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

The Draft EA was also distributed for review and comment to Federal, state, and local agencies and organizations having an interest and/or jurisdictional responsibility in the study. A list of agencies receiving a copy of the Draft EA is provided in [Appendix A-2](#).

The Town of Mammoth and the Federal Aviation Administration considered and addressed all comments received from the general public, agencies, and organizations. Summaries of comments received, responses, and any necessary revisions to the EA were incorporated into and published in this Final EA.

7.4 PUBLIC HEARING

A combined Public Information Workshop and Public Hearing was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the Town of Mammoth Lakes offices at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Notification of the hearing was accomplished through press releases and advertisement in the local media. Representatives of the Town and their consultants were present to discuss the results of the environmental studies and to receive comments from the public and government agencies. The format of the workshop was structured to provide an opportunity for the public to discuss aspects of the environmental studies in an informal setting. The public and agency representatives were provided an opportunity to submit written and/or oral comments during the Public Hearing proceedings. The transcript of the Public Hearing and the list of attendees are included in [Appendix E-1](#). All comments received, and responses to those comments, are provided in [Appendix E-2](#).

7.5 FINAL EA AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

The Draft EA was revised to summarize and incorporate comments received during the public and agency review period. The subsequent version of the document is this Final EA. This Final EA will be submitted by the Town of Mammoth Lakes to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for their review and determination of whether to issue a FONSI or to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

7.6 LOCATION OF DRAFT EA FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Copies of the Draft EA were available for public inspection, during regular business hours, at the following locations:

**Town of Mammoth Lakes
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546**

**Mono County Public Library
Sierra Park Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546**