

San Diego Regional Airport Citizens Coalition

Synopsis of Meeting

March 25, 2006

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Cyberbrew Net Café
Santee Location

Members present discussed how the coalition could best support the efforts of the Regional Airport Authority (RAA). Our citizen's coalition would like to perform outreach activities without being seen as a specific tool of the RAA's agenda.

While the San Diego Regional Airport Citizen's Coalition has not taken a site specific stance, the group has come out in opposition to the Imperial Valley and Campo sites due to distance. These sites do not meet the coalition's vision for an "airport that is reasonably located to conveniently address the San Diego region's transportation needs."

Members present decided to contact RAA member, Joe Craver and see if he would meet with some representatives of our coalition. Sharon agreed to develop an agenda for that meeting.

The group also discussed the amount of NIMBYism arising as the deadline for the ballot initiative nears. This seems to be stemming from emotion rather than fact.

The group discussed potential strategies in light of the political issues surrounding any support for or against an airport linked to a military base. Further the group discussed past problems in securing a potentially appropriate airport such as Brown Field. We hope history does not repeat itself again.