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G.1 Introduction

The Clark County Department of Aviation (CCDOA) requested input on the scope of the analyses to be conducted for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Southern Nevada Regional Heliport (the Heliport) by hosting a public scoping meeting, an agency scoping meeting, a 30-day scoping period, an Open House for the Seven Hills/Westgate Westgate and Anthem areas. When an additional build alternative was added to the EA, the CCDOA notified agencies and interested parties of the addition and hosted a second 30-day comment period. Additionally, the CCDOA maintained a website of information pertaining to this outreach at <http://www.ricondoprojects.com/heliport/>, and provided a contact name, phone number and address for questions and concerns relating to the preparation of the EA.

G.2 Scoping Meetings and Notices of Intent

The CCDOA held a scoping meeting to accept comments on conditions, studies, plans, or considerations that may be relevant to determining the potential environmental consequences of the proposed action or its alternatives.

An agency scoping meeting was held in the County Commission Chambers at 1:30 p.m. on Monday June 28, 2004, to solicit comments from agencies with regulatory authority of the construction and operation of the Proposed Action. A notice of intent to hold an agency scoping meeting was sent to multiple federal and state agencies and is included as **Attachment G-1**.

The public scoping meeting was on Monday, June 28, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. A notice of intent to hold this public scoping meeting was sent to interested parties and is included as **Attachment G-2**. The public scoping meeting was advertised in the Las Vegas Review Journal on June 13, 20, and 27, 2004. This notification is included as **Attachment G-3**. The affidavit of publication is included as **Attachment G-4**.

Additionally, an Open House for the Seven Hills/Westgate and Anthem areas was held on Thursday, July 15th 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at Elise L. Wolff Elementary School, 1001 Seven Hills Drive, Henderson, Nevada. The Open House addressed issues related to the Southern Nevada Regional Heliport and the environmental review process. The Open House notice is included as **Attachment G-5**.

Originally, the CCDOA identified four build alternatives in addition to the Proposed Action, as well as a No Action alternative in which commercial helicopter operations would remain based at McCarran International Airport. In October 2004, the Sunrise Landfill site, a fifth build alternative, was added to the scope of this EA, for a total of seven alternatives. A public meeting regarding the addition of the Sunrise Landfill alternative site was held with the Sunrise Manor Town Advisory Board on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Hollywood Recreation and Community Center, 1650 S. Hollywood, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110. Comments were to be sent to the CCDOA by Friday, December 17, 2004. A notice of intent to add the Sunrise Landfill alternative site to the EA was sent to interested parties and is included as **Attachment G-6**. A notice of intent to add the Sunrise Landfill alternative site to the EA was sent to agencies and is included as **Attachment G-7**.

Attachment G-1

Notice of Intent – To Federal and State Agencies

Attachment G-1 depicts a scanned sample letter, dated June 7, 2004, from the Clark County Department of Aviation to U.S. Senator Harry Reid notifying the recipient the notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment for a Southern Nevada Regional Heliport. The letter details the purpose and need of the project, the proposed action, alternatives under consideration, and the date and location of a formal project scoping meeting. The attachment also contains a distribution list for this notice of intent and an exhibit depicting the location of the proposed action and alternatives.

Attachment G-2

Notice of Intent – to public

Attachment G-2 depicts a scanned sample letter, dated June 7, 2004, from the Clark County Department of Aviation to various stakeholders, entitled “Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Environmental Assessment”, details the time and location of a public scoping meeting. The distribution list for this notice is included after the letter.

Attachment G-3

Las Vegas RJ (June 13, 20, and 27, 2004)

Attachment G-3 depicts a scanned newspaper ad, entitled "Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Environmental Assessment."

Attachment G-4

Affidavit of advertisement - Las Vegas RJ (June 13, 20, and 27, 2004)

Attachment G-4 depicts a scan of a signed affidavit of publication for the June 28, 2004 public scoping meeting.

Attachment G-5

Open House Notice

Attachment G-5 depicts a scanned sample letter, dated June 23, 3004, from the Clark County Department of Aviation to interested stakeholders, entitled "Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Open House for the Seven Hills/Westgate and Anthem areas" and distribution list are included in this attachment.

Attachment G-6

Notice of Intent (Sunrise Landfill site addition) – To interested parties

Attachment G-6 depicts a scanned sample notice of intent, dated October 25, 2004, to add a build alternative (the Sunrise Landfill site) to the EA was sent to interested parties. A distribution list and an exhibit depicting locations of the build alternatives are also included.

Attachment G-7

Notice of Intent (Sunrise Landfill site addition) – To regulatory agencies

Attachment G-7 depicts a scanned sample notice of intent, dated October 25, 2004, to add a build alternative (the Sunrise Landfill site) to the EA was sent to agencies. A distribution list and an exhibit depicting locations of the build alternatives are also included.

G.3 Scoping Comments Summaries

As discussed in Section G.1, federal and State agencies, interested parties, and individuals were informed of the preparation of an EA for a Southern Nevada Regional Heliport, the subsequent addition of an alternative to the EA, the scoping meetings, and the comment periods. Through the scoping process, the CCDOA requested input as to the extent and type of environmental analyses that could be accomplished in the environmental study for this project.

G.3.1 Comments Received on the Site Suitability Study

In addition to anticipated scoping comments, the CCDOA considered all comments received on the Site Suitability Assessment to be indicative of the public's concerns relative to a new non-urban heliport. These 946 comments were reviewed as though they were scoping comments in order to determine issues that could be appropriately addressed in this EA. A summary of this review is included as **Exhibit G-1**.

G.3.2 Comments Received during Scoping Period

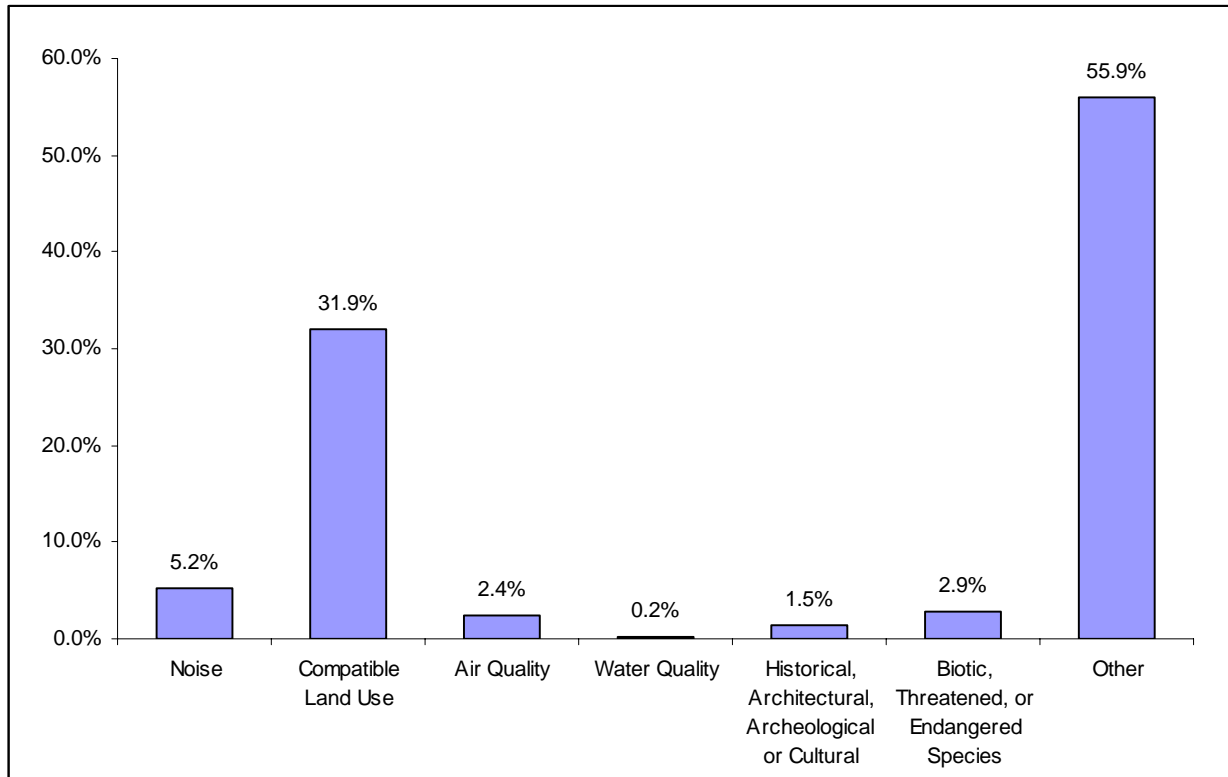
The initial scoping period closed Monday, August 2, 2004. One hundred and twelve (112) comments were received by this date, and are summarized in **Exhibit G-2**.

G.3.3 Comments Received after Addition of the Sunrise Landfill

The comment period for the addition of the Sunrise Landfill alternative closed Monday, January 3, 2005. Three hundred and thirty three (333) comments were received by this date from individuals, agencies, and other interested parties, and are summarized in **Exhibit G-3**.

Exhibit G-1

Summary of comments received during SSA



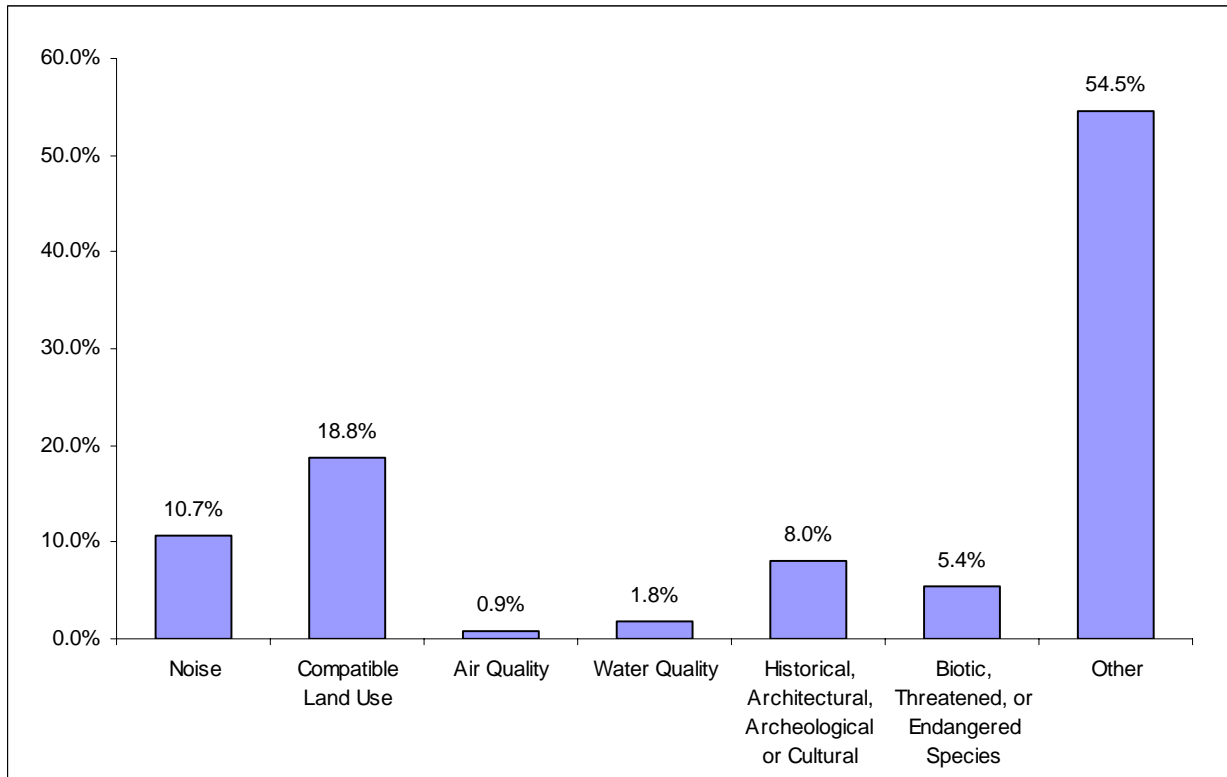
Summary of "Other" Comments

Site preference	23.1%
Safety of site	21.7%
Environmental justice	13.6%
Induced socioeconomic impacts	9.5%
Health impacts	6.6%
"Non-urban" site requirements per NRS 495	5.3%
Section 4(f)	4.2%
Surface transportation	4.2%
Public involvement	1.3%
Solid and hazardous waste	0.9%
Forecast	0.8%
Mitigation measures	0.8%
Cumulative impacts	0.6%
Visual impacts	0.6%
Compatibility with other plans	0.4%
Miscellaneous	6.6%

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Exhibit G-2

Summary of EA scoping comments received

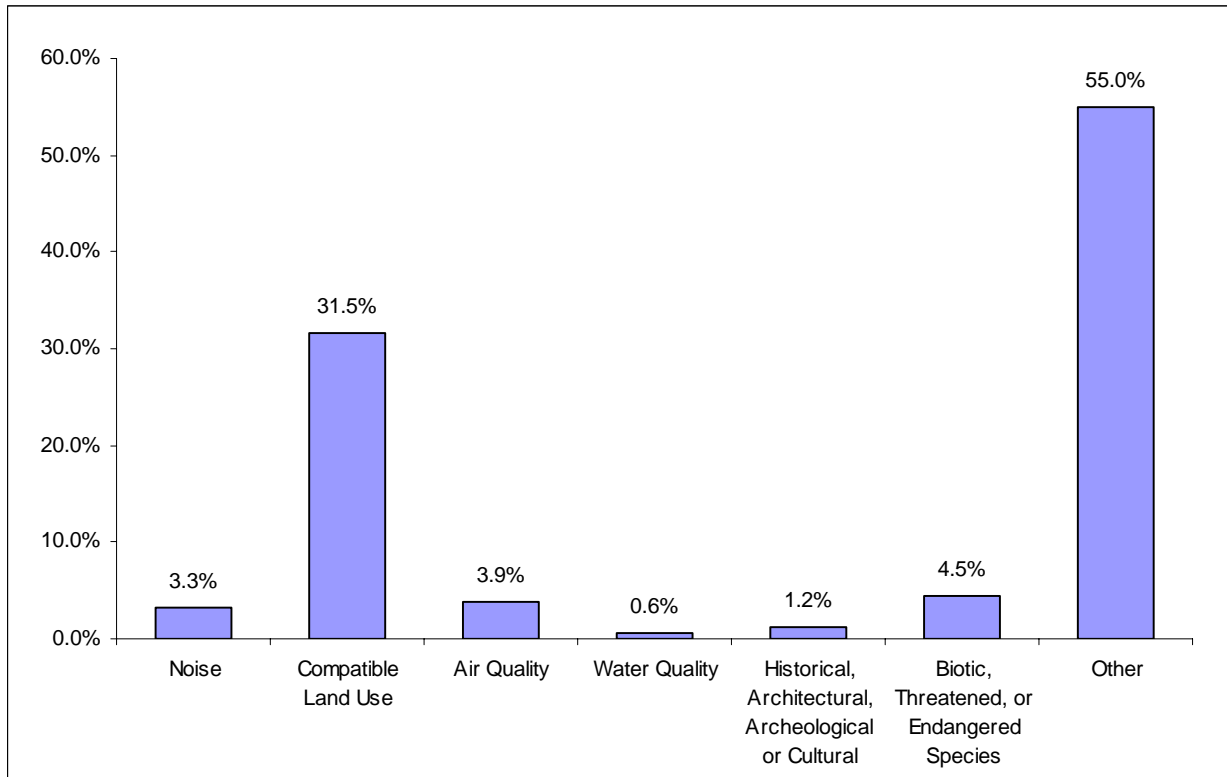


Summary of "Other" Comments

Section 4(f)	18.0%
Surface transportation	13.1%
Apply NEPA mandates to selection process	8.2%
Site preference	8.2%
Safety of site	6.6%
Cumulative impacts	6.6%
Environmental justice	6.6%
Socioeconomic impacts	6.6%
Solid and hazardous waste	6.6%
Availability of utilities	4.9%
Forecast	3.3%
Energy supply and natural resources	1.6%
Miscellaneous	9.8%

Exhibit G-3

Summary of scoping comments (addition of SUN)



Summary of "Other" Comments

Surface transportation	32.2%
Environmental justice	10.4%
Safety of site	9.3%
Socioeconomic impacts	6.6%
Section 4(f)	6.0%
EPA guidelines for landfill redevelopment	4.9%
Site preference	4.9%
"Non-urban" site requirements per NRS 495	3.3%
Health impacts	2.7%
Availability of utilities	1.6%
Ground travel times	1.6%
Fault lines	1.1%
Compatibility with other plans	1.1%
Mitigation measures	1.1%
Solid and hazardous waste	1.1%

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