

COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Good Day,

I am unable to attend the meeting on 3/11/24.

Please read my comments into the record. They are for public comment, not a specific agenda item.

There are many old trees at the former Skywest Golf Course in NW Hayward. They not only provide habitat, they also are a tremendous resource in our fight against climate change. It makes no sense to have a program to plant thousands of trees when there are plans to cut down so many trees at the Skywest site. Old trees do significant work in fighting climate change compared to young trees.

The eucalyptus grove at Skywest is habitat for monarch butterflies and according to the Xerces Society, is an incredibly important site for these beloved creatures.

Every effort should be made to keep every tree at Skywest as well as plant more.

Mimi Dean

Subject:

RE: Sustainability Committee meeting 3/11/24 public comment

From: Sandra Frost [REDACTED]
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4. AC24-014 Greenhouse gas emissions:

To the committee:

I am perplexed that there is no data about environmental impacts from the Hayward Executive Airport included in this staff report.

The Airport adjoins unincorporated county neighbors, Hayward neighborhoods and schools, as well as the precious open space at Skywest and the Hayward shoreline of the San Francisco Bay.

Working with the school community at Longwood and speaking with residents near the airport, there has been significant and alarming mention of the noise from jets, smell of diesel fuel and the impermeable and bleak surfacing of the airport runways, hangars and corporation yards. There is no buffering landscape around the airport.

Speaking with biologists and ecologists with East Bay Regional Parks, they have identified an endangered pond turtle, return of birds and the most recently observed increase in sheltering of the Monarch butterflies and wildlife in the mature canopy trees and eucalyptus at the adjoining Skywest property that is precious open space.

Please, I urge you to delay further encroachment of the Airport, to reconsider the damage to the environment and nearby ecosystems from particulates, radiant heat, fuel and noise coming from the Airport.

There must be long and careful discussion about this hotspot harming life, especially with sea level rise and services and environmental impacts that exponentially contaminate coming from the Oakland International Airport.

There must be consideration for the future and for the children.

Thank you for reading my remarks. I look forward to further discussion about our Hayward environment and wise planning for sustaining a healthy ecosystem.

Respectfully,
Sandra Frost

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