

The Office of Airports performs the following functions:

- Conduct public-use airport/heliport and hospital heliport safety and permit compliance inspections.
- Under Federal Aviation Administration contract, conduct inspections and update Airport Master Records (FAA Form 5010) for specified (non-Part 139) public-use airports.
- Review and assess new, amended, and corrected airport/heliport permit applications, including plans check/approval, site visits, final permit inspections, and issuing of permits.
- Evaluate proposed K-12 school (Education Code 17215), Community College (Education Code 81033), and State building (Public Utilities Code 21655) sites within 2 nautical miles of an airport.
- Manage the Helicopter Landing Authorization (HLA) program (Public Utilities Code 21662.5) for evaluation and authorization of helicopter landings within 1,000 feet of K-12 schools.
- Host and maintain the "Hospital Heliport Dataplates" information system.
- Oversee development of and updates to the California Aeronautical Chart
- Work with federal, state, and local agencies on facility, airspace, and other aviation matters.
- Assist and guide current and prospective airport/heliport owners, managers, and consultants with permitting, regulatory, and other aviation issues.
- Respond to State aeronautics-related requests and questions from the public.

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