

Fast Facts

County of San Mateo Airports



The County of San Mateo, located in the Bay Area, has oversight for the San Carlos Airport (SQL) and the Half Moon Bay Airport (HAF). The airports, which are located approximately 14 miles apart, are self-funded through airport user and business fees.

Businesses and tenants at SQL and HAF contribute more than \$2.5 million annually in personal and property taxes to local cities, school districts, and the County's General Fund.

SQL

Located along U.S. 101, two miles northeast of the city of San Carlos, serving the bayside communities

On-site control tower supported 101,077 aircraft takeoffs and landings in 2022

110 acres

Runway 12/30

- 2,621 feet long x 75 feet wide

327 based aircraft

25 aviation-related businesses, including:

- 4 flight schools
- Air tour operators
- Aircraft sales
- Rental cars
- Museum
- Restaurant
- Gift shop
- SMC Airports Administrative Office

Home base/service support to:

- Emergency agencies
- Public safety agencies
- Public utility aircraft and helicopters

HAF

Located on the Pacific Ocean, six miles northwest of the city of Half Moon Bay, serving the coastal communities

Non-towered airfield supported 28,810 aircraft takeoffs and landings in 2022

325 acres

Runway 12/30

- 5,000 feet long x 150 feet wide

43 based aircraft

5 aviation-related businesses

1 restaurant

Organic farming

Drivers training for local youth and law enforcement

Important asset supporting:

- Local tourism
- Visitors to coastline and local attractions
- Recreational pilots
- Flight training to address the national pilot shortage
- Coast Guard sea-rescue operations
- Disaster and storm response and staging for midcoast communities

SQL (cont'd)

Annual contributions*:

- \$76.9M approximate total economic benefit
- 465 jobs supported
- \$29.7M payroll

History:

1988

Hiller Aviation Museum opens

1968

Air traffic control tower constructed

1964

San Mateo County purchases the airport

1948

Built in its current location

1940–1948

Located at Brittan Avenue and Industrial Road

1917–1940

Located at Old County Road and Terminal Way

*Total economic benefits include both direct and indirect benefits and jobs, measuring the airport's overall contribution to the regional economy

The Friendly Approach Program is the County of San Mateo Airports' way to inform the community about aircraft noise management efforts and to engage with pilots to minimize their aircraft noise footprint. Learn more at: flysmcfriendly.com

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HAF (cont'd)

Annual contributions*:

- \$17.1M approximate total economic benefit
- 103 jobs supported
- \$6.6M payroll

History:

1957–1969

Half Moon Bay Drag Strip

1962

PSA flights cease due to fog

1947

Transferred by War Dept. to San Mateo County for use as a civil airport

1942

- Built to support WWII efforts
- Patrol aircraft services
- Women Air Corps personnel flew aircraft towing targets over the Montara Anti-Aircraft Training Center

