



SEDONA-OAK CREEK
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Sedona Airport Moves Forward with
Facility Improvements

The SOCAA Board, at its 2 December Regular Meeting, voted unanimously in favor of two measures that will significantly impact the long-term success of the Sedona Airport.

The first item directs measurement of the current runway pavement strength and condition of the runway, as built. The 5,132 ft long runway was last rehabilitated in 2005 when it was widened from 75 to 100 ft. Since then, both the number of daily takeoffs and landings have increased as well as the size and weight of the jets operating into and out of Sedona.

The purpose of the project is to enter Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 armed with numbers and data to determine what it will take to make the runway one that will handle the larger jets that are now regularly using the airport. This will allow design and environmental impact studies to be done and funding acquired in advance of a FY 28 design of the project. 2030 is the end of the design life of the runway as currently built.

The second measure approved initiation of the \$173,000 design phase of a fire suppression water storage tank and pump system. This improvement will increase the current fire suppression water capacity from 88,000 gallons to 338,000 gallons and add a 12" distribution pipe allowing further development of the Airport Mesa. This will unlock the ability to expand the Sky Ranch Lodge as well as develop new hangars and other aviation-related structures by 2026.

Sedona Airport General Manager, Ed Rose stated:

"In the last 5 years, use of the Sedona Airport has changed markedly. The fleet mix continues to evolve. There are more jet aircraft utilizing Sedona. The facility's design standards that were once sufficient to handle the traffic no longer are and we must plan, prudently, for a future where facility standards meet the traffic demand.

This means adapting the facility to ensure the safety of future operations by withstanding the weights and performance characteristics of the modern aircraft that are visiting and equipping the facility with enough fire suppression water storage capacity to support commercial development of both aviation and non-aviation facilities, per the Airport Master Plan.

Funding for these projects is generated by the Authority's sales of aviation fuels and lease revenue. There are no other sources (tax dollars) contributing to these critical safety projects."

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