

# Planes Need Safe Pavement, Too

Caltrans Inspections, Funding Help Airports Meet State, Federal Guidelines

In the last fiscal year, Caltrans awarded \$5.4 million to help local agencies leverage more than \$262 million in federally funded grants to maintain runways and other critical infrastructure at California's large inventory of airports and hospital heliports.

There are 244 public-use airports in California. Last year, Caltrans inspected 225 of them. The state also is home to 165 hospital heliports, of which Caltrans last year inspected 147.

During inspections, Caltrans checks compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and state regulations for minimum airport design standards and safety. Facilities are evaluated for obstructions, markings, lighting and a host of other safety considerations.

Caltrans works with FAA and airport authorities to ensure public-use airports and hospital heliports are maintained in satisfactory to good condition based on state and federal safety and design standards.

Inspections also play a key role in determining where scarce resources can be invested. Airport pavement, like highway pavement, deteriorates over time, and preventive maintenance saves money since repair is much less expensive than replacement.

Pavement surveys are funded by FAA grants that may be administered by Caltrans. **MM**



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Caltrans Aviation by the Numbers	
Public-use airports	244
Hospital heliports	165
State aviation safety officers	6
State-owned aircraft	2
State airport grants awarded for state fiscal year 2015-16	\$5.4 Million
Federal aviation grants awarded to California airports for federal fiscal year 2016	\$262.2 Million
Total California Aeronautics Account revenue for fiscal year 2015-16	\$5.9 Million

Source: Division of Aeronautics Aviation in California Fact Sheet (April 2014).

Source: Caltrans Division of Aeronautics

## Aviation Safety Inspections

Type	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Airport (AP)	164	170	203	182	210	225
Heliport (HP)	90	90	114	127	126	147
Total AP and HP	254	260	317	309	336	372
FAA form 5010	147	152	172	155	182	193

Source: Division of Aeronautics