

Santa Maria Airport

EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Santa Maria Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Chris Hastert at airport@santamariaairport.com. Santa Maria Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Santa Maria Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

The Santa Maria Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport's safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at 805-922-1726 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following:

- Limited terminal operating hours
- lack of international passenger processing facilities
- limited fueling capacity

We have noted these constraints in the Santa Maria Airport's Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events Santa Maria Airport issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

Airport Information

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Deplanement of Passengers

The Santa Maria Airport does not operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

Sharing of Facilities and Gates in an Emergency

The gates at the Santa Maria Airport are under common use gate agreements with air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We direct the air carrier users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practicable.

Sterile Area for Arriving International Passengers

Santa Maria Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. In the unlikely event of a diverted international arrival, we will coordinate with local law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

The Santa Maria Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.santamariaairport.com>)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.