

## **Report on 7/16/20 Meeting of KHHR Communities Network Committee (CNC)**

The quarterly meeting of the KHHR Communities Network Committee (CNC) was held on July 16, 2020. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- United Therapeutics presented its proposal to set up an organ delivery system at Hawthorne Airport. It is estimated that 1 million people have end-stage organ disease requiring a heart, kidney, or lung transplant, and California is an important market for organ donation. The company would set up a charging station at a KHHR helipad and Hawthorne Airport would be a central distribution point, to drop off organs via helicopter, at a local hospital. The presenters said that the charging station would charge the aircraft in a safe and controllable way and that its helicopters have only 1/3 the amount of noise of a traditional helicopter, with no engine or rotor noise. The aircraft speed is 105 knots, with a distance of 250 NM on a charge. It is expected that there would be 4 to 5 aircraft landings per day in Hawthorne, and that the entire operation would amount to 250 daily operations, nationwide. If the project is approved, there will be a 4 to 6 month completion process. The project was well-received by the CNC.
- One of the fixed-based operators (FBOs) requested permission from the CNC, to draft a proposal for FAA consideration, to amend the flight procedures at Hawthorne Airport, raising the initial climbing altitude from 3000 feet to 5000 feet. This request was based on studies which show that the higher an aircraft can climb initially, the less noise is generated over the surrounding communities. The proposal will be drafted and brought before the City Council, before being sent to the FAA. The CNC unanimously granted permission for the proposal to move forward.

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