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Dear Mr. Perez, Planning Commissioners and Staff,

I am Bennie Conatser of Perris Valley Airport, the issue I am addressing is "Birds on Airports".

Before purchasing the airport in 1976, my career was in the airlines. My airline career ended in 1975 due to "birds on an airport". I was part of the flight crew bound from JFK in New York to Saudi Arabia to fly Muslims to Mecca, for their trek to Mecca, visit before death. I happened to be filming the take off from the jump seat behind the pilot. All of a sudden we heard the violent hammering of birds hitting the airplane. The right engine had ingested Canadian geese, BUT, all it takes is one bird. You can see the results below.

There are many articles about water and landscaping attracting birds to airports, and many about birds being injected into airplane engines. I thought I should share my story because it is so real to me. Only by the grace God we all were saved from this unnecessary accident.

There needs to be a much better plan for drainage. Water should not sit around buildings attracting birds and mosquitoes. Since water badly erodes asphalt, there needs to be a plan to drain it away and not undermine our newly asphalted 5,100 ft. runway. Which we paid for without taxpayer help \$750,000.00. As you know the airport is entirely in flood way and flood plain, the EIR should fully address how to address the runoff from their concrete and asphalt roads, parking areas and structures. Most of the airport is in either flood plain or flood way, you can't just dump all that on the airport where in the past it would eventually soak in.

Landscaping for safety adjacent to a runway should be evaluated fully in the EIR. I know of NO airport with landscaping near a runway due to nesting sites etc.

Thanks for now,
Bennie Conatser



