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The Mulligan

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In golf among friends, hit a bad shot? Take a "mulligan" and replay that stroke. The first (bad) shot doesn't count.

On May 7, the Carlsbad Council takes a mulligan. To correct its March 27 Council Closed Session blunder.

Why a do-over? Because the council received an attorney letter noting that the Council had violated the State Brown Act Open Meeting Law. How? By halting the Council rezoning of property outside McClellan-Palomar Airport to preclude airport expansion without first receiving public input.

Lipstick on the Carlsbad "Settlement Agreement" Pig

The Carlsbad May 7 staff report for the upcoming council meeting is rather amusing. If you need lessons on how to put lipstick on a pig, read it.

City leaders say that dismissing the city's CEQA suit against county and halting rezoning achieve city's goals. City lists five reasons (the 6th is the Surrender Flag). But city's finger (up to you to judge which) is stuck on the "repeat button." All reasons given have one theme.

City says that, despite 40 years of history to the contrary, county will really, really, really, really – no, I mean really - consider what city has to say and will even meet with city staff to listen to city.

Excuse me. Do council members live in the Twilight Zone? I thought city and county leaders were elected to listen to each other. You know, really listen to each other.

Does Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall not know what to do when county ignores him and the Carlsbad council? You show up at a Board of Supervisor meeting and explain that the Supervisors are showering Carlsbad residents with increasing Palomar Airport noise, traffic, and pollution; you invite the media to report the county's deaf ear; and you fire the Supervisors' feet. You do not drop your pants and bloomers in a "Settlement Agreement" with illusory terms.

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