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Noise from jet freighters on approach to Mather Field has been the focus of increasingly heated public debate, especially in El Dorado Hills and Folsom.

A totally new section in the SierraFoot web site covers this issue on a factual basis. It uses information such as noise measurements and radar flight tracking data from studies performed and published by the Sacramento County Airport System in 2003.

The final Web page in this section compares circumstances in El Dorado Hills to those at a point in Foster City which underlies the ILS approach to runway 28L at SFO.

Briefly, conclusions based on all data presented are: (1) We, the community as a whole, do not have a level of jet freighter noise that can realistically be considered to be a public problem; (2) Instead, we have a complaint problem, with substantially no reasonable basis in fact for the strident complaints from a small number of residents.

Check out the Web site www.sierrafoot.org for the full story.

“Jet freighter noise” is a prominent link in the “Local” section of the site’s home page, just below the link to the new El Dorado Hills Incorporation Committee Web site.

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