



# *DUCK!*

## **Surf Air's Plan that will Disrupt Your Life**

You have probably noticed Surf Air's blue-bottomed planes with their loud, disturbing buzz as they head toward the San Carlos Airport to land. Here's why:

- Your home or school is under a low-altitude flight plan that allows their noisy aircraft to land at San Carlos Airport.
- Surf Air flies these flights almost every hour, from early morning to late at night, seven days a week.
- The “dive-bombing” sense that you feel is created because these planes fly especially low in their landing approach with landing gear down very early in the process, and because they use a particularly noisy Pilatus aircraft.
- “Scheduled commuter airlines (have) far higher crash rates than major airlines.”<sup>(1)</sup> As such, aircraft flying the same route multiple times a day pose a higher safety risk for those living near the flight path or attending nearby schools.
- Surf Air, a private, members-only travel service, has plans to substantially grow its number of flights and just received \$73 million in funding in order to lease an additional 65 aircraft.<sup>(2)</sup> They currently only have three (3) aircraft.

We—CalmTheSkies—are a large and growing group of neighbors who are working to solve the unrelenting noise problem related to Surf Air, and we want you to get involved.

### **Surf Air and the FAA have been largely unresponsive to our efforts to obtain relief.**

We need your help. Here's what you can do:

1. Stay informed at our website—use the Contact Us link at: [www.calmtheskies.org](http://www.calmtheskies.org)
2. Email Jeff Potter, CEO of Surf Air: [jeff@surfair.com](mailto:jeff@surfair.com) and tell him to:
  - Train their pilots to fly in at 1000-1500 feet higher (a 5% slope) whenever they can fly a visual flight path, just as other non-Surf Air San Carlos pilots do.
  - Use his money to buy the slightly more expensive and significantly quieter 5-blade propeller aircraft because the noise on the ground is currently unbearable..
3. Talk to your neighbors about this and get them involved. Call your elected officials. Their contact information is on our website.
4. **Every time your peace is disrupted call two places:**

San Carlos Airport: 650-573-2666  
Surf Air: 888-704-2582

(1) Baker, Susan...(2009) Crash Rates of Scheduled Commuter Air Carrier Flights Before and After a Regulatory Change.

NOTE: Since 2000, there have been 29 crashes of Pilatus PC-12 aircraft resulting in 68 deaths. (<http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/dblist.php?AcType=PC12>)

(2) <https://www.surfair.com/new-deal.html>