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Letter to Airmen: LTA-SNA-2

Subject: John Wayne Airport-Orange County Airport Runway Re-designation

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BACKGROUND: Due to the gradual shift of the Earth's magnetic poles, the runways at John Wayne Airport- Orange County Airport (SNA) will be re-designated (re-numbered).

Effective September 18, 2014, all runway designations at SNA will change from Runway(s) 19-1 to Runway(s) 20-2.

The most significant impact will be the change in what pilots hear, and see, with respect to air traffic control instructions and airport marking visual aids. Pilots should expect to hear air traffic controllers use the new numbers, Runway 20R (two zero right), Runway 20L (two zero left), Runway 2L (two left) and Runway 2R (two right), beginning September 18th.

Pilots are advised to maintain heightened situational awareness and to immediately request clarification in the event any confusion exists due to changes associated with the re-designation project. A request may be made for progressive taxi instructions by a pilot when necessary, and may be issued if a controller deems it necessary.

SUMMARY:

- New runway numbers, **Runway 20R -2L** and **Runway 20L- 2R**, effective September 18, 2014.
- Ask for assistance if disoriented or unfamiliar.
- What you will hear: **Runway Two Zero Right/Left, Runway Two Right/Left**
- Readback all runway hold short instructions and runway assignments using the new numbers beginning September 18, 2014.

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