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Subject: Beacon Codes for Helicopter Operations Within the Los Angeles Region

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To increase Air Traffic Control situational awareness, reserved discrete beacon codes have been authorized for VFR helicopters operating within defined airspace around Los Angeles, California (LA).

When operating VFR at or below 6,000 feet MSL within the approximate lateral confines of the following Interstates (I) and California State Routes (SR):

- Northwestern tip of Santa Catalina Island on a line to SR 27,
- Following SR 27 to SR 118, to
- I 210, along SR 210 to I 10, then
- SR 79 to SR74, to
- I 5 to SR 1, to
- San Juan Creek direct to,
- The southeast point of Santa Catalina Island, continuing along the west coastline to the northwestern tip of Santa Catalina Island.

General Aviation, VFR rotorcraft should squawk **1205**.

First Responder/Law Enforcement/Military/Public Service VFR rotorcraft should squawk **1206**.

All fixed-wing and rotorcraft operating within the lateral confines of the LA Special Flight Rules Corridor should squawk **1201**.

Utilize prearranged or ATC-assigned beacon codes in lieu of these, three (3) beacon codes, (1201, 1205, and 1206). Request VFR advisories with the appropriate ATC facility.

For questions or concerns, please contact SOCAL Approach at (858) 537-5900.

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