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- 1942 U.S. Army acquires property and constructs Hayward Army Airfield. Facility is used as a fighter base during World War II.
- 1946 Airport is declared surplus property by the Federal Government and prior to disposal is operated as a public-use facility by a local citizens' group. California Air National Guard moves to Hayward with aircraft such as U10's, SA-16's, C-119's and C-130's.
- c. 1946 Community of San Lorenzo development begins.
- April 1947 War Assets Administration quitclaims the Army field, encompassing some 690 acres, together with related buildings and equipment, to the City of Hayward. The airfield becomes Hayward Municipal Airport.
- Sept. 1954 Civil Aeronautics Administration releases City from compliance with the Quitclaim Deed provision prohibiting use of the airport property for manufacturing and industrial purposes.
- 1956 City acquires 20 additional acres for total airport property of 710 acres.
- Jan. 1959 FAA Air Traffic Control Tower commissioned occupying a temporary structure.
- July 1959 Construction on Administration Building and Air Traffic Control Tower begins.
- 1961 Leigh Fisher & Associates completes study for City with respect to "the advisability of continuing the use of Hayward Municipal Airport versus transfer of operations thereon to a new industrial airport." The report recommendation to keep the existing airport generates controversy but is adopted by the City Council.
- Sept. 1962 City Council adopts first Airport Layout and Land Use Plan.
- June 1963 City enters into an agreement with Airport Investors and Developers, Inc. of Hayward to run airport. In November of 1963, the airport's name is changed to Hayward Air Terminal.
- 1964 Skywest Public Golf Course is built.
- July 1965 Federal Aviation Agency releases all remaining airport property including aircraft operating areas, from the National Emergency Provision of the Quitclaim Deed.
- May 1966 Federal Aviation Agency releases five parcels, encompassing some 369 acres, from all conditions, reservations, and restrictions of the Quitclaim Deed hereby permitting sale and/or long-term lease of the land for non-aviation purposes.



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- 1967 Approximately 167 acres of property in southwest corner of airport sold. Development of Cabot, Cabot, and Forbes Industrial Center begins.
- 1968 East T-Hangers (4 buildings) constructed.
- June 1968 Runway 10L-28R reconstructed and extended from 1,800 feet to 3,100 feet.
- 1970 City terminates agreement with Airport Investors and takes over management of airport.
- 1972 Manzella's Seafood Loft restaurant built; Festival Cinema built.
- 1973 Apartment complex constructed on 8.0 acres of former airport property on north edge of Skywest Golf Course.
- 1973 Vagabond Motel constructed.
- 1978 Two 10-unit T-hangars and a 6-unit Executive Hangar constructed at northwest end of the airport.
- 1978 Airport reaches peak aircraft traffic count with 421,048 recorded operations in one year. During this period, Hayward is one of the busiest airports in the United States.
- 1983 Six additional T-hangars and an 8-unit Executive Hangar constructed at northwest end of the airport.
- 1989 Executive Inn opens.
- 1995 Due to a prolonged decline in the general aviation industry, caused by a wide range of economic and environmental issues, annual operations reach a low of 154,000 per year.
- 1996 With a resurgence of general aviation activity, operations rise to total approximately 180,000 per year.
- 1997 Strategic Business Plan is completed.
- 1998 Airport Master Plan Update initiated.
- 1999 Lease review of aviation businesses completed, and feasibility analysis for passenger service completed.
- 1999 Facility is renamed Hayward Executive Airport, and a new Master Plan for the airport is developed. With many improvements planned starting in FY 2000-01, Hayward Executive Airport continues to serve the needs of business, government, and general aviation.



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- 2001 Home Depot opens.
- 2002 Airport Master Plan is adopted by City Council.
- 2003 Ascend Development breaks ground for the construction of six new corporate hangars.
- 2004 Bud Field Aviation and Ascend Development open for business.
- 2006 Hayward Hangars opens for business.
- 2014 New airport administration building opens.
- 2016 Meridian Hayward completes construction and opens for business.
- 2016 Runway 10R-28L resurfaced.
- 2019 Airport hangar condition assessment completed.
- 2020 Skywest Golf Course ceases operations and 126-acre property reverts back to airport control.
- 2020 Work starts on hangar improvements with installation of new roofs on two executive hangars.