

AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2012

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Whitehurst called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers on the third floor of the Merced County Administration Building, located at 2222 'M' Street, Merced, California.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Tony Whitehurst, Chairman
Frederick Honore, Vice Chairman
Scott Malta
Ron Elliott

Commissioners Absent: Gail McCullough

Staff Present: William Nicholson, ALUC Acting Secretary
Kim Anderson, ALUC Recording Secretary
Oksana Newmen, ALUC Staff

Legal Staff: Marianne Greene, Deputy County Counsel

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

IV. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. **Adoption of the Castle Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan ("ALUCP")** The Commission has prepared an update to the April 1999 Castle Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and has performed the corresponding environmental review of the plan required under CEQA. The purpose of the updated 2012 ALUCP is to promote compatibility of uses between the public airport and the land uses which surround it through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to existing and future proposed land uses.

Recommendation: The actions requested are to:

- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt the 2012 Castle Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan based on the findings.

Following a brief presentation by William Nicholson, Acting ALUC Secretary, Chairman Whitehurst opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comment on all five Land Use Compatibility Plans under consideration on the Agenda. Chairman Whitehurst also noted that Todd Smith from the Turlock Airport was present in the audience.

No one spoke during the public hearing.

Following the close of the public hearing, the commission took the following actions:

MOTION: M/S Honore – Elliott, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission Adopts the 2012 Negative Declaration prepared for the Castle Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

MOTION: M/S Honore – Elliott, and carried by a vote of 4 – 0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan prepared for Castle Airport.

- B. Adoption of the Gustine Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (“ALUCP”)**
The Commission has prepared an update to the April 1999 Gustine Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and has performed the corresponding environmental review of the plan required under CEQA. The purpose of the updated 2012 ALUCP is to promote compatibility of uses between the public airport and the land uses which surround it through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to existing and future proposed land uses.

Recommendation: The actions requested are to:

- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt the 2012 Gustine Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan based on the findings.

MOTION: M/S Malta - Elliott, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Negative Declaration prepared for the Gustine Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

MOTION: M/S Malta – Elliott, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan prepared for the Gustine Municipal Airport.

- C. Adoption of the Los Banos Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (“ALUCP”)**
The Commission has prepared an update to the April 1999 Los Banos Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and has performed the corresponding environmental review of the plan required under CEQA. The purpose of the updated 2012 ALUCP is to promote compatibility of uses between the public airport and the land uses which surround it through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to existing and future proposed land uses.

Recommendation: The actions requested are to:

- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt the 2012 Los Banos Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan based on the findings.

MOTION: M/S Elliott - Honore, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Negative Declaration prepared for the Los Banos Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

MOTION: M/S Elliott – Honore, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan prepared for the Los Banos Municipal Airport.

- D. **Adoption of the Merced Regional Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (“ALUCP”)**
The Commission has prepared an update to the April 1999 Merced Regional Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and has performed the corresponding environmental review of the plan required under CEQA. The purpose of the updated 2012 ALUCP is to promote compatibility of uses between the public airport and the land uses which surround it through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to existing and future proposed land uses

Recommendation: The actions requested are to:

- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt the 2012 Merced Regional Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan based on the findings.

MOTION: M/S Malta – Honore, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Negative Declaration prepared for the Merced Regional Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

MOTION: M/S Malta – Honore, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan prepared for the Merced Regional Airport.

- E. **Adoption of the Turlock Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (“ALUCP”)**
The Commission has prepared an update to the April 1999 Turlock Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and has performed the corresponding environmental review of the plan required under CEQA. The purpose of the updated 2012 ALUCP is to promote compatibility of uses between the public airport and the land uses which surround it through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to existing and future proposed land uses. The action on this ALUCP covers the portion of the Airport Area of Influence located within Merced County.

Recommendation: The actions requested are to:

- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared pursuant to CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt the 2012 Turlock Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan based on the findings.

MOTION: M/S Honore – Malta, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Negative Declaration prepared for the Turlock Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

MOTION: M/S Honore – Malta, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission adopts the 2012 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan prepared for the Turlock Municipal Airport.

Following the individual votes on each Airport-Land Use Compatibility Plan, on advice from ALUC Counsel, a motion and vote was requested to clarify that the plans were approved subject to the changes contained in Addendum #2 (Attachment No.3 to the Commission Staff Report dated June 21, 2012).

MOTION: M/S Malta – Honore, and carried by a vote of 4-0, the Commission clarifies that he Addendum #2 presented as Attachment No.3 to the Staff Report dated June 21, 2012, was incorporated into the individual Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan approvals voted on today.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

VII. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of Potential Alternatives for Addressing the Subject of Public Utilities Code Section 21670.4 "Intercounty Airports" as it relates to the Turlock Municipal Airport "Airport Influence Area" being bisected by the boundary between Merced and Stanislaus Counties. **ACTION REQUESTED IS TO PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION BASED ON DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES.**

Chairman Whitehurst wanted the Committee to be one made up of Merced County ALUC representatives in a special "Turlock Airport Subcommittee" (Option 4 in the Staff Report). This Committee should be an Ad Hoc rather than a standing Committee. Todd Smith, representing the Turlock Airport, stated he was concerned about Aviation Easements and for the protection of their airport.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.