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MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2002

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2002, of the Airport Land Use Commission was called to order by Gail McCullough at 2:07 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 2222 'M' Street, Third Floor, Merced, California.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Gail McCullough, Chairman
Al Romero, Cities
Tom Stillman, Airport Managers
Tony Whitehurst, Merced County

Commissioners Absent: Norvel "Bud" Alexander, Cities
Dennis Anderson, Proxy for Cities
Mark Langely, City of Turlock

Staff Present: William Nicholson, ALUC Secretary
Desmond Johnston, ALUC Staff
Victoria Lane, Recording Secretary

Legal Staff: James Tarhalla, County Counsel (absent)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: M/S STILLMAN/WHITEHURST, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2000.

IV. NON-HEARING ITEMS

1. Gustine High School - TO DETERMINE CONSISTENCY WITH THE MERCED COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN.

Desmond Johnston, ALUC Staff, presented the staff report with the recommendation that the Commission make a finding of consistency with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Commissioner Stillman said that after reviewing the new Merced County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and even if there were an extension, our authority still does not encroach upon the potential site in this particular location.

Commissioner Romero asked the question regarding the extension of the runway 500 feet southward and if that would widen the perimeter of the airport influence area.

It was determined that the 500 foot extension was already in the Master Plan adopted by the Gustine City Council in September 1996 and had already been contemplated and considered in the Compatibility Map included with the staff report.

Audience comments were taken and the following person(s) spoke:

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Christine Parreira, from Gustine, said she was glad they went through the proper channels this time. She went on to say that when the elementary school was built they did not go through the proper channels and as a result the community was very upset at this.

MOTION: M/S WHITEHURST/ROMERO, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE GUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN.

2. Turlock Municipal Airport Expansion – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Desmond Johnston, ALUC Staff, presented the staff report.

Commissioner McCullough asked about grants for the Turlock Airport.

Desmond Johnston responded by saying that some gentlemen have come in requesting building permits for new hangars. They said there are grants pending that will pay for runway improvements.

Commissioner Stillman mentioned the full extension of the sphere of influence and whether that was under the control of the Planning Commission or not.

William Nicholson pointed out that this is a city facility, owned by the city, but not in the city limits. So as long as the city owns this property they can be the lead agency to do the environmental review. They do need to get building permits, though. It's a very unique situation. He went on to say that we do have the ability to comment on their environmental document. When they pick a new runway they will have to revise their Airport Master Plan and they will have to submit that to the Commission for the Commission's input and comment. At this point the City of Turlock is looking at alternatives and they're not sure which direction they're going to go.

No action was requested of the Commission.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

William Nicholson brought up that the Commission needs to update the terms of the Commissioners and fill vacancies. The Commission also wants to set up a meeting in a couple months to elect or reappoint a chairperson and vice chairperson.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

Opened to the public at 2:39 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke:

Scott Malta, the new airport manager at Castle, introduced himself to the Commission. He let the Commission know that he will keep them updated on current events at Castle.

Closed at 2:43 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.