

MINUTES
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION (ALUC) MEETING

Monday, December 18, 2017, 1:30 P.M.

Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center
810 Court Street, Jackson, California 95642
(209) 223-6380

Members Present: Dave Wardall, Chairman, County Member and Proxy for Pat Crew
Frank Axe, County Member
Ted Novelli, Public Member
Dave Sheppard, Airport Manager
Tim Murphy, City of Sutter Creek Member
Keith Sweet, City of Jackson Member and Proxy for Marilyn Lewis
Dave Richards, Airport Manager Appointee

Staff Present: Susan Grijalva, Planning Director
Robin Rehart, Recording Secretary
Chuck Beatty, Planner III
Steve Alverson, ESA, consultant
Chris Jones, ESA, consultant

This meeting was recorded.

NOTE: These minutes remain in draft form until approved at the next regular meeting of the Airport Land Use Commission. Any packets prepared by County staff are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any staff report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations which are referred to by Commission members in their decisions which are contained in the staff reports are part of these minutes by reference only. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes by reference.

The December 18, 2017 meeting of the Amador County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) was called to order by Chairman Wardall at 1:30 p.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A: Approval of Agenda.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Novelli, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

B: Public Matters Not on the Agenda. None.

C: Correspondence: Letters from Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, City of Jackson, and Martell Investments were received after publication of the agenda packet and presented to the Commission.

D: Approval of Minutes for November 17, 2017 Meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Axe seconded by Commissioner Novelli, and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

ITEM NO. 1: Review of the Public Draft for the update to Westover Field Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). The purpose of an ALUCP is to establish compatible land uses in the vicinity surrounding an airport. It also provides for the orderly growth of the airport and the area surrounding the airport while safeguarding the general welfare of the inhabitants within the vicinity of the airport and the public in general. The proposed Airport Influence Area, that area affected by the ALUCP, is a 5-mile perimeter along the sides and ends of the runway. Westover Field Airport is located on Airport Rd. just south and east of the Highway 49/Ridge Rd. intersection in Martell.

Susan Grijalva, Planning Director and staff to the Airport Land Use Commission, reviewed the staff report which is hereby incorporated into these minutes as though set forth in full.

Chairman Wardall opened the public hearing.

Numerous public comments were presented with specific concerns about the proposed 5-mile Wildlife Hazard Area and proposed Safety Areas 2 and 3 having negative impacts on growth and development. Of particular concern was the potential for the Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of Amador City, Jackson, and Sutter Creek to overrule the ALUC and adopt the ALUCP Update without the 5-mile Wildlife Hazard Area. Discussion also included the possibility that any overruling agency may assume responsibility for airplane accidents caused by wildlife originating from projects in their respective jurisdictions which were approved without a wildlife hazard assessment and ALUC review.

Following the public hearing, it was the consensus of the ALUC to request the project consultants to prepare a response to comments received during the meeting, and to revise the draft Plan to incorporate the comments.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Novelli, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard, and carried to request the project consultants to prepare a response to comments received during the meeting, and to revise the draft Plan to incorporate the comments.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Novelli, seconded by Commissioner Sheppard, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Wardall adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Chair, Airport Land Use Commission

Chuck Beatty, Planning Director

Mary Ann Manges, Administrative Secretary