

Minutes - Final Airport Land Use Commission

Thursday, March 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Airport Land Use Commission met on March 10, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California, at 7:00 p.m.

Solano County staff members present were Resource Management Director Terry Schmidtbauer, Deputy County Counsel Lori Mazzella, Senior Planner Nedzlene Ferrario and Clerks Melissa Catron and Marianne Richardson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Catherine Cook, Bruce DuClair, Donald Ryan, Ross Sagun (WebEx), Stephen Vancil and Chairman J.W. Seiden

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion of Commissioner Cook, and seconded by Commissioner DuClair, the agenda as approved. So ordered by 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1 [AC 22-006](#)

Attachments: [February 10, 2022 Minutes - Draft](#)

On a motion of Commissioner DuClair, and seconded by Commissioner Ryan, the minutes of February 10, 2022 were approved. So ordered by 6-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Chairman Seiden postponed any report of the Wildlife Hazard Committee to the Regular Calendar discussion item.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Seiden invited members of the public to address the Commission on matters not listed on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Scott McLaughlin, Deputy Director of Operations for the 60th Operations Group at Travis Air Force Base (Travis AFB), stated he would provide bird strike data for Travis and Rio Vista to Senior Planner Nedzlene Ferrario on March 11, 2022. He further stated he is ready to participate in the Technical Advisory Committee, and that Base Staff from the USDA Wildlife Division could also provide valuable input.

REGULAR CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

- 2 [AC 22-007](#) Receive and discuss information about amending the Travis Air Force Base and Rio Vista Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans to further address bird strike hazards resulting from wildlife restoration efforts and provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [A - ALUCP Amendment Memo](#)
[B - ALUCP Wildlife Hazard Assessment - Analysis Memo](#)
[C - Relationship between Aviation Safety and Wildlife Strikes](#)

Senior Planner Nedzlene Ferrario presented an update to the February 10, 2022 meeting discussion of amending the Travis AFB and Rio Vista Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans.

Responding to questions by Commissioner Cook, Ms. Ferrario stated the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) would be comprised of Travis AFB and Rio Vista Airport representatives, a wildlife biologist and ALUC Staff, and the Commission may want to consider 1 or 2 members of the Wildlife Hazard Committee. Further stating that Environmental Science Associates (ESA) would be managing the TAC and staff would bring the TAC's scope of work to the Commission when defined.

Responding to a question by Commissioner Sagun, Ms. Ferrario stated the Nut Tree Airport plan is not included in the TAC as there are no habitat restoration projects in or around the Nut Tree Airport. Further stating the current 1988 Nut Tree plan is over-due for an update.

Chairman Seiden discussed his interpretation between a wildlife hazard Analysis and Assessment, stating an Analysis is more appropriate to the ALUC's needs. Further indicating that although either are a long process, urgency is necessary.

Responding to a statement by Commissioner Cook, Resource Management Director Terry Schmidtbauer stated the County wants to establish the TAC for both the ALUC and County, and are actively reaching out with ESA to establish the scope of work.

Responding to an update request from Chairman Seiden, Mr. Schmidtbauer discussed the status of the Principal Planner recruitment and stated another Principal Planner position is included in the department's Mid-Year Budget request.

Mr. Schmidtbauer discussed that the commission's approach to address wildlife restoration projects should involve two concurrent approaches: reaching out

to restoration project agencies and amending the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans.

Chairman Seiden stated the need to attend agency meetings to establish communication and express the ALUC's concerns. He further discussed ESA's memorandum of bird strike incidents over 10 years.

Commissioner DuClair spoke of 2-engine aircraft and recommended further discussions on a regular basis.

Commissioner Vancil noted that the 2-engine KC-46 aircraft fleet will arrive at Travis AFB in 2023.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Vancil wished to congratulate Commissioner Randall, noting his absence was due to being awarded a "Golden Bear" by Travis AFB, its highest level of civic leader recognition.

Commissioner Ryan reported that on preliminary review Little Egbert & Peter's Pocket restoration projects posed the highest risk from bird strikes. He continued to state that the Grizzly Island project was a lower risk due to its location. He further stated his plans to email the Wildlife Hazard Committee members and to arrange a meeting with Mr. McLaughlin and the USDA Wildlife staff at Travis Air Force Base. Commissioner Ryan also plans to provide drone footage of the areas.

ADJOURN

This meeting of the Airport Land Use Commission adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.