

Minutes - Revised Final Airport Land Use Commission

Thursday, January 12, 2023

7:00 PM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Airport Land Use Commission met on January 12, 2023 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 present were Resource Management Director Terry Schmidtbauer, Planning Manager Allan Calder (Webex), Deputy County Counsel Lori Mazzella, Principal Planner Nedzlene Ferrario, Associate Planner Catherine Cook and Clerk Marianne Richardson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Bruce DuClair, Thomas Randall, Don Ryan, Dan Sarna (7:04 pm), Bill Seiden, Stephen Vancil and Chair Ross Sagun.

APPROVAL OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCING

- 1 [AC 23-002](#) Adopt a resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the period of January 12, 2023 to February 11, 2023 as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency.

Attachments: [A - Draft Resolution](#)

On a motion by Commissioner Seiden, and seconded by Commissioner Vancil, the Commission adopted a resolution for remote teleconferencing from January 12 to February 11, 2023. So ordered by 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Sagun amended the agenda to withdraw item 23-006, Discuss ALUC recruitment and selection outreach.

On a motion by Commissioner DuClair, and seconded by Commissioner Seiden, the amended agenda was approved. So ordered by 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 2 [AC 23-003](#) Approve the minutes of the Airport Land Use Commission meeting of November 10, 2022.

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

There were no reports by committees.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Sagun invited members of the public to address the Commission on matters not listed on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Commission. There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Commissioner Seiden, and seconded by Commissioner Sarna, the following consent calendar items were approved. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

3 [AC 23-004](#)

ALUC-22-11 (Benicia City Housing & Safety Elements Update)

Determine that Application No. ALUC 22-11, (Benicia City Housing and Safety Elements Update), located within the Travis Air Force Base (AFB) Compatibility Zone D and E, is consistent with the Travis AFB Land Use Compatibility Plan (LUCP) (City of Benicia)

Attachments: [A - Airport Compatibility Zones and Airport Land Use Planning Guidance](#)
[B - City of Benicia & Compatibility Zones](#)
[C - Links to Draft Housing & Safety Elements Updates and Draft EIR](#)

4 [AC 23-005](#)

ALUC-22-13 (County of Solano - Agromin/Yolo Land & Cattle Agricultural Material Chipping)

Determine that Application No. ALUC-22-13, County of Solano - Agromin/Yolo Land & Cattle Agricultural Material Chipping located in Compatibility Zone E, is consistent with the Travis Air Force Base (AFB) Land Use Compatibility Plan (LUCP).

- Attachments: [A - Solano County ALUC Application](#)
 [B - Context Map](#)
 [C - Link to Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration](#)
 [D - Travis AFB Land Use Compatibility Zone Criteria Table](#)
 [E - CA Airport Land Use Planning Guidance Criteria Table](#)

REGULAR CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 5 [AC 23-006](#) Discuss ALUC recruitment and selection outreach
- Item withdrawn from the agenda.
- 6 [AC 23-007](#) **Wildlife Hazard Policies Update**
- Principal Planner Nedzlene Ferrario updated the Commission stating the Wildlife Hazard Task Force met on November 15, 2022 and included Commissioners Ryan and Sarna, Travis Air Force Base (AFB) staff and Rio Vista Airport Manager Robin Borre. Items discussed included Wildlife Management Plans at Travis AFB and Rio Vista Airport. The next meeting will be held in February or March.
- Commissioner Sarna stated the Travis Flight School at Rio Vista Airport is grounded past 1500 hours due to increased wildlife activity.
- 7 [AC 23-008](#) **Receive information on the Settlement and Release Agreement between Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and the County of Solano regarding the Solano 4 Wind Turbine Project**
- Attachments: [A - Settlement and Release Agreement](#)
- Deputy County Counsel Lori Mazzella updated the Commission on the SMUD settlement noting the main points: 1) no more than 19 wind turbines will be constructed; 2) no new construction for 5 years; 3) modeling of radar affects/impacts must be shown as accurate; and, 4) after 5 years, any new construction would not degrade radar.
- Discussion was held regarding the main points of the settlement agreement.
- Commissioner Ryan suggested that Travis AFB get a baseline radar analysis after the 23 wind turbines are removed and before the 19 are constructed.
- Travis AFB Deputy Director of Operations Scott McLaughlin informed the Commission it is the Base's intention to cooperate with paragraphs 3A & 3B under the assumption that West Slope Consulting will be doing the pre- and post-installation impact studies and models.
- Commissioner DuClair commented on a SMUD article he read.

Mr. Schmidtbauer stated the wind turbine moratorium is set to expire in April 2023 and the County is proposing a General Plan/Ordinance amendment which will come before the ALUC for review.

Commissioner Seiden described the impacts to the ASR-11 radar at Travis AFB.

Responding to a question by Commissioner Sarna, Mr. Schmidtbauer spoke of the wind turbine life expectancy and replacement process. Commissioner Vancil added that life expectancy/replacement is addressed in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans. Expected life is approximately 20 years.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that OSS Director of Operations Major San Phillip is available regarding radar concerns, and that Travis AFB has gone back to Bird Avoidance Strike Hazard (BASH) Phase 2 with more restrictive arrival/departure windows.

Major Phillip spoke of the radar disruption/masking due to the wind turbine project, and the Base has changed the route of aircraft due to the inability to pick up returns and are looking for ways to mitigate.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURN

This meeting of the Airport Land Use Commission adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.