

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 (ALUC)

### RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION, ADOPTING AND CERTIFYING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND AN AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN FOR NAPA AIRPORT

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission (“ALUC”) was established pursuant to the State Aeronautics Act, Public Utilities Code §21670, *et seq.*, to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the orderly expansion of airports and the adoption of land use measures that minimize the public’s exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards within areas around public airports to the extent that these areas are not already devoted to incompatible uses; and

**WHEREAS**, this purpose is served by the adoption of an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (“ALUCP”), which provide the basic tools to ensure actions taken by local agencies serve the public health, safety, and welfare by maintaining consistent planning and development near airports;

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, the ALUC adopted the current ALUCP to cover the airport influence areas surrounding the Napa County Airport, the Angwin Airport-Parrett Field, and the Calistoga Gliderport, and revised the plan in 1999 to incorporate changes in technology, airport operations and fleets, and revised guidance from the State;

**WHEREAS**, since the last revision in 1999, the California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, has made substantial revisions to its guidance, published in the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, most recently in 2011;

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, ALUC staff began working on a process to update the ALUCP, engaging Mead & Hunt as a consultant to prepare the plan. Staff and Mead & Hunt convened a Project Development Team (“PDT”) consisting of representatives from local agencies and the airports that would be affected by the ALUCP;

**WHEREAS**, staff and Mead & Hunt engaged in several public hearings, meetings, or information sessions to gather information and inform the public about the ALUCP updates, including a kickoff meeting of the ALUC on February 1, 2023, public workshops on November 16, 2023, and December 7, 2023, and information sessions about the proposed ALUCP on May 29, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the draft ALUCP was released for public review and comment on June 17, 2024, along with an Initial Study/Negative Declaration analyzing the potential environmental impacts, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”);

**WHEREAS**, ALUC Staff, Mead & Hunt, and Dudek, which was hired to perform the environmental review, prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration, finding that the adoption of the ALUCP would not result in significant impacts on the environment, since the displacement of uses as a result of the new restrictions on development in the Airport Influence Areas would be

more than offset by the reduction in displaced uses as compared to the current ALUCP. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration sets forth the displacement analysis, along with analyses of the resource categories required by the CEQA Guidelines, section 15063;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ALUCP and Initial Study/Negative Declaration were considered by the Commission at a public hearing on July 17, 2024, where ALUC staff presented the ALUCP and the Commission took public comment. The Commission continued the public hearing to September 18, 2024, to allow ALUC staff to reach out to stakeholders, local agencies, and members of the public who continued to raise questions about the ALUCP. The September 18, 2024, meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum and the matter was continued to November 6, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, after the continuance, ALUC staff reached out to many individuals, as well as all of the local agencies that would be impacted by the ALUCP, and offered to provide detailed presentations and to answer any questions about the ALUCP. ALUC staff also received several comments on the draft ALUCP. ALUC staff and Mead & Hunt considered these comments and made appropriate changes to the proposed ALUCP to address these concerns, and also prepared detailed responses to each comment;

**WHEREAS**, the November 6, 2024, public hearing was continued to December 4, 2024, so that ALUC staff could work with the consulting firm to make final edits to the ALUCP based on comments received at the hearing and specific direction from the ALUC.

**WHEREAS**, after the continuance, ALUC staff reached out to the Local Area Formation Commission Executive Officer, CalTrans Aeronautics staff, as well as individuals to clarify questions raised by the ALUC and update the plan accordingly. ALUC staff and Mead & Hunt have considered these discussions and made appropriate changes to the proposed ALUCP;

**WHEREAS**, the final draft of the ALUCP and the Initial Study/Negative Declaration were published with the agenda on November 26, 2024, in advance of the December 4, 2024, public hearing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission as follows:

1. The Commission, having read and considered the Initial Study/Negative Declaration, finds that the proposed Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan will not result in substantial impacts to the environment and, therefore, adopts and certifies the Negative Declaration.
2. The Commission finds that the proposed Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan will serve the public health, safety and welfare of the public within the airport influence area of the Napa Airport, and, in accordance with the State Aeronautics Act, hereby adopts the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan as presented, and directs staff to prepare the final, adopted version.

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**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**  
 by the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission, State of California, at a regular meeting of the  
 Commission held on the 4th day of December 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_

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NOES: COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_

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 Charles Koch, Chair of the Airport Land Use  
 Commission

<p>APPROVED AS TO FORM          Office of County Counsel</p> <p>By: <u>Jason M. Dooley</u>          Deputy County Counsel</p> <p>Date: <u>November 26, 2024</u></p>	<p>APPROVED BY THE NAPA          COUNTY          AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION</p> <p>Date: _          Processed By:</p> <hr/> <p>Deputy Clerk of the Commission</p>	<p>ATTEST: ANGIE-RAMIREZ-          VEGA          Clerk of the Commission</p> <p>By: _____</p>
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