

FRESNO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION Special Meeting Action Summary

Date: Thursday, August 23, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) was called to order by Chairman Duarte at 2:00 p.m. This meeting was held via ZOOM due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Bill Darnell, Ron Duarte, Bob Beck, Ray Remy
Proxies: Mark Davis

ABSENT: **Commissioners:** Sal Quintero, Nathan Magsig
Proxies: Dwight Kroll

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG
Braden Duran, Fresno COG
Charles Alexanian
Ricky Caperter
Lindsay Beavers, Legal Counsel
Kevin Meikle, Fresno Airports
Kory Lewis, Coffman Associates

No public was present.

2. **Action/Discussion Items**

A. Amendment to the Fresno County ALUCP – (Brenda Veenendaal) [DISCUSSION]

Brenda Veenendaal reported on this item. At the direction of this commission, ALUC staff had been working on amendments to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) in coordination with Coffman Associates. This amendment process was centered around four (4) main tasks, which involved the following:

1. Preparing Future Noise Contours for Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport

Twenty-year forecast noise contours for Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport were prepared using the most current FAA-approved noise modeling tool – the Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) version 3c. Inputs for the noise contours was derived from the Draft Master Plan for Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport.

2. Preparing Updated Safety Zones for Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport

Based on the revised Airport Layout Plan for Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport submitted to the FAA for review in June 2021, updated safety zones were prepared based on the examples from the 2011 California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook. Through communication with the City of Fresno Airports Department,

the revised Airport Layout Plan was not included the planned runway extension to 4,000 feet. Therefore, the future runway length will remain in the current condition, which is 3,627 feet. Accordingly, the zones would be changed to reflect the Handbook's zones for short general aviation runways with lengths less than 4,000 feet.

3. Updating Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport Exhibits

Based on the updated Airport Layout Plan for Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport submitted to the FAA for review in June 2021, the following exhibits in Appendix C were revised:

- Exhibit C1 – Airport Influence Area and Safety Zones
- Exhibit C2 – Future Noise Contours
- Exhibit C3 – 14 CFR Part 77 Airspace Services (derived from Master Plan Update)
- Exhibit C4 – Airport Layout Plan (derived from Master Plan Update)
- Exhibit C5 – Existing Land Use Parcels
- Exhibit C6 – Zoning Parcels
- Exhibit C7 – General Plan Parcels
- Exhibit C8 – Compatibility Factors

It is assumed that the underlying land use mapping for Exhibits C5, C6, and C7 was not updated during this process.

Kory Lewis of Coffman Associates discussed the status of the ALUCP Amendments starting with task 1: The Fresno Chandler Airport Layout Plan (ALP) update. There was previously a runway extension planned which was reflected in the adopted ALP. That extension will no longer be built so the updated ALP eliminates the assumption of a runway extension in the future and updates the safety zones for task 2 and the exhibits for task 3.

The ALP has been submitted to the FAA for review and a response is expected in October 2021.

4. Preparing Policy Amendments

Since adoption of the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan in December 2018, staff and the Airport Land Use Commission had identified policies which may have required revision or clarification to enhance implementation of the plan. Coffman Associates coordinated with staff to identify policy revisions. Specifically, guidance regarding vulnerable occupants and clarification regarding major and minor amendments to the plan were included in the policies.

Staff and Coffman Associates noted that there was no specific guidance from Caltrans or FAA regarding vulnerable occupants. When the Fresno County ALUCP was initially prepared, each of the zones was based on either the Caltrans Handbook or FAA's Part 77 Imaginary Surfaces. Based on previous applications, land uses that accommodate vulnerable occupants (day care facilities, for example) have been approved using the current zones. A potential issue that has been discussed is the development of a geographic area – that is based on published guidance – within which uses that allow vulnerable occupants are prohibited.

Staff and Coffman Associates provided an update to the Commission on work completed. After much discussion about language addressing vulnerable occupants the Commission agreed to include language within the amended ALUCP requiring that all projects involving vulnerable occupants within 3,000/5,000 feet from an airport runway must seek ALUCP review.

Coffman and Associates agreed to do additional research on language options and report back to the ALUC.

3. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the ALUC on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the ALUC on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

4. **Other Business**

A. **Items from Members**

B. **Items from Staff**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Remy and seconded by Commissioner Darnell to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm. A vote was called for and the motion carried.