

Final Placer County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Revised Negative Declarations





**Draft-~~Revised~~ Negative Declaration
for the
Auburn Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan**

Project Name: Auburn Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Lead Agency: The Placer County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) will serve as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the adoption of an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the Auburn Municipal Airport (proposed project), as described further below.

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Project Location (Latitude/Longitude: 38° 57' 17.345" N / 121° 04' 54.213" W): The proposed project is located at the Auburn Municipal Airport and within the associated Airport Influence Area (AIA). The AIA is defined as the area in which current or future airport-related noise, overflight, safety, or airspace protection factors may significantly affect land uses or necessitate restrictions on those uses. For Auburn Municipal Airport, the proposed AIA boundary extends approximately 1.7 statute miles beyond the Airport's runway ends and encompasses lands within the City of Auburn and unincorporated areas of Placer County (see **Exhibit 1 in the Initial Study**). The project area includes lands that are designated for various uses including: additional industrial development, commercial, low-density residential, rural estate and open space.

Project Description: The proposed ALUCP will replace the existing Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Auburn Municipal Airport, which was adopted on October 25, 2000. A copy of the proposed ALUCP for Placer County, which includes the ALUCP for Auburn Municipal Airport, is presented as **Appendix A** to the Initial Study.

The preparation of compatibility plans for public-use airports is required by the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21670 *et seq.*). The purpose of the ALUCP is to promote compatibility between an airport and the land uses in its vicinity to the extent that these areas have not already been devoted to incompatible uses. The ALUCP establishes a set of compatibility criteria that the ALUC will use to evaluate the compatibility of land use proposals within the airport vicinity, as well as long-range airport development plans.

The County of Placer and the City of Auburn have land use planning authority over most of the AIA, and these entities are expected to incorporate certain criteria and procedural policies from the proposed ALUCP into their general plans and zoning ordinances to ensure that future land use development will be compatible with the long-term operation of the Auburn Airport. Special districts, school districts and community college districts also must consider the ALUCP criteria in the development of district facility master plans. These local agencies (County, City and districts) also have the option of overruling the ALUC in accordance with the steps defined by state law.

Neither the proposed ALUCP nor the ALUC have authority over existing land uses, operation of the airport, or over state, federal, or tribal lands. No airport development or any other physical change to the environment is associated with the proposed project.

Potential Impacts: The proposed ALUCP is regulatory in nature, and neither the project—the adoption of the ALUCP—nor its subsequent implementation by local agencies will lead directly ~~or indirectly~~ to development or to any physical change to the environment. The draft ALUCP does have the potential to indirectly cause a physical change in the environment by influencing future land use development patterns through the establishment of compatibility guidelines that are intended to prohibit or constrain certain types of development within specifically delineated areas. However, No impacts to environmental resources were identified during the analysis performed for the Initial Study (see attached).

Although the proposed ALUCP prohibits some specific land uses in certain locations, it does not prohibit new development in the vicinity of the Airport. The proposed ALUCP policies were reviewed and compared to the general plan policies for the County of Placer and the City of Auburn, and no direct conflicts were identified. Implementation and adoption of the proposed project would result in the displacement of 232 housing units in the unincorporated area of Placer County. The displacement would not affect the County's ability to fulfill its Regional Housing Needs Allocation requirement.

Based on the CEQA analysis performed, adoption and implementation of the proposed ALUCP will not create a potentially significant effect on the environment.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures are proposed.

Proposed Finding: *Based on the Initial Study and in light of the whole record before the Commission, including comments received in response to this notice and the Initial Study, the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.*

More Information: Additional information may be obtained from the Contact Person listed above. The Initial Study and Draft ALUCP are available on the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission website at <http://pctpa.net/aluc/airport-land-use-compatibility-plan-update/>.

Celia McAdam, AICP, Executive Director
Placer County Airport Land Use Commission

Date



**Draft-~~Revised~~ Negative Declaration
for the
Blue Canyon Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan**

Project Name: Blue Canyon Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Lead Agency: The Placer County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) will serve as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the adoption of an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the Blue Canyon Airport (proposed project), as described further below.

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Project Location (Latitude/Longitude: 39° 16' 29.64" N / 120° 42' 33.77" W): The proposed project is located at the Blue Canyon Airport and within the associated Airport Influence Area (AIA). The AIA is defined as the area in which current or future airport-related noise, overflight, safety, or airspace protection factors may significantly affect land uses or necessitate restrictions on those uses. For Blue Canyon Airport, the proposed AIA boundary extends approximately 1.7 statute miles beyond the Airport's runway ends and encompasses unincorporated areas of Placer County and Nevada County, as well as federal lands of the U.S. Forest Service (see **Exhibit 1 in the Initial Study**). The project area includes primarily forests. Low-density residential uses lie one mile to the southwest in the community of Blue Canyon and to the northeast near Lake Putt.

Project Description: The proposed ALUCP will replace the existing Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Blue Canyon Airport, which was adopted on October 25, 2000. A copy of the proposed ALUCP for Placer County, which includes the ALUCP for Blue Canyon Airport, is presented as **Appendix A** to the Initial Study.

The preparation of compatibility plans for public-use airports is required by the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21670 *et seq.*). The purpose of the ALUCP is to promote compatibility between an airport and the land uses in its vicinity to the extent that these areas have not already been devoted to incompatible uses. The ALUCP establishes a set of compatibility criteria that the ALUC will use to evaluate the compatibility of land use proposals within the airport vicinity, as well as long-range airport development plans.

The authority of the Placer County ALUC does not extend into Nevada County or lands controlled by the U.S. Forest Service. Therefore, the policies of this ALUCP are strictly advisory with respect to these two agencies. The ALUCP does apply to unincorporated land in Placer County. The County of Placer is expected to incorporate certain criteria and procedural policies from the proposed ALUCP into its general plan and zoning ordinances to ensure that future land use development will be compatible with the long-term operation of the Blue Canyon Airport. Special districts, school districts and community college districts also must consider the ALUCP criteria in the development of district facility master plans. These local agencies (County, City and districts) also have the option of overruling the ALUC in accordance with the steps defined by state law.

Neither the proposed ALUCP nor the ALUC have authority over existing land uses, operation of the airport, or over state, federal, or tribal lands. No airport development or any other physical change to the environment is associated with the proposed project.

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Although the proposed ALUCP prohibits some specific land uses in certain locations, it does not prohibit new development in the vicinity of the Airport. The proposed ALUCP policies were reviewed and compared to the general plan policies for the County of Placer, and no direct conflicts were identified. Implementation and adoption of the proposed project would result in the displacement of nine housing units in the unincorporated area of Placer County. The displacement would not affect the County's ability to fulfill its Regional Housing Needs Allocation requirement.

Based on the CEQA analysis performed, adoption and implementation of the proposed ALUCP will not create a potentially significant effect on the environment.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures are proposed.

Proposed Finding: *Based on the Initial Study and in light of the whole record before the Commission, including comments received in response to this notice and the Initial Study, the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.*

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**Draft-~~Revised~~ Negative Declaration
for the
Lincoln Regional Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan**

Project Name: Lincoln Regional Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Lead Agency: The Placer County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) will serve as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the adoption of an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the Lincoln Regional Airport (proposed project), as described further below.

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Project Location (Latitude/Longitude: 38° 54' 32.982" N / 121° 21' 04.814" W): The proposed project is located at the Lincoln Regional Airport and within the associated Airport Influence Area (AIA). The AIA is defined as the area in which current or future airport-related noise, overflight, safety, or airspace protection factors may significantly affect land uses or necessitate restrictions on those uses. For Lincoln Regional Airport, the proposed AIA boundary extends between 2.7 and 3.8 statute miles beyond the Airport's runway ends and encompasses lands within the City of Lincoln and unincorporated areas of Placer County (see **Exhibit 1 in the Initial Study**). The majority of the project area currently falls within unincorporated Placer County jurisdiction. However, the City's sphere of influence encompasses a significant portion of this area. Lands in the project are mostly dedicated to dryland farming and livestock grazing with residences widely scattered. Within the City's sphere of influence, urbanization is anticipated. The City's general plan reflects a mix of residential and commercial uses.

Project Description: The proposed ALUCP will replace the existing Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Lincoln Regional Airport, which was adopted on October 25, 2000. A copy of the proposed ALUCP for Placer County, which includes the ALUCP for Lincoln Regional Airport, is presented as **Appendix A** to the Initial Study.

The preparation of compatibility plans for public-use airports is required by the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21670 *et seq.*). The purpose of the ALUCP is to promote compatibility between an airport and the land uses in its vicinity to the extent that these areas have not already been devoted to incompatible uses. The ALUCP establishes a set of compatibility criteria that the

ALUC will use to evaluate the compatibility of land use proposals within the airport vicinity, as well as long-range airport development plans.

The County of Placer and the City of Lincoln have land use planning authority over most of the AIA, and these entities are expected to incorporate certain criteria and procedural policies from the proposed ALUCP into their general plans and zoning ordinances to ensure that future land use development will be compatible with the long-term operation of the Lincoln Regional Airport. Special districts, school districts and community college districts also must consider the ALUCP criteria in the development of district facility master plans. These local agencies (County, City and districts) also have the option of overruling the ALUC in accordance with the steps defined by state law.

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Although the proposed ALUCP prohibits some specific land uses in certain locations, it does not prohibit new development in the vicinity of the Airport. The proposed ALUCP policies were reviewed and compared to the general plan policies for the County of Placer and the City of Lincoln, and no direct conflicts were identified. Implementation and adoption of the proposed project would result in the displacement of 176 housing units in the unincorporated area of Placer County. The displacement would not affect the County's ability to fulfill its Regional Housing Needs Allocation requirement.

Based on the CEQA analysis performed, adoption and implementation of the proposed ALUCP will not create a potentially significant effect on the environment.

Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures are proposed.

Proposed Finding: *Based on the Initial Study and in light of the whole record before the Commission, including comments received in response to this notice and the Initial Study, the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission finds that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.*

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