

PCALUC Public Hearing for Placer County Beekeeping Code Amendments Consistency Determination

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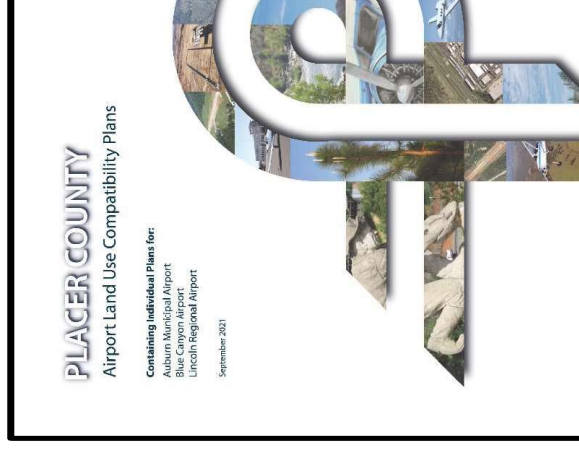
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Role of Airport Land Use Commission

1. Adopt and maintain Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans
2. Review changes to plans, zoning, regulations near airports



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Three Potential Determinations

1. Consistent with the ALUCP
2. Consistent with the ALUCP subject to conditions
3. Inconsistent with the ALUCP based on specific conflicts

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Beekeeping Code Amendments

- Agricultural Commissioner requested County Code be updated to provide specific standards regarding acceptable beekeeping practices and an enforcement mechanism.
- County received input encouraging beehives be allowed as part of backyard gardening.
- Currently, beekeeping is prohibited in Residential Single-Family zoning in unincorporated area.
- County submitted Beekeeping Code Amendments to determine whether they are consistent with ALUCP.
- Zoning Text Amendments constitute a mandatory referral because it affects lands within airport influence areas.

Beekeeping Code Amendments



Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

- Allow no more than 2 beehives on parcels less than 20,000 sq ft in Residential Single-Family zone.
- Limits number of beehives in other zoning to 5 per acre with a cap of no more than 100 hives in one location on parcels larger than 20 acres.
- Provides Agricultural Commissioner discretion to withdraw approval of beekeeping if declared a public nuisance.

Chapter 6 Animals Amendments

- Adds “Beekeeping” to Animal Control law.
- Requires beekeepers (except hobbyist) to register and provide property owner’s written permission to operate an apiary.
- Requires adequate water supply; establishes hives separation and setbacks; limits hive quantities as well as transporting bee requirements.

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Staff Review

- Beekeeping falls with ALUCP Agricultural land use category.
- Agricultural uses potentially attract hazardous wildlife, which impact airport operational safety.
- Most wildlife hazards due to birds and deer.
- Beekeeping has not been identified as an issue by US DOA.
- Several airports have established beekeeping programs with FAA approval.
- FAA initiated study to improve bee foraging on airport property.

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Staff Recommendation

Code Amendments would:

- Not result in any modifications to land use;
- Not impact airport land use compatibility; and
- Not conflict with safety, height, and noise policies in ALUCP.

Staff recommends:

- Find Placer County Beekeeping Amendments consistent with the ALUCP

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1. Conduct a Public Hearing
2. Make a Consistency Determination



Questions?



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