# AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION (ALUC) FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE PUBLIC HEARING



Item K December 1, 2021



#### **ALUC BACKGROUND**

- ALUC has two primary functions:
  - 1. Adopt land use standards that minimize public exposure to safety hazards & excessive noise.
  - Prevent encroachment of incompatible land uses around public-use airports.
- ALUC accomplishes these functions by:
  - Adopting Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans for each public-use airport.
  - 2. Reviewing proposed projects within airport influence areas.



#### PLACER COUNTY ALUC FEES

- Adopted a fee schedule in 1997, as part of PCTPA being designated ALUC.
  - Fees ranged from \$35 to \$70 per project review.
- Maintained same fee schedule from 1997 to 2014.
- Adopted an updated fee schedule in 2014.
  - Fees ranged from \$250 to \$1,250 per project review.
- Maintained same fee schedule since 2014.



#### PLACER COUNTY ALUC FEE ANALYSIS

- ALUC receives no outside grant funding to cover costs of project reviews.
- Cost of review process is recouped in part from 2014 fees plus Local Transportation Funds.
- ALUC project review cost far exceeds fees established.
- Represents a significant deficit in fee cost recovery.
- Actual costs from 2014 to present have ranged from \$500 to \$2,500 per review.



#### PLACER COUNTY ALUC FEE ANALYSIS

- Statewide, ALUC fees vary substantially from no fee charged to almost \$4,000.
- Several ALUC fees reflect flat fees & several vary fee by different types of entitlements.
- Several ALUCs add time & materials pricing for technical consulting assistance.



#### **ALUC STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Fee schedule update is for the purpose of recouping costs incurred by ALUC in reviewing projects.
- Establish minimum nonrefundable application fee to cover majority of staff time.
- Two fees: voluntary & mandatory project referrals.
- "Supplemental Deposit" if staff needs technical assistance to complete project review.
- Technical assistance provided on time & materials basis.



#### **ALUC STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

- Review fee schedule annually based on federal CPI.
- Updated fee schedule would go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.
- Find the fee schedule is statutorily exempt because it does not meet CEQA definition of a project.



### **ALUC STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Project Category	Application Fee	Supplemental Deposit
Voluntary Project Referrals	\$500	plus "time & materials"
Mandatory Project Referrals	\$2,500	plus "time & materials"
ALUC Appeals	\$200	Not Applicable



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Conduct a Public Hearing.
- Adopt Resolution updating fee schedule for ALUC.
- Authorize Executive Director to file Notice of Exemption with Placer County Clerk-Recorder.
- Updated fee schedule effective January 31, 2022, 60 days after ALUC adoption.
- Transmit new fee schedule to cities of Auburn & Lincoln & Placer County.





## **QUESTIONS?**

