

Solano County **Airport Land Use Commission**

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DATE: September 12, 2013

MEMORANDUM:

To: Solano County Airport Land Use Commission

From: Jim Leland, Principal Planner

Subject: ITEM 9C: Direct staff to develop a strategy and work plan for

addressing the Assault Landing Zone issue to be brought back to

the ALUC for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to develop a strategy and work plan for addressing the Assault Landing Zone issue to be brought back to the ALUC for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

DISCUSSION

Representatives from Travis Air Force Base have formally requested that the Airport Land Use Commission update the 2002 Travis Plan to provide regulations for the protection of a flight training area for the recently dedicated Assault Landing Zone. The Base has presented information to the Airport Land Use Commission which describes the nature of flight operations and training programs associated with the Assault Landing Zone. The Base has provided a map of the ALZ Training Area and declared a minimum flight altitude of 500 feet for conducting these training and flight operations and requested a buffer of 300 feet between the flight altitude and any structure. The net result is that the Base is requesting a 200 foot height limit for structures associated with any land use permitted in the vicinity of the ALZ Training Area.

The Commission has a variety of options available for addressing the concerns raised by the Base, including:

- 1. A Comprehensive Update of the 2002 Travis Plan,
- 2. An Individual Update to the 2002 Travis Plan,

- 3. A Policy Interpretation for the 2002 Travis Plan, or
- 4. No Change to the 2002 Plan

Staff requires some time to research the issues involved in preparing an amendment which implements the request of Travis Air Force Base, to formulate a budget for the proposed work effort and to amend the work plan and requests that the Commission refer the matter to staff for the additional analysis.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission direct staff to develop a strategy and work plan for addressing the Assault Landing Zone issue to be brought back to the ALUC for consideration at an upcoming meeting.