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MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION Meeting of May 8, 2014

The meeting of the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission was held in the Solano County Administration Center, Board Chambers (1st floor), 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Potter, Cavanagh, Seiden, Randall, and Chairman Vancil

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Baldwin, Baumler and DuClair

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Leland, Resource Management; Lee Axelrad, County Counsel; Phil Wade and Adrian Jones, ESA Consultants; Kristine Letterman, Resource Management

Item Nos.

1, 2 & 3:

Chairman Vancil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Item No. 4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as prepared.

Item No. 5. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2014 were approved as prepared.

Item No. 6. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Item No. 7. Public Comment

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Item No. 8. Old Business

There was no old business.

Item No. 9. New Business

- A. Action Item: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Conduct an Election of Chair and Vice-Chair as provided in the Bylaws.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavanagh and seconded by Commissioner Seiden to nominate Commissioner Vancil as Chairman for the ensuing year. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Randall and seconded by Commissioner Cavanagh to nominate Commissioner Seiden as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Action Item:** Receive a presentation from ESA on the update to the Travis Air Force Base Land Use Compatibility Plan; provide direction to the consultants.

Phil Wade, ESA Consulting, provided a general overview of the plan update process which included the purpose, key issues to be focused on, outline of the advisory committees to be formed, and general time schedule.

Commissioner Potter referred back to earlier documents that talked about Travis and the maximum mission. He said that the commission has seen the mission evolve in the past and asked if the consultant interpreted the word maximum to mean that the mission could be expanded in the future for unexpected events.

Mr. Wade stated that he would interpret maximum to mean what is reasonably foreseeable to occur at the base. He said that due to certain security changes it is no longer known what the maximum mission for Travis AFB is. He said that traditionally the information was contained in the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) documents. Mr. Wade agreed that the airport land use compatibility plan should anticipate some level of growth and change in operations. He said the challenge will be in determining what that could possibly be and making it defensible so that it is palatable to the jurisdictions and other affected landowners. He said certainly the maximum mission should go beyond what is currently taking place and the challenge will be trying to figure out what that is. It could be based upon looking at what is going on at other airports and looking to see what Travis can accommodate beyond what is currently happening.

Jim Leland stated that staff envisioned trying to approximate a maximum capacity for the facilities that are currently there, and equate that to annual operations and make some assumptions about a noise footprint that might correspond to that maximum mission scenario. He recalled that the number of operations was doubled in the 1995 AICUZ to generate a maximum mission scenario for the 2002 update.

Chairman Vancil noted that when an airport land use plan is prepared for civilian airports they usually use an FAA forecast of a 20-year projection into the future, but when a military airport is involved the 20-year forecast is not used. He said that traditionally what is used in lieu of that forecast is a maximum mission mode. Mr. Vancil commented that it is hard to predict the future of a military base especially in this current environment.

Chairman Vancil asked staff about the status and timeframe of the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

Mr. Leland stated that the application should be complete by the July timeframe as previously predicted by staff.

Chairman Vancil inquired as to how the JLUS will be integrated into the plan update, if it will run parallel and merge when complete or if there will be some interaction in between the processes.

Mr. Leland stated that the grant for the JLUS will take into account the integration by allowing the JLUS consultant to work closely with ESA. He said that there is a desire to accelerate that process because the information is going to be needed by ESA so that they can do their work. Mr. Leland explained that the JLUS has a scope of work that goes beyond the scope of a land use compatibility plan and so ESA will want the land use compatibility planning aspect to be accomplished first.

Mr. Wade further stated that a buffer has been built into the schedule to account for the delay in the JLUS selection to give the process time to catch up and hopefully seamlessly merge the two endeavors.

Chairman Vancil inquired if the technical advisory committee (TAC) and renewable energy working group (REWG) will be the same committees supporting the JLUS.

Mr. Leland said that he anticipates that the REWG will not be established until a decision on whether or not there will be a JLUS is made. He said that the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) is sensitive about having decisions made ahead of their grant approval and so staff is proposing to delay the appointment of the REWG. Mr. Leland noted that he spoke with the OEA regarding the formation of the TAC and policy committee and the OEA were fine with those committees being established to serve in support of the JLUS.

Chairman Vancil opened the public hearing.

Gary Gottschall, Deputy Commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, stated that his presence at this hearing is to understand the expertise that the ALUC are seeking for each of the committees so that Travis can make sure they align the correct experts with those committees. Mr. Gottschall stated that perhaps after the meeting he could meet with staff for more detailed information about the purpose and makeup that the commission is looking for to make sure that they provide the right representatives to each committee.

Since there were no further speakers, Chairman Vancil closed the public hearing.

- C. Report:** Receive a report from staff on the appointments to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Mr. Leland noted that a roster of appointees who have been designated by their host agency was distributed to the commission prior to the meeting. He noted that the City of Dixon has yet to make their appointment. Mr. Leland confirmed that he will meet with Mr. Gottschall regarding Travis representation on the committee. Mr. Leland stated that perhaps in the next couple of weeks it would be appropriate to convene the initial meeting of the TAC to kick off the process.

Commissioner Cavanagh asked what the process was on appointing the TAC members.

Mr. Leland explained that the ALUC Chairman has the authority to appoint the committee members and has been working with the full commission by sharing his views and accepting feedback and input from the commissioners. Mr. Leland stated that the actual representatives of the committee are being appointed by their host agencies.

Item No. 10. Adjournment

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.