Mendocino County Airport Land Use Commission



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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UKIAH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN (UKIALUCP)

A public hearing will be held by the Mendocino County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) to consider adoption of the proposed Ukiah Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (UKIALUCP) and associated Negative Declaration.

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ALUC Meeting

August 20, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

Mendocino County Administration Center - Virtual Meeting

This meeting will be conducted virtually and not available for in person public participation (pursuant to State Executive Order N-29-20). In order to minimize the risk of exposure during this time of emergency, the public may participate digitally in meetings by sending comments to <u>pbscommissions@mendocinocounty.org</u> and is available for viewing on the Mendocino County YouTube page, at <u>https://www.youtube.com/MendocinoCountyVideo</u>

To submit public comments via telecomment during the meeting, a request form must be received by 12:00 p.m. the afternoon of the meeting. The telecomment form may be found at: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/meeting-agendas.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit comments by email or Telecomment prior to the public hearing where the ALUC will consider adoption of the proposed UKIALUCP and associated Negative Declaration. The ALUC will accept written public comments sent to the address above during a 30-day review period starting on July 16, 2020 and ending August 14, 2020.

Copies of the proposed UKIALUCP and associated Negative Declaration are available for review online at:

- https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-notices or
- http://www.cityofukiah.com/community-development/

For more information or to receive a printed or email copy of the Negative Declaration, please contact:

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The Mendocino County ALUC, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed UKIALUCP (proposed project). The proposed project is located at the Ukiah Municipal Airport (the Airport) and within the Airport Influence Area (AIA) defined by the proposed UKIALUCP. Consistent with statewide compatibility guidance, the proposed 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, as well the area in which certain land use features can adversely affect airport operations. The proposed AIA encompasses lands within the City of Ukiah and unincorporated areas of Mendocino County (see **Exhibit 1** of the Initial Study).

The proposed project involves replacing the sections pertaining to the Ukiah Municipal Airport from the current Mendocino County Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan (MCACLUP), which was adopted October 21, 1993 and revised June 6, 1996, with a separate and distinct plan—the proposed UKIALUCP.

The preparation of ALUCPs for public-use airports is required by the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21670 *et seq.*). The purpose of ALUCPs 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 proposed UKIALUCP establishes a set of compatibility criteria that the ALUC will use to evaluate the compatibility of land use plans and proposals within the AIA, as well as long-range airport development plans. Neither the proposed UKIALUCP nor the ALUC have authority over existing land uses, operation of the airport, or over state, federal, or tribal lands.

The proposed UKIALUCP is regulatory in nature, and neither the project—the adoption of the proposed UKIALUCP—nor its subsequent implementation by local agencies will lead directly to physical development either on the airport or

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surrounding lands or to any other physical change to the environment. However, the proposed UKIALUCP does have the potential to indirectly cause a physical change in the environment by influencing future land use development patterns near the Airport through the establishment of compatibility guidelines that are intended to prohibit or constrain certain types of development within specifically delineated areas. Based on the CEQA analysis performed, adoption and implementation of the proposed UKIALUCP will not create a potentially significant effect on the environment.