

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Humboldt County Department of Public Works is providing notice of the intent to adopt a Negative Declaration of environmental impact for the following project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

PROJECT TITLE: 2021 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Update

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is the adoption of the updated Humboldt County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) by the Humboldt County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). The project involves updating the 1993 ALUCP which was adopted on 05/25/1993 for the Shelter Cove Airport and on 01/27/1998 for the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport (formerly Arcata-Eureka Airport). The updated ALUCP includes the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport, Dinsmore Airport, Garberville Airport, Kneeland Airport, Murray Field Airport, Rohnerville Airport, Samoa Field Airport (operated by the City of Eureka), and Shelter Cove Airport (operated by the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District).

The preparation or amendment of an ALUCP for public use airports is required by the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 21670 *et seq.*). The need for updating the ALUCP is due to local and state level changes that have occurred since the ALUCP was prepared in 1993. The 2021 ALUCP has been prepared using the latest guidance provided by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics: the 2011 California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook).

The function of the proposed ALUCP is to promote compatibility between the County's public use Airports and the land uses in their vicinity to the extent that these areas have not already been devoted to incompatible uses. The plan accomplishes this function through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to new development around an Airport. Additionally, the proposed ALUCP serves as a tool for use by the ALUC in fulfilling its statutory duty to review plans, regulations, and other actions of local agencies and Airport operators for consistency with the proposed ALUCP criteria. The local affected agencies, including the County of Humboldt, City of Eureka, City of Fortuna, Special Districts, School Districts and Community College Districts, are expected to incorporate and implement certain compatibility criteria and procedural policies from the proposed ALUCP into their respective general plans, specific plan, master plans, and/or zoning ordinances to ensure that future land use development will be compatible with the long-term operation of the airports. These local agencies also have the option of overruling the ALUC in accordance with the steps defined by state law (PUC Section 21676). Neither the proposed ALUCP nor the ALUC have authority over existing land uses, operation of the Airport, or over federal, state, or tribal lands.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Department of Public Works plans to recommend that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission adopt a Negative Declaration for the project. An Initial Study was prepared to identify potentially significant impacts on the environment, and it was determined that the project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

LEAD AGENCY: County of Humboldt Airport Land Use Commission

ADDRESS WHERE COPY OF INITIAL STUDY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

Department of Public Works – Land Use Division, 3033 H St # 17, Eureka, CA 95501

<https://humboldt.gov/2823/ALUC>

REVIEW PERIOD: The review period begins February 12, 2021, and ends March 15, 2021. Public comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of the Initial Study are invited. Comments received by the end of the review period will be considered before adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Written comments should be addressed to the Humboldt County Department of Public Works, 1106 Second Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

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