

PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONS OF MATHER AIRPORT

Project Name: Mather Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Update (ALUCP or proposed project).

Lead Agency/Project Proponent: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), acting in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission for Mather Airport.

Brief Project Description: The basic function of the ALUCP is to promote compatibility between Mather Airport (Airport) and the land uses that surround the Airport. As such, the ALUCP includes specified limitations and conditions on the future development of new residential, commercial and other noise and risk-sensitive land uses surrounding the Airport. The ALUCP provides land use compatibility policies and criteria for the area surrounding the Airport, and includes components describing the Airport, existing and planned land use patterns in the Airport environs, compatibility factor maps, compatibility policies and criteria, and procedural policies.

Project Location: The ALUCP establishes policies applicable to the development of future land use in the area surrounding the Airport in the city of Rancho Cordova and unincorporated Sacramento County. The ALUCP establishes an Airport Influence Area (AIA) composed of two review areas. Review Area 1 includes areas within the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) contours and safety zones delineated for Mather Airport as part of the ALUCP update. Review Area 2 includes the imaginary airspace surfaces for Mather Airport as defined under 14 CFR Part 77 and the overflight notification area identified in the ALUCP. Agencies with jurisdiction over land uses within the AIA would be required to submit proposed general plan amendments, specific plans, master plans, and zoning ordinances and amendments to the Airport Land Use Commission, for determinations of consistency with the ALUCP.

A map showing the location of Mather Airport in a regional context is provided as Figure 2-1, on page 2-2 in the Initial Study. The AIA, including Review Areas 1 and 2, is shown on Figure 3-1, on page 3-3 in the Initial Study.

Initial Study: An Initial Study of the ALUCP was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)¹ and its implementing guidelines² to ascertain whether implementation of the ALUCP might have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the Initial Study is attached to this proposed Negative Declaration and is incorporated by reference.

¹ California Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.

² 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15000, et seq.

Finding: The SACOG Board of Directors in its capacity as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) for Sacramento County, finds, on the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study, and any comments received and responses thereto), that there is no substantial evidence that the ALUCP for the Airport may have a significant effect on the environment and that this Negative Declaration reflects the ALUC's independent judgment and analysis.

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