

Notice of Exemption (JUNE 2021 DRAFT)

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Placer

From: (Public Agency): Placer County Transportation
Planning Agency (acting as Placer County ALUC)
299 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Placer County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans

Project Applicant: Placer County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

Project Location - Specific: Blue Canyon Airport, Latitude/Longitude: 39-16-29.9000N, 120-42-35.1000W

Project Location - City: Emigrant Gap (unincorporated Placer County) **Project Location - County:** Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Placer County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) promotes compatibility between the Placer County airports (Auburn Municipal, Lincoln Regional, and Blue Canyon airports) and future land use development in the surrounding area by establishing a set of compatibility criteria applicable to new development around each airport. The ALUCP also serves as a tool for use by the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission (PCALUC) in fulfilling its duties in reviewing plans, regulations, and certain other actions of local agencies for consistency with the ALUCP criteria. Neither the PCALUC nor the ALUCP have authority over existing land uses or over the operation of the airports.

PCALUC is updating sections of the current ALUCP, which was adopted in February 2014. The need for the update arose primarily because of new airport layout plans (ALPs) for Auburn Municipal and Lincoln Regional Airports recently adopted by the cities of Auburn and Lincoln, respectively. These new ALPs necessitated modification to the compatibility zones and policies for these airports. No changes to the airport-specific compatibility policies (Chapter 5) or background information (Chapter 8) for Blue Canyon Airport are included in the 2021 ALUCP update; these chapters reflect the adoption date of February 26, 2014.

The 2021 ALUCP update includes limited modifications to the countywide ALUCP policies. Minor modifications to Chapter 2, *Procedural Policies*, and Chapter 3, *Countywide Compatibility Policies*, of the ALUCP were made to define terms, clarify policies, and help with local agency implementation. For example, definitions have been added, terms have been revised to match state statutes, footnotes have been added for clarification, and policies have been revised to better reflect how the PCALUC wishes to function.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County ALUC

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: David Melko, Senior Transportation Planner

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Other: Common Sense Exemption, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

No changes are proposed to the airport-specific policies and background information for the Blue Canyon Airport. The proposed changes made to the countywide procedural policies and compatibility policies are administrative in nature and have no direct or indirect potential for causing a significant effect on the environment within the existing Blue Canyon Airport Influence Area. With certainty, there is no possibility that the proposed ALUCP could have a significant effect on the environment for the areas within the Blue Canyon Airport Influence Area; as such, this activity is deemed to be exempt from CEQA under the "Common Sense Rule" (Section 15061(b)(3)).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: David Melko **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530-823-4090

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Title:** _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____