

Additional comments received after the May 6th PC memo was sent:

I have been a resident of Yolo Co since 1979. My ancestors are founding fathers in the county and my wife Barbara was born and raised in Esparto as was my Mother. Furthermore I'm an active pilot and hangar resident at Yolo Co. Airport.

It has come to my attention that Ray Ferrell and his business is once again under attack by that group on the west side of the airport. Additionally the county is pursuing punitive measures against Ray in what appears to be a witch hunt, requiring him to obtain a use permit for activities that he has been doing successfully for years. This is like asking him to dig a hole and then fill it in. What is the point of this busywork, to generate a fee for the county coffers? Or, burry him in a bureaucratic paperwork mess that will exhaust his efforts and financial resources?

Can Yolo County please stand up for guys like Ray and his business and tell the neighbors that they are free to move away anytime. Remind them that the airport is a place of business and that SkyDance has been a viable resident of the airport and an important customer of the county.

I know a little bit about the sky diving business and I can tell you with absolute certainty that Ray Ferrell runs one of the best and safest drop zones in the country. I hope you can help him beat off the dogs and continue to operate an important Yolo County institution.

Thank you

Dennis Vest

Hello! My name is Nick Furchner. I am a dentist living in Reno, NV. For the pst 25 years, and then some, I have been traveling to the Yolo Co. airport to skydive. Why? Because Ray Ferrell is known around the country, and around the world for that matter, for running an extremely safe and efficient drop zone. I know hundreds of other jumpers who feel the same way. I would urge you to approve the permit referenced above. I don't believe that govt. officials realize the big economic impact that thousands of us (travelling jumpers) do have on your local economy over the course of a year. I look forward to your decision. Regards, Nick

As a resident of Woodland in Yolo County, I would like to express my support for the above-referenced application for use permit for camping and food service submitted by SkyDance SkyDiving.

This past year I moved my life and career to Yolo County so that I could be close to SkyDance. Prior to that I lived in Oakland and drove 1 hour and 10 minutes, each way, twice a week to attend events, courses, and training at SkyDance. Most of our skydivers and visitors have an even longer drive time to the Yolo County Airport, with a large percentage coming from Reno/Tahoe and Silicon Valley.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I urge you to support SkyDance's request to provide food and camping services for visitors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to contact me if needed.

Sincerely,

Melissa E. Krause

Woodland, CA

I highly support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel 80+ miles to Skydance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service. The staff is fantastic! This summer we are looking forward to events that will be held at SkyDance SkyDiving in the summer, where we can skydive from dusk until dawn, then stay overnight and not have to worry about the drive home after a long day of skydiving. If one skydive is equivalent to running an all-day marathon, imagine the jumpers that are jumping 15+ times in a day, the last thing they want to be doing is driving endless miles to go home. .

Overall, we pass several drop zones on the way to SkyDance SkyDiving because they are awesome! My husband and I consider everyone SkyDance SkyDiving our skydiving family and Skydance is our home drop zone.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Smith

Colfax, CA

I STRONGLY encourage you to approve the permit for Skydance Skydiving to allow camping and food service at their facility. Skydance is an internationally recognized skydiving center, where people come from around the world to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Yolo County, as well as the extremely safe skydiving conditions at Skydance Skydiving. I have been skydiving at Skydance Skydiving since 1998. I currently live in the Portland, Oregon area, but I fly to Davis a few times a year to skydive at Skydance. I enjoy the camping and the food services they offer.

Another reason this is so important is there are no other nearby camping facilities where a pilot can fly in from out of town and camp over night. Many small aircraft pilots land at the Skydance Skydiving as a stop over to grab a snack. Not allowing camping or food services will also impact the small aircraft community as well, so please approve this permit.

Thank you,
Corrie Veenstra

I support the application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel over 100 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Iwan van der Schoor

Redwood City, CA 94065

I, along with many of my friends, enthusiastically support the application for use permit for camping and food services at SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance is one of the most professional and safety-oriented dropzones I have visited, and I'm proud to call it my skydiving home. My girlfriend and I regularly drive up from San Francisco and stay the entire weekend at SkyDance because the distance is too great to make two trips in a weekend. We frequently patronize restaurants and stores in the nearby towns of Davis, Woodland, and Winters. Without the ability to camp at SkyDance we will have to make our visits shorter and less frequent.

I hope you will consider granting SkyDance the requested use permit.

My sincere thanks,

Chris Romp

San Francisco, CA

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 75 miles to SkyDance from San Francisco for 3 years every weekend, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Yegor

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I greatly enjoy the ability to camp and dine at SkyDance over the weekends and especially during their multiple day events and have traveled there quite frequently for 10+ years because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Walden

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I greatly enjoy the ability to camp and dine at SkyDance over the weekends as it takes me over an hour to get there. Also during their multiple day events it is very convenient and I have been doing this for 5+ years because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Danielle Grindle

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

Even though I reside in Denmark (Europe) I travel (at a minimum) once a year to enjoy the world class skydiving and events at Skydance. In doing so I spend a good amount of money in the community each trip.

Were Skydance not able to provide camping and food it would lessen the appeal of long distance visitors such as myself.

Sincerely

Kathryn Cooper-Jensen

DENMARK

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I travel 100 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best. I have attended events there for the last 10 years and enjoy the ability to camp on the DropZone and eat there as well.

Sincerely,

Jeff Saxton

San Mateo, CA

My name is Natali Vasquez, I'm from Colombia, and I have travel to California from my country 3 times, just to go skydiving at Skydance, skydiving, where I initially learn the sport. Since I travel from so far to be there, their camping and food facilities have been very useful on my skydiving holidays, with out it I couldn't do it, because there are not hotels or restaurants close to the area, specially if you arrive by plane so you don't have a car.

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by

SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I travel from Colombia to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely, Natali Vasquez Munoz, Colombia

Please record my overwhelming support for this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

We travel 50 miles to SkyDance many weekends, because of their facilities, quality, customer service - not to mention great food concession - all of which is the best available in Northern California.

Please feel welcome to be in touch with me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

David Mays

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by Sky Dance Skydiving. I have been a Yolo County resident and have been skydiving at SkyDance since 2005. My husband and I both chose to live in Yolo County specifically because SkyDance Skydiving is located here.

In the past 8 years, I have spent many long days at the Yolo County airport, skydiving and instructing other skydivers. Having food service available on site makes those long days much better. I also worked for one of the snack bar operators for a few months and saw first hand that many non-skydiver pilots, both local and transient, took advantage of having food service available on the airport.

I have camped on the dropzone numerous times, even though I live within a 20 minute drive of the airport. While attending a week long advanced rating course, being able to sleep at the dropzone was a huge help. I have spoken with other skydivers who choose to take these courses at SkyDance instead of at a different dropzone specifically because they could camp on the dropzone at SkyDance.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wyatt

I am a Skydiver USPA#118880, and that I use there facility in training purpose. Where I would be forced to go elsewhere. I purchase may items in your area. Please Keep Skydance open on there condiments and facility for Skydive purposes. Respect
SSG Karl Muller (US Army Retired)

I support the application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel about 60 miles one way to SkyDance because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

I've been skydiving at SkyDance since 1987 for almost every major event or just weekend skydiving. I've camped in the parking lot or in tents for most of my visits as my visits require multiple days. For simple convenience during every day skydiving days or to support large groups of skydivers locally or from around the world, camping and food service is a must! Thank you for considering the permit.

Sincerely,

Jill Scheidel

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

For the last 5 years, I have travelled 125 miles each way from my home in South Lake Tahoe to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. The ability to camp at the dropzone for the weekend or for multi-day events has been essential for me, given long drive that I make from Tahoe to Skydance. Without the ability to camp, I would be forced to curtail the number of visits I could make to Skydance and as a result, curtail the money I spend in Yolo County, both at Skydance as well as restaurants and bars in Davis and Winters during my stays.

Approval of this application and maintaining the ability to camp and provide food service at Skydance is really a win for everyone. A win for those of us who utilize Skydance's services, a win for a long-time thriving Yolo County business in Skydance and a win for Yolo County itself in increased economic activity and tax base.

Please consider approving this application.

Sincerely,

Keith Clayton

My wife and I began skydiving at Skydance Skydiving at the Yolo county airport back in 2000 and have used it extensively ever since. There are very few places that we would skydive at in Northern California because of our insistence on safety and professionalism. Skydance is a place that we have routinely skydived at and frequently make recommendations to both new skydivers and seasoned skydivers to visit.

Part of the draw of a world class skydive drop-zone are it's facilities. These include things like airplanes, running water, restrooms, eateries, and camp-sites or accommodations. Specifically because of Skydance's on-site dinning facilities and the ability to camp overnight (or five days...) we have traveled nearly 100 miles from Modesto,CA to attend events, skydive, and spend discretionary income in near-by Woodland and Davis. Because skydivers are typically addicted to their chosen sport, these trips are done more frequently than I would care to admit (due to the neglect on other things in life including my pocket book.)

We strongly support Skydance's continued permit to have on-site food and camping services. Denying them this permit will curtail skydiving activities including the annual "American Boogie" (skydive festival) that draws hundreds of attendees every year. Such an outcome would not only impact the business of Skydance, but have negative impacts on businesses in the surrounding

communities.

Best Regards,

Steve & Karen Clendenin - Modesto, CA

I would like to register my support for this use permit allowing camping and food service to be provided at SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance is a top quality skydiving facility which has a national, even international reputation. The availability of amenities such as camping and food service is an essential part of what draws jumpers to Yolo County to enjoy this fine facility.

As a jumper of senior years (70), I have a particular appreciation for the amenities. They are part of why I jump at SkyDance when there are other choices equally convenient to reach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Boraas

Comments to the Yolo County Planning Commission regarding Item ZF #2013-0018

Camping and Food Preparation at Prestar/Skydance

Submitted by Dane Westerdahl, 24330 County Road 95, Davis

Camping and food service are activities that have been going on for many years at the Skydance facility apparently without adequate permits, health certificates and inspections. Prestar (SkyDance) has applied to alter its lease to gain County approval to allow these activities to continue. These activities appear to violate several code provisions or use guidelines. The applicant was cited November 1, 2012 for illegal occupancy for three RV's and a Coleman pop-up Tent and did not appear to have corrected the violation within 30 days. The RV's have not been vacated; removed as Yolo County Health required if they were not permitted within said time period. Health Department stated in the citation "Failure to correct any violations within the required time frame will result in the inspection of your property by the Department." Camping on the airport has continued with no response from Yolo Health Department even though there has been no permit issued.

PreStar has also been cited under §114381(a) and §114387 on December 7, 2012 for illegal food sales at the same facility, the tenant does not appear to have fully responded to these citations and appears to have served food as recently as the last week of April. **At the base of the entire issue is that the county has allowed unpermitted uses that are not in compliance with county code for many years, has not intervened until public complaints appeared.**

The proposed expansions are substantial, unclear and rely on self-policing by the applicant. This is not an acceptable situation.

At the WPAC meeting on May 2 this item was on the agenda for action by the Committee. It appears that the Committee was being requested to make recommendations to the lease application as it moved through the Planning Commission and to the Board of Supervisors. However the **agenda description did not state what action was requested** or what body was to receive the finding. The applicant's own document submitted to the county for a lease change was included in the county posted on-line agenda package for the WPAC as was the county staff summary of the application. These two items were not consistent with each other.

Once discussion of the item began at the WPAC meeting it became clear that there had been conversations between the applicant and various county staff. The lease application was no longer accurate and that what appeared to be **a simple lease change to allow a little**

bit of camping on 6 weekends had turned into a much larger operation that resembles an RV park/campground and now includes a food service component.

These modifications from the initial lease request were outlined in a 2 plus page hand-out made available at the meeting (but not in advance of the meeting). During the discussions of the item it became clear that **the Committee and community were being asked to consider an application that was incomplete and internally contradictory**. Further, county staff stated that there was urgency in getting WPAC and community recommendations to the Planning commission in one day, by May 3, 2013 so that the commission would have adequate time to consider the comments. However upon review of the Planning Commission web site the information packet was already finalized on May 2 at about 3pm. **We were misled to think that the Advisory Committee and public comments were going to be included in the initial package sent for Commission review**. There is a very specific set of recommendations and findings by staff presented at the WPAC meeting that are dated in the mid afternoon of May 2, 2013 which was before the advisory community meeting. Failure to properly frame the nature of the review process **shows the county staff is not being honest about status of county considerations of this item**.

That application for lease and presumably permit changes to allow camping was incomplete and we were told the evaluation was still underway. The staff summary was incomplete, failing to point out zoning and compatible land use issues or the citation history at this property. In fact, the natures of the staff comments are supportive in tone, using the historic use (which was not permitted) as passive justification for the request. Specifically, no mention of prior violations, prior permit compliance, the nature of current lease arrangements in relation to the proposed modifications, and compliance with county camping regulations and health and safety issues were offered. The county airport manager claimed to not know of the violations. The Planning staff present dismissed the food service violations as routine and minor (like a parking ticket)—the kind that happen to all food service groups. However, few citations for food service violations result in closure of facilities for multiple months.

Until a more complete and reasoned request and staff summary are prepared on this item it should be withheld from consideration of Planning Commission and Board approval. This item should be reconsidered by the WPAC when it is in a form suitable for review. Also any existing citations and restrictions on use should be enforced. It is very irresponsible for the County to distribute incorrect and incomplete information to the public and a public body for action. This item was discussed for over an hour and at the end, the committee found it was unable to act on the item. The members of the community that participated in the meeting raised numerous questions on the item as included with the Agenda posting.

Specific review comments of the WPAC agenda item follow--

1. Is this change consistent with county camping code--Title 6, chapter 13?
2. Was prior use consistent with county code--Title 6, chapter 13?
3. Is camping consistent with airport master plan security requirements?
4. Does this permit allow **non-event camping** and **RV use/storage**—beyond the request to have 2 (only) RVs these non-event days. This number changed in subsequent discussions mentioned below.
5. **Is alcohol use consistent with unsecured airport camping?**
6. Food sales are mentioned in the staff summary of the application, are food sales included in the application submitted by the applicant?
7. Staff summary is for a use permit AND lease change. The application is for a lease change only. Is there a permit change application?
8. **Are the sewage and water systems suitable for the proposed use?**
9. **What is the number of persons anticipated during the 6 events /yr.?** Applicant states that 100 campers are anticipated—but the **number of daily visitors/clients/employees would be much larger.**
 - a. Should such potentially very large events undergo individual reviews to consider traffic, crowd control, food, alcohol, sanitary facilities?
 - b. Does the county have a plan to review and permit specific future events?
 - c. Are such future uses approved without prior review by adoption of the requested lease changes?
 - d. Where will attendees park?
10. **Are all facilities ADA compliant?**
11. Are there other residential uses at the site?
 - a. Are they in compliance with current county code and operating permits?
12. **What are the plans for enforcement of current and proposed permitted uses?**
13. **How may the public respond to noisy, unruly or otherwise unwelcomed operations as part of existing or proposed events?**
14. How is the applicant's lease altered in response to this request? Is **the lease fee renegotiated to reflect the increased value** of the lease commensurate with the expanded scale of operations? **When was the last lease negotiated? The web posting on county leases shows a date of 1987.** The annual lease amount posted is less than \$400.

This and all leases at Yolo County Airport should be based on lease values. The request of the **WPAC for copies of the leases for review at the meeting was not met—the Airport Manager said he “forgot”**. If the posted value is correct this is approximately \$1.30 per day. Camping fees in parks and camp grounds are more than that. This is a business arrangement that is very one sided for the applicant.

Confusion regarding the project scale revealed at the meeting— This is not an “incidental use”, it is a campground with undefined scale food service!

Perhaps the most discussed items were based on the “**CAMPING AND FOOD SERVICE CONDITIONS**” document available at the start of the meeting. It is the same document included in the Planning Commission package. This contains what was reported to be an interim proposal from County staff regarding what they proposed as an acceptable compromise proposal. It apparently supplants the applicant’s submission. **The applicant was in the room at the time of the discussion and it was stated that he had not agreed to the conditions. Thus it is unclear how this document was developed and how a small request has been turned into a major use change.**

Items 2 and 3 of this handout described camping and RV “limitations” for event and non-event periods. It is best to repeat this text as presented, since **it is confusing and incomplete**. I have underlined and bold-faced specific points of confusion. **Basically, event and non-event camping and RV use are quite unclear but are the essential points of the action. Food service factors are undefined.**

“2. This Use Permit is approved for: The operation of a temporary campground for up to **100 campers up to six (6) times per year in association with organized skydiving events;** up to **12 self-contained recreational vehicles during non-event weekends;** and food service facilities as authorized by Yolo County Environmental Health.”

“3. Camping guests shall be limited to only those associated with PreStar’s SkyDance SkyDiving operations. Camping shall not be open to the general public. Tent camping is limited to the turf area as defined by the fence line at the southern border of the leasehold property line (see Attachment 1, site plan). Campers may not occupy tent and RV sites for more than seven days.”

The main points discussed regarding these two points and other items in the document include:

- a. Language in **the first point (2) above is unclear and incompletely crafted**. 100 campers for up to 6 events is too vague. Upon reading this now I see that it is also not accurately stated since “up to” actually means less than so this means a maximum of 5 events and 11 RVs.
- b. 12 RVs are only listed as for non-events and camping is not mentioned for non-event days and as such would they be allowed during event days?
- c. **Is camping permitted on non-event days—how many campers?**
- d. **RVs and campers are not defined**—how do trailers or pickup campers count?
- e. Would electrical hook ups be allowed?
- f. The length of stay of 7 days for RVs was mentioned in the discussion, but does not appear in the proposal. **How long would campers be allowed?** 72 hours was also discussed since that period was listed in the county summary included in the agenda (which the applicant said he had not agreed to). **How long would RVs be allowed to park on event and non-event periods.**

- g. Is RV storage allowed on site under the current and proposed lease?
- h. **Will the applicant charge for use of campers and RV users?**
- i. **Enforcement by the applicant is proposed, but the public were not supportive of self-enforcement** based on prior bad experiences.
- j. It is unclear how camping by the general public will be limited. Anyone with a tent or RV could arrive and set up.
- k. Not discussed (no time to read before meeting) was point 5 where **the county is offering "overflow" space for "RV camping"**. This should not be allowed, since it could encourage even larger crowds and would be outside the control of the leaseholder. The applicant's leased space should be the only place that camping should be considered. If this space is not adequate then the application is improper. Further, this is in conflict with point 3.
- l. How would **bathroom and shower facility use be restricted to employees only** as stated in point 8. It is easy to state this and compliance would be an efficient work around to avoid the issue of sewage system adequacy, but enforcement is unclear and **non-enforcement would place unanticipated strain on the sewage facilities**.
- m. Point 9 stipulates **the provision of porta johns** and how to determine the number needed **based on camper numbers**. **Is there a requirement to estimate the number of day users and to provide them additional toilet facilities?**
- n. Point 22 of the hand-out draft agreement appears to stipulate that the county will cooperate in defense of applicant should there be claims or actions against the applicant. This is unclear and should be written in plain English.

County staff were taking notes on points of inconsistency raised by the committee and community and on several cases offered to correct the unclear language in the documents. However, in looking at the content of the Planning Commission Agenda package the documents and plans are unchanged. They are silent regarding inconsistencies and inaccuracies.

I also note that there is a consideration of the **economic advantages of this proposed use** as support for moving to approve in Planning Commission documents. These are not really thoughtful contributions, but are just a restatement of county economic planning documents. The proposed lease extension/**expansion offers very little economic benefit to the county**. To the extent that **free camping and RV facilities are offered during events it really minimizes the potential benefits** to the county. Campers will not be eating at restaurants, will not be staying in hotels/motels and will impose some cost exposure to the county should emergency response situation occur. Further, **it is hard to view camping of this potentially very large scale as "incidental"** as it is called in the county summary package. **This is potentially a large RV/campsite operation and should be viewed as such**.

As a concerned member of the airport community I find that **this item is not in the best interest of the county in its current form** and I would not want you to approve anything of this sort contingent upon un-reviewed staff corrections that would then be acted upon

by the Board. I am not at all impressed with county staff actions or presentations on this item.

I respectfully request that all action to move this item forward awaits a development of a complete application and that it then be reviewed by the WPAC committee, the Commission and the Board.

Sincerely,

Dane Westerdahl, DEnv.

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Cornell University

Members of the Yolo County Planning Commission

Re: PreStar application for camping/RV and food service Item **ZF #2013-0018**

Camping and Food Preparation at Prestar/Skydance

Comments prepared and submitted by Trent and Deanne Meyer, 24700 County Road 95, Davis

We have reviewed the items available prior to and at the West Plainfield Advisory Committee on Airport Development (WPAC) as well as the items posted (3 pm May 2 on the Planning Commission agenda) regarding ZF #2013-0018. We suggest the Planning Commission require environmental review prior to reviewing the application. The Planning Commission would be prudent to keep in mind the various governing documents already in existence related to airport land use and be consistent with these documents.

Numerous concerns arise regarding the proposal for camping/RV/food areas at Prestar.

The Planning Commission packet identifies a notice of exemption and implies that the reward for having unpermitted campground/RV/food service areas at the airport for more than 20 years is to claim a pre-existing condition and therefore exempt status. This is NOT appropriate. As no previous permits exist, a review must be conducted to identify if any adverse impact may occur. Neither the Airport EIR nor the 1999 Airport Master Plan discuss the camping/RV/food service activities that were occurring at the time these documents were developed. No additional environmental review (noise, aesthetics, resource use, sewage, drainage, lighting, etc.) was conducted, therefore there is no base document from which to reference change in impact.

One of the concerns voiced during the WPAC May 2 meeting was that this permit sets precedence for future camp/RV areas at the airport. Residents from the east side of the airport were particularly concerned that setting precedent must be done with care and consideration. Numerous individuals voiced issues with the current nature of camping/RV use at the Prestar site. An environmental review is certainly necessary to identify impact on water use, sewage generation, noise, lighting, road traffic, etc.

YC Airport is not a park or camp ground. The original transfer agreement with the Federal Government states the property is for public airport purposes and only such purposes. It is unclear if camping/RV/food services will meet the purposes of the original deed.

Specific to the use permit items presented at the WPAC.

It was incredibly frustrating to try to review a document that was incomplete and inconsistent. A completed application needs to go through an environmental review. This would identify potential impacts of the airport on the campers and the potential impact of the campers on the environment (certainly, neighbors are concerned about noise, light, proper use of water and handling of waste (human and refuse).

Items 2 and 3 need clarification. What is an event? The county should be notified 30-days prior to an event. The PreStar website identified more than 40 events for this year alone (inserted at the end of this document)
http://skydance.net/skydance_skydiving_events_and_calendar/skydance_skydiving_events.htm

Is tent camping only allowed during “events”? This needs to be clarified. Can there be 12 RVs at any time during the year—even if not event weekends?

Duration of stay should be restricted to 72 hours “during” any given event (the initial application), not 7 days for each event. How will this be enforced?

4. There is insufficient information to identify the use of water on the water system at the airport. Airport installed new groundwater well in recent years. The Planning Commission needs to know what the anticipated water use of the cumulative events are as well as estimated water use on the remainder of the airport to identify if there is sufficient water available during peak use or if granting 6 events with up to 100 campers will stress the water supply system. What is the estimated water use? How does this compare to total daily airport use? If there is not a meter installed already, perhaps one should be installed to have records of use (water meters should be installed at each source of use and tenants charged for their use) and document that no campers are using showers. If showers are only for employees, then water use should be relatively consistent seasonally. May showers be used by non-employees during non-event weekends? Water

use for showers/toilet needs to be considered. Even if porta-potties are brought in for events, the toilet flushing is less water than showers. Absent a water meter, how would one identify that showers were not used by campers. How will this be enforced? The reason there are questions related to water use and functionality of the septic system is that the area identified for camping and parking on Prestar lease may be submerged during winter rain events. Materials not adequately treated through a proper system may end up is storm water runoff from the airport.

5. No parking should be allowed off leased property.

6. No open fires should be allowed YC Sec. §6-13-05: No person shall kindle or maintain an open camp fire or bonfire except on park property....This is designated as aviation use not park use.

8. A detailed septic site map should be submitted and an Environmental Health review should occur before any campers are allowed. There is no enforcement tool to prevent campers from using shower facilities. No leach line diagrams were shown on application plot plan. It is unclear if the tent area overlays the leach line area. If so, is this a proper management of a leach line area?

9. All portable bathrooms should be on Prestar leased property and placed adjacent to designated camping areas.

12. FAA approved fencing should be installed to minimize potential unauthorized pedestrians on runway or taxiways.

Alcohol should not be allowed.

14. No Alcohol, smoking, fireworks or sound devices should be allowed on Yolo County Airport property as a safety measure. This is not a camp ground or county park.

15. How will quiet hours be enforced?

16. Application is for free camping. This is not an economic gain for the county and the area motel, hotel, private camp grounds and RV parks as well as county camp grounds should be up in arms over unfair business practices created by Yolo County.

19. Any food service entity needs to display on site of operation, its business license for Yolo County, a valid health inspection certificate. Tenant needs to display a permit on site for food service.

Should a bond be required with the use permit?

Additional thoughts:

At the WPAC meeting we were told that the Master Plan used to have camping in it. This is not consistent with existing Master Plan documentation (1999 to current). The Master Plan is established and modified to identify to FAA what things are prioritized for funding/improvement. Camping isn't on the list of any of the more recent plans. We do not have access to prior Master Plan documents to determine if in fact any statements were made regarding camping/RV activities.

Some components of the leased property by Prestar have major flooding/drainage problems during intensive rains and have very poor drainage.

Huge concerns come from the issue of sewage/water use/ and inappropriate location of excrement—given the drainage issues through and off the airport. The area in question (for camping and overflow parking) is designated both as AE and X by FEMA. Although the FEMA map indicates the flood area is east of aviation drive, there was plenty of standing water and flowing water west of aviation drive near PreStar this last winter when we had intensive rains. Should individuals chose to forego use of the facilities and urinate or defecate outside, this excrement can easily be discharged through storm events----and therefore be inconsistent with the County's NPDES permit with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The EIR indicates **1.8.3.1. Drainage System Improvements.** The proposed drainage improvements are designed to facilitate the commercial development of the Yolo County Airport without adversely impacting

existing drainage and/or resulting in any additional flooding in proximity to Airport Slough.²⁶

Proposed drainage improvements will be designed to:

- Maintain current volume of floodplain storage capacity on Airport property (1 00-year flood = 88 ac. ft.±).
- Provide phased on-site detention storage capacity for new development to reduce peak storm water flows.
- Not increase storm water runoff into Airport Slough beyond current conditions.
- Construct new building floors at least one foot above 1 00-year flood elevation.

Page 1-16 of the EIR section 1.8.4 the recommended Master Plan infrastructure development program has been proposed as a phased plan to accommodate long-range utilization of the facility. The support facilities consist of **drainage improvements, a water distribution system, sewage system improvements, electrical and gas distribution system improvements and upgraded telephone service.** Interesting to note, Table ES-2 page ES-10 identifies that the airport master plan project and C-II runway alternative provide class iv impact—beneficial for sewage disposal. What actual improvements have been made to sewage.

Allowing upgrades and improvements to the airport without addressing infrastructure needs is ignoring the governing documents of the master plan and the environmental impact report.

Although the EIR did evaluate noise it did not evaluate the noise impacts for individuals camping at the airport or the impact of those individuals on the adjoining neighbors.

Concerns of lighting at the camping/RV area to both pilot safety and glare to local residents were not reviewed in the EIR.

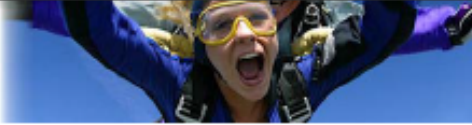
At the February WPAC meeting one member of the community urged the Committee to vote no on any and all airport improvements until the time that the County addresses the drainage issues properly and improvements are made.

The Airport Master Plan (1996, revised 1998, updated 2009) and CLUP (1999) documents do not identify camping (tent or RV) as a component of the existing airport. Likewise, the EIR was conducted based on airplane activity and associated human activity and not with campgrounds, campers, or events included. There is nothing in the documents that remotely suggests the environmental impact of campers was evaluated.

The objective of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) prepared by the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) under the authority of the Airport Land Use Commission Law, Chapter 4, Article 3.5, California Public Utilities Code. The purpose of the Airport Land Use Commission Law is to:

1. Protect public health, safety, and welfare through the adoption of land use standards that minimize the public's exposure to safety hazards and excessive levels of noise...

The Planning Commission would be prudent to keep in mind the various governing documents already in existence related to airport land use and be consistent with these documents.



SkyDance Skydiving EVENTS!

2013		
Month	Day	Event
January	2	Wed. Open for Jumping
	13	Sun. Packing and Water Training
February	10	Sun. Packing and Water Training Course
	18	Mon. 'President's Day' 15K All Day (Including 13K Tandems)
March	9	Sat. USPA Safety Day and Pancake Breakfast
		Exits and Basic Formation Flying Skills (4 Way)
		Freefly Skillz Camp
	10	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	23	Sat. 4-Way Scrambles
	27	Wed. Night Jumps
April	5-7	USPA AFF Instructors Course
	6	Intermediate Formation Flying Skills (4 to 8 Way)
	12-14	USPA AFF Instructors Course
	14	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	20	Sat. 4-Way Scrambles
	24	Wed. Night Jumps
May	3-5	Fri. - Sun. USPA Coach Course
	12	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	24-27	Fri. - Mon 30K HALO Jumps
	25	Sat. Night Jumps
	27	Mon. Memorial Day 15K All Day (Including 13K Tandems)

<http://skydance.net/skydance-skydiving-events-and-calendar/skydance-skydiving-events...> 5/5/2013

June	1	Sat. Intermediate/Advanced Formation Flying Skills (8 to 12 way formations)
	9	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	20-23	Thurs - Sun 2013 American Boogie!!!
	21	Fri. Jump til Midnight
	22	Sat. Dinner and Party
	20-23	Thurs - Sat. Free Beer after Sunset
July	4	Thurs. 4th of July Skydiving and Davis Demo Jump
	14	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	20	Sat. Night Jumps
August	11	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	23	Fri. Night Jumps
September	2	Mon. Labor Day 15K All Day (Including 13K Tandems)
	8	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	20	Fri. Night Jumps
October	13	Sun. Packing and Water Training
	18	Fri. Night Jumps
	26	Sat. Halloween Party and Costume Contest
November	10	Sun. Packing and Water Training
December	8	Sun. Packing and Water Training

May 6, 2012

To: Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Yolo County Planning Dept.
Yolo County Airport Manager

I am writing this letter in support of Ray Ferrell's camping and food use permit applications for Skydance Skydiving.

I attended the May 2nd West Plainfield Advisory Committee meeting where the proposed permits were discussed by the board and general public. I have regularly attended these meetings for the past year and am continually astonished and disappointed by many West Plainfield area residents' false allegations, remarks and general refusal to be supportive of airport businesses and activities. I leave every single one in utter disbelief over the many comments from these residents who chose to buy property next to an airport.

Please allow me shed some light on Skydance Skydiving and its owner, Ray Ferrell, whom I've personally known for at least 20 years.

I grew up in the West Plainfield area and have enjoyed many aspects of this parachuting business throughout my life. I loved watching the jumpers as a child, participated in the sport as a young adult, and have enjoyed taking my kids to watch the parachutists at many of the Skydance events where people come from all over to participate in this unique activity.

Ray has done an outstanding job running this business. Skydance has thrived through a difficult economy and continues to bring much needed revenue to Yolo County as well as area businesses during a time when many have faltered. He provides a safe operation for his patrons as is evident by his record. Customers of Skydance and every resident around the airport can attest to the fact that the necessity of law enforcement at this operation has been next to nil. The clientele of this business, ranging anywhere from U.C.D. students to affluent business people coming from around the world, are certainly not the type who would "defacate" on airport land, as was suggested by an area resident during the last meeting. In a nutshell, this business is a terrific asset to our county and should be treated, protected and supported as such.

The permits applied for are not an indication of any changes or additions to Skydance operations. This is simply the business owner's attempt to comply with regulations after issues surfaced about the occasional overnight camping during Skydance events and the food provided for its patrons. It's unfortunate that Ray has been required to apply for permits to allow his customers to do the very same as what is allowed at Osh Kosh, Sun n Fun, and literally thousands of similar events that occur every weekend all over the country where people camp underneath their airplane wing on airport property, most likely unpermitted.

I urge you to issue the permits applied for. This business is a terrific asset to Yolo County and I personally would be terribly disappointed to lose Skydance Skydiving to another area more willing to work with them. The number of people affected as a result of this loss, which would include employees,

skydiving enthusiasts, spectators and local businesses would by far outweigh the few disgruntled residents who chose to live near this established business of over 25 years. If you want an idea of what people have to say about the way this parachuting operation is run, just take a look at Skydance's reviews on Yelp.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Cross,

Attn: Stephanie Cormier

Senior Planner, Yolo County Planning and Public Works

Date: 5-7-13

RE: Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving)

Dear Ms. Cormier,

My wife and I both support this application for a use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance has always provided a very professional, but more importantly, a very safe Skydiving Center. My wife, my son, and I have all been skydiving for over 7 years now. We live about the same distance away (2 hour drive) from three different Northern California Drop Zones, however, we prefer to come to SkyDance SkyDiving to do our jumps because of their outstanding safety record, customer service, and strictly adhered to safety protocols. It is the best Drop Zone that we have ever jumped at (including several other western states and Hawaii).

On several occasions we have taken weekend long training classes that required us to remain at SkyDance in order to avoid numerous hours of unnecessary commuting time each day. The ability to eat and camp there made those training opportunities possible for us.

Thank you for considering our endorsements for PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving) on this issue. Please feel free to contact us personally, if you wish, for any potential follow-up on this issue.

Sincerely, Dan Hall

Captain, Placer County Sheriff's Department (retired)

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TO: Chair Kimball and members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Stephanie Cormier, Senior Planner

DATE: May 6, 2013

RE: Zone File 2013-0018 PreStar Use Permit

Attached are comment letters regarding the application to authorize camping and food service at the SkyDance SkyDiving facility located at the County Airport. These comment letters were received after Planning Commission packets were distributed on Friday, May 3rd, but have been included in the public record.

In particular are the comments and suggestions from the West Plainfield Citizens Advisory Committee, who met on Thursday, May 2nd. The committee decided not to take any formal action, but instead, a list of recommended changes to the proposed conditions was generated for your consideration.

Comments from the May 2nd, 2013, West Plainfield Citizens Advisory Committee meeting:

Dear Stephanie and the Yolo County Planning Commission:

I am writing this memo on behalf of the West Plainfield Advisory Committee on Airport Development, a legislatively appointed committee that serves the Yolo County Airport Community. At our meeting on May 2, we reviewed the PreStar Application (Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018).

The additional conditions or revisions to conditions we recommend are as follows:

1. **No alcohol served when jumps are occurring.** Sky Dance's website states "Free Beer after Sunset" but jumps continue until midnight. This is a safety concern for the patrons of Sky Dance.

http://new.skydance.net/skydance_skydiving_events_and_calendar/skydance_skydiving_events.htm

2. **No alcohol served after 10pm curfew.** This is a safety issue for patrons, as well as a noise issue for the neighborhood. It aligns with conditions required for a curfew. Drunk driving occurs with patrons from SkyDance. A few years ago, a Hummer holding 8 people crashed on Aviation Avenue, resulting in the death of the driver and 7 injured.

3. **Campsites and parking lot must be ADA compliant.** This is a US Law.

4. **No fires.** According to Yolo County ordinance #1189 section 6-13-05 states that no person shall kindle or maintain any open campfire or bonfire, except on Park Property, as designated by the Parks and Recreation Director. This is a public airport, not a park.

5. **Security needed.** PreStar management currently offers camping even though the campground was closed. On the weekend of April 27, 2013 residents witnessed camping at PreStar. The party could be heard as far as Road 31 past midnight. It is our committee's belief that the management of PreStar is unable to enforce rules set by the county and needs a third party to enforce the conditions for this use permit.

6. **Campers may not occupy tent and RV sites for more than 72 hours.** This is a reasonable time frame for a weekend event. A weekend is 2-3 days. At seven days, this starts to be a mobile home park.

7. **20 day minimum for campers to return to campground.** A defined amount of time between camping stays must be included in the conditions. If this is truly not a mobile home park, 20 days or more seems like a reasonable break between campsite stays. This of course means that RVs can not be permanently parked.

8. **Adequate septic and sewage + shower facilities for campers.** If campers are staying for a visit exceeding 24 hours, they must be offered a location for showering.

9. **Penalties for illegal dumping to both SkyDance and Camper.** For any irrefutable violation of illegal

dumping, or direct witness and conviction thereof and it should be defined and posted in the Skydance RV area as a deterrent... \$250 to the dumper and Skydance for each violation of illegal dumping of garbage, refuse, waste water or holding tanks, \$500 for second violation, \$1000 for third violation.

10. **Define an RV.** Requirements for an RV should include vehicles that have adequate plumbing and sewage containment capacity. This would exclude vans, pop-up tents, etc. The vehicle should be a commercially made RV designed for people to live in it and should include a sink and cooking facilities.

11. **Sunset Clause of 3 years.** Any permits for camping and RV use should have a sunset clause and should not be transferable to any other operator who might take over for PreStar.

12. **Annual water testing.** To assure that water has not been contaminated.

May 6, 2013

Dear Mr. Blacklock, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter as chair of the West Plainfield Advisory Committee (WPAC).

On May 2, 2013 the WPAC and the West Plainfield General Planning Committee (WPGPC) met to consider several items related to the Yolo County Airport. The county staff presented two items for "Action". This included our consideration of a zoning and lease permit change for PreStar parachute facilities and the County 2013 General Plan/Zoning as it related to the Yolo County Airport and the community around the airport.

There were numerous questions raised by my Committee and the public on these items and we were asked to provide our findings on each. In both cases we found that we were not given adequate time and facts to perform a reasonable review.

For the PreStar permit review, the WPAC found that the information provided several days in advance regarding the conditions and background were supplanted by verbal and written summaries presented at the meeting that were still incomplete, tentative, and conflicting. Of most concern were many issues related to large scale camping and RV use, food preparation, alcohol use, sewage/water systems, and self-policing of any use agreements. It was stated that the applicant (PreStar) had not yet had time to review the conditions of the agreement. Staff and other county officials suggested that we could take several directions and we finally voted that we could take **no action** because we had inadequate information. In essence, we were asked to vote on an item that was not represented in the agenda package and was still under negotiations between the county and the applicant. This creates an impossible and uncomfortable situation for the WPAC. After an hour of questions and debate, we were still unable to do our work in advising the county properly. After an hour of questions and debate, we were still unable to do our work in advising the county properly. Instead, I collected a list of conditions for the use permit from the WPAC and sent them to Stephanie Cormier this morning.

After the meeting, I found some disturbing information in my own research. PreStar's website calendar states "Free beer after sunset" but according to the same schedule, there are "jumps til midnight".

(http://skydanceskydiving.net/skydance_skydiving_events_and_calendar/skydance_skydiving_events.htm) I also found a travel journal with an entry titled, "Moved out to the Skydance Skydiving dropzone at Yolo county airport" where a couple describes their move into Skydance's RV park last summer while their house in Woodland was closing. (<http://www.mytripjournal.com/travel-692579>) I am concerned about safety issues—especially considering a death in a drunk driving incident at SkyDance a few years ago, and I'm concerned about proper use of this campground and the ability of the owner to enforce any use conditions.

In the case of the General Plan/zoning changes proposed for the airport the WP General Planning Committee was asked to act on the current content of the 2013 plan, an item that has been under development for several years, but brand new to my Committee. It appears a zoning change is being considered for approval by the Board in the very near future. The WPGPC is questioning the need or benefit of the new "airport overlay zone" and the change in airport base zoning to PQP for the airport or the community. There was considerable discussion regarding the inclusion of a 30 foot maximum height allowance in a 10,000 foot zone around the airport. County staff could not cite the origin of this figure, even though the GP states it is consistent with FAA and CLUP requirements. Members of the audience provided evidence that it was not. My committee voted *not* to endorse the current airport related plan content. The original deed transferring the airport land to the county explicitly states that the land "be used for public airport purposes and only for such purposes." Changing the zoning from AV to PQP (public, quasi-public) does not appear to be in line with this legal document.

In both cases we were very unhappy with the poorly prepared and conflicting information and being asked or even somewhat pressured to act quickly to meet Board or Planning Commission deadlines. I strongly urge you to prevent such last minute, high pressure items in the future. This is not an effective way for either my Committee or the community to participate in planning what goes on at the airport.

Best regards,

Robyn Waxman

*Cc: Wes Ervin, Alexandra Latta, Steve Sheehan, David Gilmer, Michele Defty,
Stephanie Cormier*



LAW OFFICE OF
ADAM T. SPICER

May 5, 2013

RE: Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving)

To: Yolo County Board of Supervisors,
Yolo County Airport Manager,
Yolo County Planning and Public Works,
Residents of Yolo County,
And to anyone else concerned with Skydance Skydiving and/or Ray Ferrell:

Monday through Friday I am an attorney licensed to practice law in both California and Nevada. I own and manage my own practice in South Lake Tahoe, California. On the weekends I enjoy spending all my free time and money at Skydance Skydiving at the Yolo County Airport. I have been involved in the sport of skydiving for nearly 5 years and have about 350 jumps under my belt. Recently, my wife started skydiving and now has almost 50 skydives.

There are many dropzones located in and around Northern California and because I drive 120 miles from South Lake Tahoe, I have many choices where to skydive. Weekend after weekend, I frequent Skydance and only Skydance. I have jumped at almost every dropzone in Northern California and other dropzones around the county. I can tell you that the facilities, gear, professionalism, level of student instruction and safety procedures of Skydance Skydiving are far above the industry standard. That is why I trusted the instructors there to train and supervise my wife's introduction to the sport. Additionally, with my recommendation, my mother, father, brother and sister-in-law have all made their first tandem skydives at Skydance.

I have recently become aware of some accusations regarding Skydance and the people who jump there. I can assure you that Ray Ferrell and the management of the dropzone would never condone any behavior or activities that stray from the safety procedures. Skydance instructors are constantly supervising students and experienced jumpers alike. Any behavior that would put students or experienced jumpers at risk is simply not tolerated.

Additionally, not only is the level of instruction superior to other dropzones I've visited, the gear and facilities are superior as well. Many dropzones have a reputation for using old student and rental gear as well as old aircraft and questionable pilots. That could never be said about Skydance. Ray Ferrell is a leader in gear maintenance in the industry. The tandem rigs at Skydance are the newest and best maintained I've seen at any dropzone,

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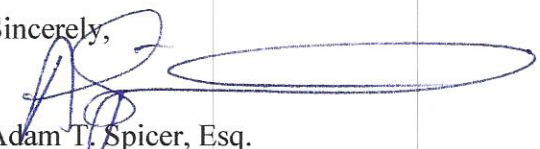
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anywhere. The same could be said about the student and rental gear. Further, the fleet of aircraft Ray Ferrell owns and maintains is top notch. I would never question the aircraft or pilots flying at Skydance. And, as an attorney I know about liability and risk, and I am confident that Ray Ferrell is doing everything he can to minimize the inherent risks of this great sport.

I hope that I have clearly stated why I drive 120 miles to Skydance every weekend. I enjoy staying for the whole weekend when I am making such a long drive and my wife and I really enjoy the facilities that Skydance has to offer. We really appreciate the food service and the camping that is available. I personally witness many tandem students drive from all over the Bay Area and Northern California and I know they enjoy the facilities as well. I wholeheartedly support any permits needed for those operations. I also know that these visitors to Yolo County leave the dropzone and frequent other local businesses for food, gas, shopping and even lodging.

I would be happy to discuss any of this further with anyone who is concerned, so please feel free to contact me with the information listed below.

Sincerely,



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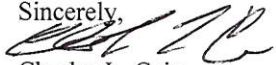
Memorandum

To: Stephanie Cormier, Senior Planner, Yolo County Planning and Public Works
From: Mr. Charles L. Cain
Date: 5/5/2013
Re: Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance Skydiving)

I fully support this application for use permit for camping and food services provided by SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance has and continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California but also for our friends from all over the world.

I personally travel over fifty miles to enjoy the quality and customer service that SkyDance Skydiving provides at their facilities. I made my first skydive at SkyDance over 25 years ago and have been to many events held there over the years and it has been nice to be able to spend the night there during these events.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Cain

(707) 718-0299



May 3, 2013

Stephanie Cormier

County of Yolo
Planning & Public Works
292 W. Beamer St.
Woodland, CA 95695

**RE: Recommend Approval of Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018
Camping and Food Service PRESTAR, INC. (Skydance Skydiving)**

Dear Ms. Cormier:

My name is Gary Pelfrey and I am Vice President of Davis Flight Support and Woodland Aviation and both businesses are located at Yolo County Airport. I am also a member of the Airport Advisory Committee representing District 3, Matt Rexroad.

Davis Flight Support and Woodland Aviation have a staff of thirty employees providing services and sales in the aviation industry. Woodland Aviation has been in business since 1963.

I recommend approval of the Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 based on:

- No issues with past camping and food service activities.
- No impact on our two existing businesses on the airport.
- Information provided in the WPAC meeting and conversations after the meeting.
- The camping and food service activities are compatible and typical for a skydiving operation on airport.
- PRESTAR, INC. (Skydance Skydiving) has always been responsive and respectful to our particular business and client needs and quick to respond to any issues.
- The conditions presented in Use Permit AF: 2013-0018 are acceptable and manageable.

I am available for any questions or further comment if required.

Sincerely,

Gary Pelfrey
Vice President
Woodland Aviation and Davis Flight Support

E-mails received regarding Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving):

As a pilot flying out of Yolo since it came back to life in 1974 I have watched it evolve slowly. I have no personal ties to Ray's operation, and I have only spoken to him over the years a dozen times or so. However I have observed his operations on the ground and in the air since he arrived. His operation has always been professional and his pilots always adhering to strict ethics in the air. I had heard of his desire to obtain a permit to allow camping on site. I am all for it, as it would bring even more life to the airport than currently exists regarding any family oriented events. I would like to support Mr. Ferrell in his quest, as I am sure it would be managed with the utmost care and quality.

Steve Borba
Woodland.

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

In the 1980s and early 1990s I lived in the Bay Area and would travel to Skydance every weekend. I was one of Skydances very first employees. It was possible to stay over night there in those days. I truly hope that you will make it possible to do so again. In fact, I will be traveling to Skydance next week and have had to find accommodations else where as I am not allowed to set up a tent.

Now I travel from Boise Idaho several times a year to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. It would make a huge difference to me if I could actually stay on site when I go to Skydance. It would also be so much more helpful if I was able to get food on site.

Sincerely,

Star Jordan

Boise Idaho, 83642

I am writing to express my strong support for this use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. I have been a loyal customer of SkyDance since 2006. From 2006 until 2008, I traveled regularly from Seattle, WA to SkyDance because of the great facilities, well-run events, and safety-conscious skydiving atmosphere. Since I moved to Oakland in 2008, I regularly bypass a closer dropzone to travel the 70 miles to SkyDance because of its stellar facilities, visiting 15-20 times per year on average.

I have attended the annual 4-day American Boogie event every year since 2006. I also regularly camp at SkyDance for team training, instructional courses, and other special events. While visiting SkyDance, I often patronize other Yolo County businesses in addition.

I appreciate your consideration of this application and hope you will allow SkyDance to continue providing a full range of services to the skydiving community.

Krisanne Combs

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel from Reno NV to SkyDance quite frequently, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I would also like to add that being allowed to camp on their facility is an extremely useful feature of the drop zone. Sometimes I will camp for multiple days there as I live in Reno NV and commuting back and forth is not economical. Being allowed to stay in the area for extended periods of time also allows me greater finance power to distribute amongst the local businesses for food and supplies. When skydance has their large annual event people from all the world come to participate. A large portion of these people camp at the site and would not be able to attend if they were unable to camp. Thank you for your consideration.

-Carl Youngs

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Sky Diving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. As a former resident of Solano County, I fueled my personal airplane at PreStar frequently, as well as other airplanes I flew in the pursuit of my business. I learned to skydive at SkyDance in 2009, and chose them because of their professionalism, dedication to safety, high quality of instruction and equipment, and the added bonus of having quality food service available. I plan to visit SkyDance (travelling some 1500 miles from my home in West Texas) this coming June 2013 for their yearly American Boogie, and am hoping to camp on-site for several days during the event. Skydiving is a Community Sport that brings passionate, creative and fun-loving people from ALL walks of life together and instills bonds of trust that are

increasingly rare these days. The opportunity to share meals on-site during the day and camp with friends overnight increases that precious feeling of community.

Best Regards,

WP 'Cleaver' Marsh

Private Pilot

A&P/IA Aircraft Mechanic

USPA A-Licensed Skydiver

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 122 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

As an avid traveler and extreme sports enthusiast, I have dedicated a lot of time and money (which is spent in your county) to enjoy the services provided by Skydance Skydiving. This is a destination known worldwide by other aviators and skydivers, YOLO county should invest their interest in maintaining a productive and positive relationship with this organization. Many professional athletes frequent this location from all over the world and produce a lot of tax money for the county. Please lend your support for the operations and amenities provided by Skydance.

Thank you from your neighbor in Eldorado County,

David Hewel

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe

Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 43 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely, Michael James Moore

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel 1,780 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is, hands down, the best available in Northern California.

We have been going to Skydance for the past three years and we enjoy the convenience of being able to camp at the drop zone for weekends at a time. I'm afraid without this convenience, we would not be able to afford the luxury of traveling to Skydance and also spend our evening contributing to the community of Davis by eating out and supporting the local businesses.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Lee Anna Sciutto

Austin, Texas

I am writing in support of the pending use permit for SkyDance SkyDiving. I have been a patron of SkyDance SkyDiving for more than eight years. I travel approximately 170 miles round trip to SkyDance from the Bay Area 20 weekends each year and rely on the ability to camp onsite for multiply day events, courses, and training. There are other skydiving centers located much closer to the Bay Area, but many other customers and I continue to come to SkyDance because of the quality of the staff, the services, and the facilities. Without services such as onsite camping and the availability of food we will certainly have to reduce the frequency and duration of our visits if not simply switch to a closer facility entirely. This would be a loss not only to SkyDance but to many other local business that my fellow skydivers and I visit regularly. It would be a shame for Yolo County to lose that revenue.

Very truly yours,
Jeffrey S. Einsohn, Esq.

I am sending this letter in support of Skydance Skydiving's request for a camping and food permit. Skydance operates a very safe and professional operation, not only for skydivers, but aviators as well. Recently there was an event at skydance that drew participants from Oregon, Washington, Colorado and even Dubai!! These skydivers traveled to Skydance due to the facilities, professionalism and safety of the operation.

As an individual, I travel 110 miles round trip 4-8 times a month to skydive at Skydance even though I have anotherskydiving operation 9 miles from my home; the reason I do this is simple, Skydance provides very nice facilities, a safe operation and their customer service is second to none in Northern California. I have been attending events and training courses at Skydance for the last 8 years and in some cases I have brought my motor home and stayed for a few days. The owner of the facility demands that when we are there over night that we are to be respectful of the neighbors and the surrounding businesses.

Skydance is a part of the community of Yolo County, one that draws thousands of individuals to it's operation every year. These individuals purchase fuel, food and numerous other goods and services that support the local economy and businesses throughout the area.

I truly hope you approve Skydance's request for these permits so they may continue to operate this high quality skydiving operation.

Sincerely,
Phil Zidek

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving

enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel 84 miles to SkyDance, to spend the weekend because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best

available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

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Ryan L. Keep

Lic A-64575

I'm writing in support of Skydance Skydiving's application for the use permit to provide camping and food services at the dropzone. I drive more than 500 miles from San Diego to jump at Skydance and have camped there many times over the past few years while getting my license and also attending the Boogie in the summer. I would not afford these trips if I would not be able to camp. I love the safety and community of skydivers that is at Skydance and consider it my home dropzone, even though I live in Southern California.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm Regards,

Kat Woronowicz A-61011

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I (We) travel 194 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely, Johnny Martinez

Reno, NV

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO. I travel from Fort Myers, Florida to Skydance for a safe and fun skydiving environment. Camping is an essential part of any DZ and having food readily available helps aid in the friendly atmosphere and enjoyment of people and activities both during and after daily operations. In September 2012 I travelled to Davis with the sole purpose of acquiring my "A" License. I camped at the DZ for many nights. Without the ability to camp, this would not have been possible for me. Skydiving is an expensive sport to run and to be a part of. Please allow Skydance to continue their everyday operations. We don't bother anybody out in the middle of the Yolo County Airport. :)

Sincerely,

Tony Tromba

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel from Yosemite (where I live -

181 miles to 213 (dependent on weather and route taken) to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best

available in Northern California. I very much appreciate the option of camping!

Sincerely,

Sarah Crowley

I am writing to you with regard to Use Permit ZF:2013 - 0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving). It has come to my attention that the provision of camping facilities at SkyDance SkyDiving is currently under an application procedure which may or may not restrict the provision of the said services in the future. I wish to express my support for this application. Camping and staying at the dropzone is an integral part of the sport of skydiving. While for many tandem jumpers (non-licensed customers) skydiving is a one off item, a significant group of SkyDance customers are sport jumpers which engage into competition and training. For these people - such as I - it is of critical significance to be able to stay at the skydiving facility in order to practice and learn in an efficient manner. Personally, I travel an approximate of 6000 miles to SkyDance from Finland, Northern Europe. While there are other bigger dropzones in California - all of which provide camping facilities - Skydance has manifested such a great quality of safety and service that it would be a substantial loss to the parachuting community should the use of the current facilities become subject to restrictions.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Kira Ahveninen-Kuha

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel over 400 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I have traveled to Skydance Skydiving from Southern California over 100

times in the past several years. I have always camped so that I could spend my money NOT just at Skydance, but at eating establishments, stores, and at events in Yolo County.

Please approve the use permit for Skydance Skydiving.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Todd

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

My wife, kids and I travel 100 miles each way, every weekend to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

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Jason Childs

I support this application for a use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I travel 70 miles to SkyDance, because of the facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I learned to skydive at SkyDance in 2003 and look forward to all the events held at the facility. I hope to camp there this June!

Regards,

Lisa Larkin

SkyDance SkyDiving is a top quality business that I strongly support. I live about two hours away in the South Bay and visit closer skydiving facilities many weekends, but no other facility in NorCal offers the same range and quality of services that Skydance does. I still make the trip out to Yolo Airport about 8-10 weekends per year for that reason. A typical stay for me will be 2-3 days over the weekend and I will either stay at local hotels or camp onsite depending on my weekend plans. I often travel into Davis for

Breakfast and Dinner but need an onsite option for food during the day. Please keep any regulation of this skydiving facilities to a minimum so that they can continue to offer the great service that they have in the past.

Thank you for your consideration

Barry Wible

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 50 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Nigel Llewellyn-Smith

Walnut Creek, CA

Nigel

I support the application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiast and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I jump at SkyDance because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I have been jumping at SkyDance since 2005 and have attended multiple events and training classes over the years. I have always enjoyed the ability to camp and get food on site, since there are no comparable services close by.

Sincerely,

James Cain

Misty Cain

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel

71 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. Thank you for your consideration.

Ted

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel from San Francisco to SkyDance because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Please allow SkyDance SkyDiving to remain one of the best dropzones around. SkyDance goes out of their way to host fantastic event, some of which span multiple days. For example, they hold the annual American Boogie that attracts hundreds of jumpers from all over the country and the world, including many from all over the Bay Area. The ability to camp and eat on-site is crucial to making these events a success.

Sincerely,

- Evan Budaj

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel hundreds of miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

My son and daughter-in-law use the facility regularly and my wife and I enjoy joining in with them when possible. To make the trip affordable, because we come from so far away, we camp at SkyDance with them. If camping were no longer possible it would make these trips far less affordable for us.

Sincerely, Richard Spicer

I support the application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 500+ miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I have been attending events and skydiving at SkyDance Skydiving for over 3 years.

Sincerely,

Everett Schwartz

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

We travel 115 miles to SkyDance from San Jose (passing several other dropzones), because of their facilities, safety, quality, and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

I have been flying my Cessna 182 and skydiving at Skydance for the last eight years. I enjoy eating their food (I'm often there without a car), and camping for the weekend, especially during their amazing yearly event, the American Boogie in June.

Sincerely,

Brian Fry

United States Parachute Association Tandem Skydiving Instructor

FAA Commercial Pilot

I am writing to you regarding Use permit ZF:2013-0018 PreStar, Inc/Skydance Skydiving.

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by Skydance Skydiving. During the 8 years my partner and I have traveled to Skydance to skydive, they have always provided a professional and safe skydiving center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts, and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world, including many military and political dignitaries.

We traveled from Rocklin, CA to Skydance on hundreds of occasions, over a 6 year period because of Skydance Skydiving's commitment to safety, the variety and professional nature of disciplines they train in, their excellent planes, their top of the line on site facilities, including their equipment and maintenance services, and their excellent customer service.

We have been to dozens of drop zones in the western US and Skydance is the best there is.

Two years ago, we purchased a home in Davis so we could be closer to this top of the line facility.

I urge you to please support this excellent business in Yolo county.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

Rachel Kanowsky

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance provides a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I travel from New York City to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality of customer service and the professional instruction. It will make it very difficult for me to bring my business to there if I am unable to camp and buy food.

Sincerely,

JillAnne Ohana

I would like to inform you that I support the application of the permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I have been traveling to Davis for the last four years because Skydance has the best available amenities and customer service in Northern California.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matt Likes

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Sky Diving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I've called SkyDance my home dropzone for couple of years, and now despite that I work in Sydney Australia, every time I am back home, I come to and jump at SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Julian Belmonte

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel almost 100 miles (one way) to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Danny Buerkli

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. Since 2007 I have been travelling 330 miles from Winnemucca, NV to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I enjoy the ability to camp here for multiple days and attended multiple day training courses and events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey G. Sealy

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 100 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I urge the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department to grant Skydance the use permit required to continue to provide the excellent service that they are known for.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lease