

Yolo County Airport Public Input Workshop #3

April 29, 2014

Lillard Hall, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions and Overview of Workshop

General Questions/Concerns

- Helicopters don't seem to be following guidelines
- Concern that good neighbor policy reads as a regulation – only FAA can actually regulate air travel
- Municipal codes can enforce local regulations
- Runway repaving: is it needed/part of deferred maintenance?
 - o Next step: engineer to do detailed design + recommendations
- Do heavier planes make runway deterioration worse?
- Does adding 2.5" increase load capacity; it improves safety

Update on Activities since the Workshop #2

Planning/Zoning

- County Counsel provided an update of where the County is regarding zoning changes, including ***noting that aviation easements are no longer being looked at***, and that the County is separating out airport issues from other zoning changes and updates
- Public/quasi-public zoning change: allows uses not directly related to airport
- Uses need to be consistent with a "grant assurance" airport
- Will you update airport master plan?
- How does SACOG make decisions?
- Why the request for zero setback?
- No reason for zero setback – it causes fire/safety issues
- Fire commission not asked about airport buildings/but they do annual inspections
- No aviation easements
- No limit on home sizes
- Notify full email list when it goes to BOS & SACOG

Discussion of Revised Good Neighbor Program

Good Neighbor Program

- Be sure this is advisory only – only FAA can regulate air travel
- ***To-do item: make sure this is bounced off FAA regulations/jurisdiction legal review!***
- Silent on camping or overnight parking – should be on GNP
- Engine run-up: concern about run-ups on off properties – non take off related
- Addressing runway as a "road" should not be allowed
- Are there underground tanks? No. Are there inspections? Yes.
- Signs and county code are inconsistent. No vehicles on runways – on or across
- What about night run-ups? Will county accept liability? ***Clarify to be "non-take off" run-ups.***
- Do airport curfews apply to Lillard Hall or just the airport?
- Over 50% of users are transient operators
- Not legal to do random/spot inspections – need notification "consistent with leases"

Discussion of County Drainage Initiatives

Drainage

- Is this using the former Mead & Hunt design? Yes.
There is a ditch east of the airport
Widen and deepen existing ditch to keep land available
 - o How big would ditch have to be?
- Address laser-leveled field in this update
- Water does “choke” off at SE corner of airport
- Only one culvert to flow across airport
- Regional/long-term – 8 hours
After rain starts, water comes out of hills into canals/ditches
- Flood problems are from hills to the west
- Airport slough is blocked because of residential development
- There should be hydro-restrictions on house impervious surface as well as airport – needs to be fair
- County needs long-term flood plan+ infrastructure on airport/not in FAA compliance
- Who maintains culverts under airstrip? County public works maintains
- Water quality: what happens to pollutants and who takes care of it?
- What about flood waters from Clear Lake?
- ***Show the “Blue Development Bubble” generically with a note, not specific location***
- Impact of residents on east boundary – will cause impact
- Provide one road that will be available in a flood emergency to get to 505
- ***Regional solution needs to be partnership between County and Flood Control District – have YCFCWCD come to meeting***

Plans for Advisory Committees "Restart"

Committees

- More clarity in County code about charge to committees
- Have County staff present as needed
- Clarify ministerial vs. discretionary decisions
- ***How do committees advise BOS.? Need mechanism to improve this***
 - o At least – minutes go to B.O.S.
- Committee only asked to advise on specific discretionary items

Next steps

- Need to keep going through learning process

Adjourn