

February 12, 2021

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Robert W. Bronkall, Deputy Director, Humboldt County Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY-INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN UPDATE**

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and affects land use planning in the Airport Influence Areas (AIAs) for Humboldt County's public-use airports. These airports include California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport, Dinsmore Airport, Garberville Airport, Kneeland Airport, Murray Field Airport, Rohnerville Airport, Samoa Field Airport, and Shelter Cove Airport.

COMMENT PERIOD: February 12, 2021 to March 15, 2021 (Comment period ends - 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2021).

As Lead Agency, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in its capacity as the Humboldt County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) has prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Humboldt County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) Update. The document is now available on the County's environmental documents webpage at the following link:

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

The Draft IS/ND is also available for review at the Humboldt County Department of Public Works – Land Use Division, 3033 H St # 17, Eureka, CA 95501, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

This IS/ND has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 to disclose the potential environmental consequences of implementing the proposed Humboldt County ALUCP. The Initial Study has been prepared in conformance with CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21000, *et seq.*) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000, *et seq.*) to disclose the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

The issues discussed within the Initial Study include: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire.

The IS/ND is being circulated for a 30-day public review period from February 12, 2021 to March 15, 2021. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be received by the Environmental Planning Services **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2021.**

All written comments should be submitted via email or mailed to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Robert W. Bronkall at (707) 445-7205.

Thank you.