

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN

This document sets forth land use compatibility policies applicable to future development in the vicinity of the Paso Robles Municipal Airport (also referred to as “the Airport”). These compatibility policies are designed to ensure that future land uses in the area surrounding the Airport will be compatible with the realistically foreseeable, ultimate potential aircraft activity at the Airport. This plan will amend the existing Paso Robles Municipal Airport Land Use Plan adopted in November 1977. It provides the basis by which the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) can carry out its land use development review responsibilities in accordance with Section 21670 et seq. of the California Public Utilities Code.

The 1977 Paso Robles Municipal Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP) is being amended for the following reasons:

The City of Paso Robles has made changes to the Paso Robles Municipal Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan.

California Department of Transportation’s (Caltrans) has made substantial changes to guidelines published in the Airport Land Use Handbook (ALUP Handbook).

1.2 THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

The San Luis Obispo County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) has been created in response to the mandates of The State Aeronautics Act, first enacted in 1967. The ALUC receives technical support from the County of San Luis Obispo although it is an autonomous body and not part of any local governmental structure. Among the powers and duties of the ALUC under this statute:

“To assist local agencies in ensuring compatible land uses in the vicinity of all new airports and in the vicinity of existing airports to the extent that the land in the vicinity is not already devoted to incompatible uses”

“To coordinate planning at the state, regional, and local levels so as to provide for the orderly development of air transportation, while at the same time protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.”

Two additional duties provide the means of fulfilling these basic obligations:

Prepare Airport Compatibility Plans (Airport Land Use Plans) – The Commission is required to prepare and adopt an Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP) for each of the airports within its jurisdiction. In the case of San Luis Obispo County, this requirement applies to the Paso Robles Municipal Airport, the County Regional Airport (McChesney Field), and the Oceano Airport.

Review Referring Agency Actions and Airport Plans – In addition to formulating ALUPs, the ALUC is required to review certain types of actions taken by the County and local cities which affect land use in the vicinity of airports to ensure that the action proposed by the referring agency is consistent with the ALUP.