



AGENDA REGULAR MEETING SAN BENITO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025

4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: County Board of Supervisors Chambers

481 Fourth Street Hollister, CA 95023

COMMISSIONERS: Ignacio Velazquez, Chair (County of San Benito)

Roxanne Stephens, Vice-Chair (City of Hollister)
Jackie Morris-Lopez (City of San Juan Bautista)

Rolan Resendiz (City of Hollister) Kollin Kosmicki (County of San Benito)

ALTERNATES: San Benito County: Dom Zanger

City of San Juan Bautista: Scott Freels

City of Hollister: Rudy Picha

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. Verification of Certificate of Posting
- **Public Comment:** (Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest <u>not</u> appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2. <u>Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.</u>)

CONSENT AGENDA:

(These matters shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on a Consent Agenda item must submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk and wait for recognition from the Chairperson. Approval of a consent item means approval as recommended on the Staff Report.)

- **4.** APPROVE Airport Land Use Commission Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated June 19, 2025 Gomez
- 5. FIND Project, Associated with Assessor Parcel Number 013-050-025 & 013-050-024, located in the City of Hollister, CONSISTENT with the 2019 Frazier Lake Airpark Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Borick

Adjourn to ALUC Meeting on September 18, 2025. Agenda deadline is September 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

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Public Comment Guidelines

- 1. If participating on Zoom: once you are selected, you will hear that you have been unmuted. At this time, state your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
- 2. The Council of Governments Board welcomes your comments.
- 3. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.
- 4. Please keep your comments brief, to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have questions, contact the Council of Governments, and leave a message at (831) 637-7665 x. 201, or email monica@sanbenitocog.org.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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The front entrance of the San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, and the Council of Governments Office, 650 San Benito St., Ste. 120, Hollister, CA 95023 at the following date and time:

On the 15th day of August 2025, or before 5:00 P.M.

The meeting agenda was also posted on the Council of San Benito County Governments website, www.sanbenitocog.org, under Meetings, ALUC, Meeting Schedule

I, Monica Gomez, swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Monica Gomez BY:

Monica Gomez, Secretary II Council of San Benito County Governments

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San Benito County AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023 & Zoom Platform June 19, 2025 4:00 P.M.

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Ignacio Velazquez, Director Jackie Morris-Lopez, Director Kollin Kosmicki, Alt. Director Rudy Picha.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice-Chair Roxanne Stephens, Director Rolan Resendiz.

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director; Binu Abraham, Office Assistant; Griselda Arevalo; Secretary; Monica Gomez, COG Legal Counsel; Osman Mufti, (via-Zoom).

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Director Velazguez called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

Motion: Director Kosmicki Second: Director Morris-Lopez

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Velazquez, Kosmicki, Morris-Lopez, Alt. Picha

No: None Recused: None Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens, Resendiz

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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- **4.** APPROVE Airport Land Use Commission Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated February 20, 2025 Gomez
- **5.** FIND Project Number (S&A 2024-2), Associated with Assessor Parcel Number 053-370-0120, located in the City of Hollister, CONSISTENT with the 2012 Hollister Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Borick
- **6.** FIND the Proposed Project, Associated with Assessor Parcel Number 053-380-0080, located in the City of Hollister, CONSISTENT with the 2012 Hollister Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Borick
- 7. FIND Project Associated with Assessor Parcel Number 051-110-034 & 051-110-033, located in the City of Hollister, CONDITIONALLY CONSISTENT with the 2012 Hollister Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Borick
- **8.** FIND Project Number (S&A 2021-12), Associated with Assessor Parcel Number 051-162-0020, located in the City of Hollister, CONDITIONALLY CONSISTENT with the 2012 Hollister Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Borick

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda Items 4-8:

Motion: Director Kosmicki Second: Director Picha

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Velazquez, Kosmicki, Morris-Lopez, Alt. Picha

No: None Recused: None Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens, Resendiz

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Director Kosmicki motioned to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Morris-Lopez.

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Velazquez, Kosmicki, Morris-Lopez, Alt. Picha

No: None Recused: None Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens, Resendiz

ADJOURN TO ALUC MEETING AUGUST 21, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.





STAFF REPORT

Consent Agenda Item: 5

Prepared By: Samuel Borick, Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive Director

Transportation Planner

Subject: Consistency Determination **Meeting Date:** August 21, 2025

Recommendation:

FIND Project Associated with Assessor Parcel Number 013-050-025 & 013-050-024, located in the County of San Benito, CONSISTENT with the 2019 Frazier Lake Airpark Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Summary:

The ALUC application for Assessor Parcel Number 013-050-025 & 013-050-024 (Attachment 1) was reviewed for consistency with the 2019 Frazier Lake Airpark Land Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and was found to be consistent with the plan's policies.

Background/ Discussion:

ALUC received a referral development application from the County of San Benito for a consistency determination. Land use actions proposed within the Frazier Lake Airport Influence Area are subject to ALUC review to determine consistency with the 2019 Frazier Lake Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The purpose of the plan is to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the orderly expansion of airports and the adoption of land use measures that minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards.

Project Description:

Hippo Harvest, a commercial enterprise specializing in indoor agricultural techniques, is proposing an indoor farming complex on an 80 acre parcel of land at 2370 Shore Road. The project includes the construction of a 45,000 square foot pre-engineered central processing building with a maximum height of 22 feet, as well as hoop houses, which are similar to traditional greenhouses, with a maximum height of 19.75 feet. The project will also feature a new parking lot, three detention ponds, landscaping trees (with future maximum heights of 80 feet), and seven rows of solar panels located between the proposed hoop houses.

A small quantity of hazardous materials, including diesel fuel for incoming trucks and facility cleaning agents, will be stored on-site. The project applicant is taking appropriate steps to

complete and submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan to the County Division of Environmental Health.

During the course of a project review, the Airport Land Use Commission considers a number of Compatibility Plan policies including *Noise, Safety, Airspace Protection*, and *Overflight*. An analysis of each of the compatibility factors is discussed below.

Noise Policy 4.3.2

The objective of ALUCP safety policies is to avoid the establishment of noise-sensitive land uses in the portions of airport environs that are exposed to significant levels of aircraft noise. The following noise policies from the ALUCP are applicable to this analysis:

• 4.3.2.1 Policies (N-2 and N-3)

The project site is located outside the Frazier Lake Airpark Noise Contours (Attachment 2).

The project is consistent with all ALUCP Noise Policies.

Safety Policy 4.3.5

The objective of ALUCP safety policies is to minimize the risks associated with an off-airport aircraft accident or emergency landing. The policy focuses on reducing the potential consequences of such events by limiting sensitive land uses (i.e. residential) and intensities of nonresidential uses (i.e. commercial, industrial, etc.). This policy is defined in terms of the geographic distribution of where accidents are most likely to occur based on the six safety zones. The following safety policies from the ALUCP are applicable to this analysis:

• 4.3.5.1 Policies (S-1, S-4, S-6, and S-7)

The project site is located within Frazier Lake Airpark Safety Zone 6, the Traffic Pattern Zone (Attachment 3). The proposed project land use category is *Indoor Storage: Greenhouses* and the maximum expected population density is .75 people per acre. The proposed land uses and population density are compatible with Safety Zone 6.

Other project characteristics have been evaluated under the ALUCP Safety Policies, including the proposed detention ponds, solar panels, and the storage of hazardous materials.

With respect to the reflective properties of the proposed solar panels, they are not expected to reflect sunlight in a manner that would interfere with aircraft operations during an initial straight climb after takeoff or a straight final approach for landing.

Regarding hazardous materials, the proposed storage of diesel fuel and facility cleaning supplies is deemed acceptable within Safety Zone 6. The anticipated submission of a Hazardous Materials Business Plan to the County Division of Environmental Health indicates that these substances will be managed and stored in compliance with applicable safety standards.

Due to their design, limited size, and location relative to the airport and surrounding water bodies, the detention ponds are not expected to attract significant concentrations of wildlife that could pose a hazard to aircraft operations.

The project is consistent with all ALUCP Safety Policies.

Height Compatibility and Tall Structure Compatibility Policy (Airspace Protection) 4.3.3 and 4.3.4

Airspace protection compatibility policies seek to prevent the creation of land use features that can pose hazards to the airspace required by aircraft in flight and have the potential for causing an aircraft accident. The following safety policies from the ALUCP are applicable to this analysis:

- 4.3.3.1 Policies (H-1 and H-2)
- 4.3.4.1 Policies (T-1 and T-2)

The proposed project is located within the FAA Heigh Notification Zone of both the Frazier Lake Airpark and Hollister Municipal Airport.

The maximum elevation of the project is 199.1 feet above ground level, which is below the 200-foot threshold for FAA notification.

The project site has been evaluated with respect to the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) established airspace protection surfaces for Runways 5, 23, 5W, and 23W at Frazier Lake Airpark, which are classified as non-precision and visual runways.

For this determination, the applicable airspace protection surfaces include the horizontal surface, which is defined as a horizontal plane located 150 feet above the established airport elevation, and the conical surface, which extends outward and upward at a 20:1 slope from the edge of the horizontal surface. For Frazier Lake Airpark, the elevation of the horizontal surface is 301 feet above sea level (Attachment 4). Based on this standard, none of the proposed structures, which have a maximum elevation of 199.1 feet above sea level, penetrate the applicable airspace protection surfaces and are therefore not considered obstructions to inflight aircraft.

The project is consistent with all ALUCP Height and Tall Structure Compatibility Policies.

Overflight Policy 4.3.6

The objective of ALUCP overflight policies is to help notify people (i.e., real estate disclosures) about the presence of aircraft overflight near airports so that they can make informed decisions regarding acquisition or lease of property in the affected areas. Overflight compatibility is particularly important with regard to residential land uses. The Routine Overflight Zone policy establishes the form and requirements for notification about airport proximity and aircraft overflights to be given in conjunction with local agency approval of new development and with

certain real estate transactions involving existing development. The following overflight policies from the ALCUP are applicable to this analysis:

• There are no overflight policies in the ALUCP that are applicable to this analysis.

Overflight policies do not apply to nonresidential development.

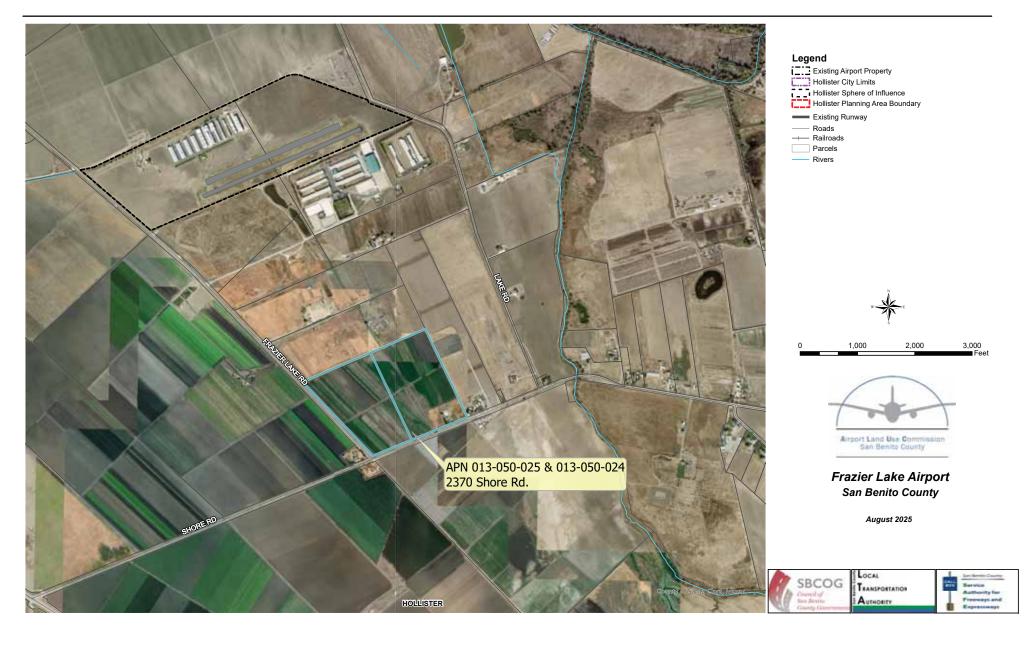
The project is consistent with all ALUCP Overflight Policies.

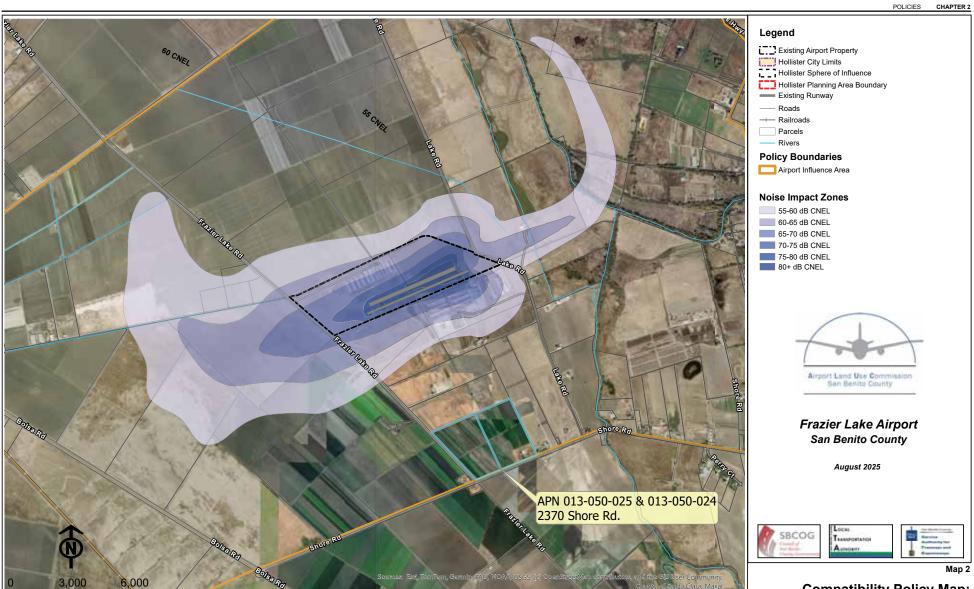
Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact.

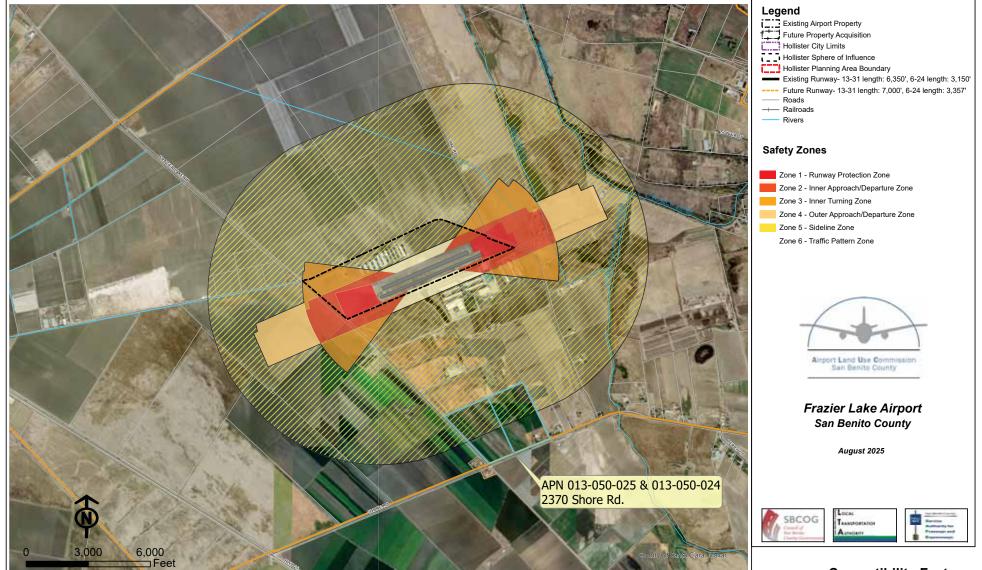
Attachments:

- 1. Project Location Map
- 2. Frazier Lake Airport Noise Contour Map
- 3. Frazier Lake Airport Safety Zones Map
- 4. Frazier Lake Airport MSL Map
- 5. Project Site Map





Compatibility Policy Map: Noise Impact Zones



Source: Mead & Hunt, Inc.

Compatibility Factors: Safety

