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April 27, 2011

Ms. Maranda Thompson
Airport Planner
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133 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Re. Request to use an FAA approved ALP as the basis for updating the Nevada County airport land use compatibility plan for one airport.

The California Public Utilities Code § 21675 (a) (PUC) requires that an airport land use compatibility plan (ALUCP) be based on “a long-range Airport Master Plan (AMP) or an Airport Layout Plan (ALP), as determined by the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of Transportation, that reflects the anticipated growth of the airport during at least the next 20 years.”

The Division of Aeronautics (Division) has reviewed the following FAA approved ALP for the Nevada County Airport dated February 9, 2010. The Division supports the use of this ALP for the purpose of updating the Nevada County airport land use compatibility plan.

Our recommendation remains in effect until such time as any of the following occur: 1) a new airport master plan or ALP is approved by the FAA; 2) there are significant changes in the existing airport conditions or the proprietor’s long term expansion plans that will have off-airport land use consequences.

When the proposed runway extension plan comes to fruition, an amended State airport permit will be required for the Nevada County airport pursuant to PUC section 21664.5. Detailed information regarding State airport permit amendments can be viewed on-line at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/airportpermit.html>. The applicant should also be advised to contact the Division’s Merced County Aviation Safety Officer, Don Haug, at (916) 654-5174, and request a State Amended/Corrected Airport Permit-Application package.

We look forward to working with Mead & Hunt in connection with approval of this important ALUCP. Please let us know if we can be of any additional assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Farris".

Terry Farris
Aviation Planner

C: Elisha Novak, FAA; Dan Landon, Nevada County