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RE: County of Monterey Draft Housing Element Update– ALUC review

The Monterey Regional Airport submits the following comments regarding the County of Monterey General Plan Housing Element Draft (Sixth Cycle 2023-2031) update draft dated November 24, 2025.

After review of the additional opportunity site within the Greater Monterey Peninsula Area Plan site 52, the Monterey Regional Airport requests that any development within the Monterey Regional Airport (MRY), Airport Influence Area AIA), as identified on exhibit 1B of the *Monterey Regional Airport - Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan* (ALUCP) adopted on February 25, 2019 is required to meet the safety zone land use compatibility standards in Table 4B of the ALUCP.

The Safety Criteria Matrix in Table 4B for Monterey Regional Airport outlines the restrictions for land uses that could pose hazards, provides the breakdown for the intensity criteria for MRY compatibility zones and the methodology for calculating land use intensity that we would expect the development within these zones would meet.

- We highlight the requirement for an aviation easement for any new development or redevelopment within the MRY AIA. The easement would include: Right-of-flight at any altitude above the acquired easement surfaces, right to cause noise, vibrations, fumes, dust, and fuel particle emissions, right to prevent construction or growth of all structures, objects or natural growth above the acquired surfaces, right to prohibit creation of electrical interference, unusual light sources and other hazards to aircraft flight, and other limitations appropriate to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.
- If any of the construction within the MRY AIA requires a crane for installation, the Airport requests the proponents be required to submit the FAA 7460-1 Form, Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration to evaluate any equipment (i.e. cranes) that will have a penetration to the airspace. The form is to be submitted to the FAA, electronically via the online web link: (<https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp>). The FAA will then conduct an aeronautical study based on the information provided by the proponents on an FAA Form 7460-1, and if necessary, provide guidance on any course of action to prevent hazards to air navigation.

Sincerely,

Chris Morello
Interim Executive Director

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