

Chapter **9**

Placerville Airport and Environs **BACKGROUND DATA**



Background Data: Placerville Airport and Environs

INTRODUCTION

Placerville Airport is a public-use general aviation airport serving the city of Placerville and surrounding areas of western El Dorado County. In addition to general aviation, the airport supports safety and law enforcement services provided by Cal Fire and the County Sheriff. The airport is located east of the Placerville city limits, but within the city's sphere of influence.

Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan Status

El Dorado County completed a Master Plan for Placerville Airport in 2007. The Airport Layout Plan (ALP) presented in the Master Plan was approved by the FAA on February 26, 2007. The information contained on the approved ALP and in the 2007 Master Plan serve as the basis for this *Placerville Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan*. However, minor changes to the locations of the runway ends that have been made subsequent to the preparation of the ALP are reflected in the *Compatibility Plan* as well. The ALP with a note regarding the runway end changes was submitted to the California Division of Aeronautics and approved on February 3, 2012 as the basis for this *Compatibility Plan*.

Airfield Configuration

The 3,910-foot-long runway is oriented northeast to southwest. A nonprecision instrument approach is available from the west. The building area and aircraft parking positions are located northwest and west of the runway. No changes to the airfield configuration or approaches that would affect off-airport land uses are contemplated in the Master Plan.

Aviation Forecasts

The 2007 Master Plan presented two aviation activity forecasts for the period from 2005 to 2025; one forecast presented operations based on a constrained growth scenario, and the other presented operations based on unconstrained growth at the airport. The primary constraint to airport growth is the availability of suitable land for hangar development, a condition that will remain for the long term.

A review of current airport activity indicates that little has changed since adoption of the Master Plan. Current activity is estimated at approximately 60,000 annual operations. The constraints on growth described in the Master Plan also remain. On this basis, the long-range activity forecasts in the Master Plan continue to be valid for compatibility planning purposes and can be assumed to rep-

resent a time horizon of at least 20 years (2032 or later). A long-range activity level of 95,000 annual operations is used for the purposes of this *Compatibility Plan*.

Surrounding Land Uses

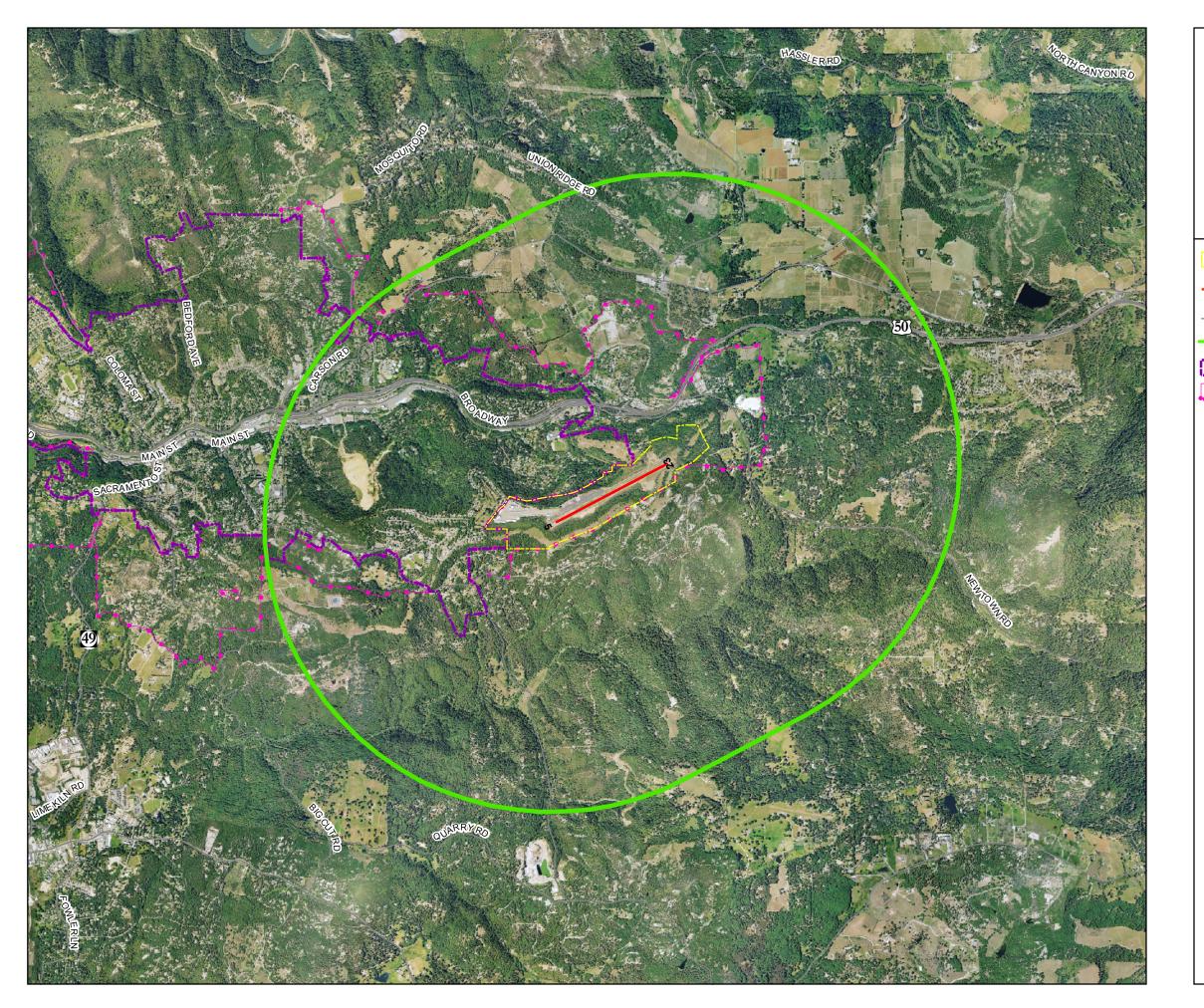
Placerville Airport is situated in a hilly, low-density, rural residential area adjacent to the eastern boundary of the City of Placerville and within the city's sphere of influence. The commercial core of Placerville lies along State Highway 50 within 1.5 miles to the north.

The future land uses associated with both the City and the County provide for infill development according to current General Plan land use designations, with the one exception. High-density residential use is proposed on parcels northwest of the airport boundary that are currently used for medium-density residential or commercial use. This high-density use would provide for development at a rate of 1 to 5 units/acre on unincorporated county land, and 4 to 16 units/acre on parcels located within the city limits. Since these areas are located adjacent to or near the northwestern airport boundary, it is possible that conflicts associated with existing and future noise exposure, safety zones, and overflight may occur.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following exhibits present the data upon which *Compatibility Plan* policy maps are based:

- ➤ Exhibit PLA-1 Airport Location: Presents the location of the airport in the context of existing environment (aerial photograph)
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-2 —Airport Features Summary: Presents data pertaining to existing and proposed infrastructure (runways, taxiways, etc.), traffic patterns, and approach data.
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-3 Airport Layout Plan (ALP): Presents existing airport facilities and proposed facilities as conditionally approved by FAA.
- ► Exhibit PLA-4 Airport Activity: Presents aviation forecasts for the planning period.
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-5 Noise and Overflight Factors: Presents the geographic area over which aircraft operating at Georgetown Airport routinely fly, as well as the noise contours based on the planning period forecasts.
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-6 Safety Factors: Presents the approximate locations of safety zones using the guidance and templates presented by the California Division of Aeronautics in its manual, *California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook*. Adjustments to the generic zones are also depicted.
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-7 Part 77 Airspace Surfaces: Depicts the Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77 airspace surfaces which should be kept free of obstructions.
- ► Exhibit PLA-8 Airport Environs: Presents site data, existing and planned land uses, affected jurisdictions, and compatible land use measures.
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-9 Existing Land Uses: Presents existing land uses based on El Dorado County GIS data and aerial photography.
- ➤ Exhibit PLA-10 Land Use Designations: Presents future land uses based on the adopted El Dorado County and City of Placerville General Plans.



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Placerville Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Airport Location

(June 2012)

Map Feature Key

Airport Boundary

Runway

----Roads

—Airport Influence Area

Placerville City Limit

Placerville Sphere of Influence

Map Source: El Dorado County Airport Land Use Commission Base Data Source: El Dorado County

1 inch = 3,000 feet 5

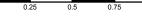




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Exhibit PLA-2

Placerville Airport: Airport Features Summary

GENERAL INFORMATION

- * Airport Ownership: El Dorado County
- > Year Opened as Public-Use Airport: 1929
- → Property Size

243 acres (fee simple)

- * Airport Classification: General Aviation
- + Airport Elevation: 2,585 feet above mean sea level (MSL)

AIRPORT PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- * Airport Master Plan: January 2007
- Airport Layout Plan Drawing Approved by FAA February 26, 2007

RUNWAY/TAXIWAY DESIGN

- * Airport Reference Code: B-I (small)
- * Critical Aircraft: Beech King Air 100
- → Dimensions:

Runway 5-23: 3,910 ft. long, 75 ft. wide

- → Pavement Strength (main landing gear configuration) 12,500+ lbs. (single wheel) 20,000 lbs. (dual wheel)
- → Average Gradient: Runway 5-23: level
- → Runway Lighting

Medium-Intensity Runway Lights (MIRL)

Primary Taxiway:

Full-length parallel taxiway on north side

→ Helipad:

Located west of Runway 5 end

BUILDING AREA

- Hangar and Building Area Northeast side of airfield
- Other Facilities
- → Services

Fuel: 100LL. Jet A

Other: Major airframe service, major powerplant ser-

vice

TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND APPROACH PROCEDURES

→ Airplane Traffic Patterns

Runway 5: Right traffic Runway 23: Left traffic

Typical Pattern Altitude

800 feet above airport elevation (3,385 ft. MSL)

→ Instrument Approach Procedures (lowest minimums)

Runway 5: RNAV (GPS)

- Straight-in: 415 ft. ceiling, 1 mile visibility
- > Visual Approach Aids

Runway 5: 4-box Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI) on left

Runway 23: 4-light (2-box) Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) on left

Operational Restrictions / Noise Abatement Procedures

No mid-field departures

No turns west or north prior to 3,400 feet MSL or clear of noise-sensitive area

After takeoff on Runway 23 make 10 degree left turn at end of runway to avoid noise-sensitive residential areas

APPROACH PROTECTION

* Runway Protection Zones (RPZ)

Runway 5 RPZ (west): Entirely on airport Runway 23 RPZ (east): Mostly on airport, very small portion of southeast corner off-airport

PLANNED FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

→ Airfield

None

Building Area

Construction of additional hangars at the north end of the airport

Placerville Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Airport Layout Plan

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Exhibit PLA-4

Placerville Airport: Activity Data Summary

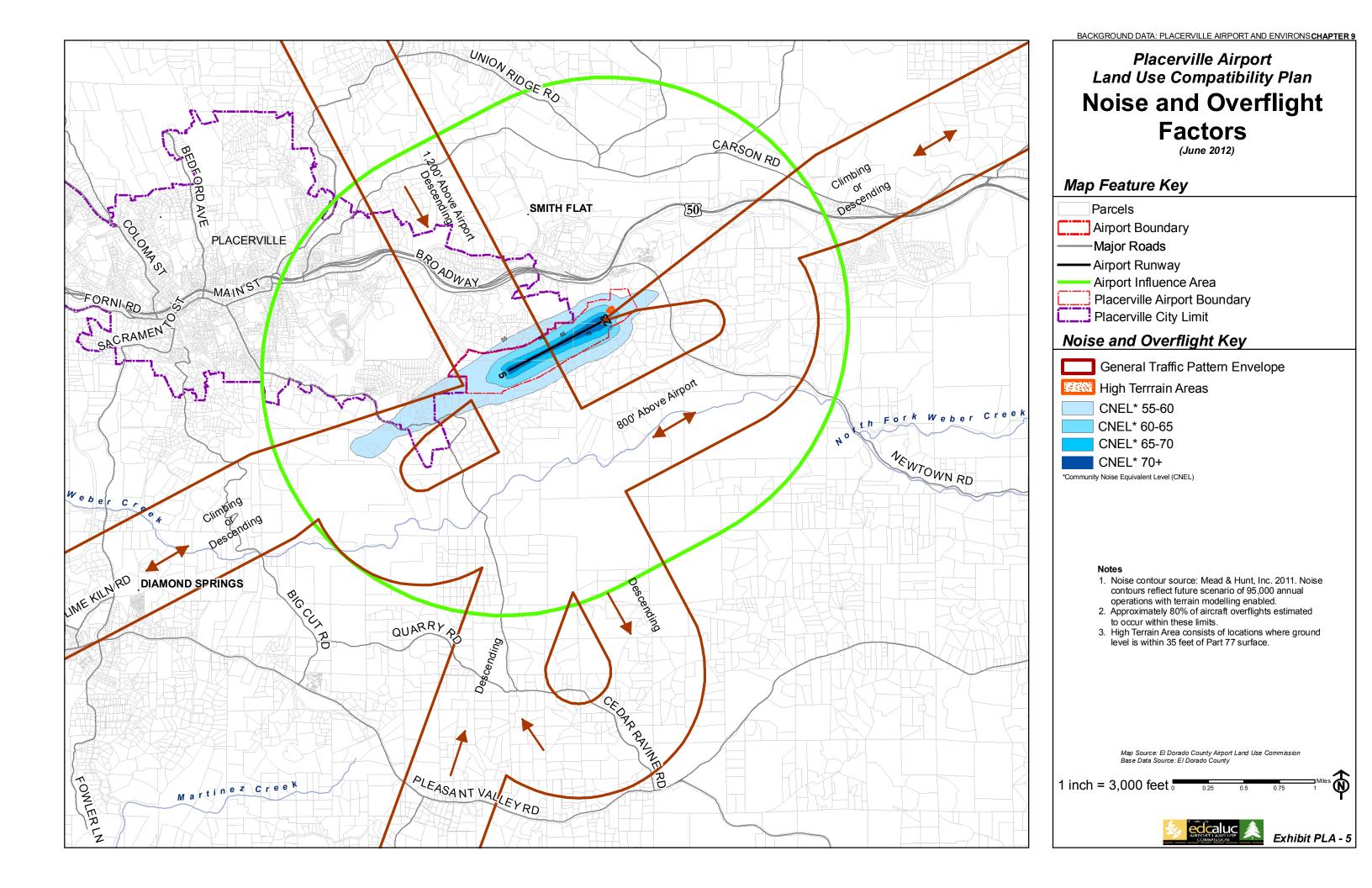
AIRPORT ACTIVITY	Current ^a	Future ^{a,b}	RUNWAY USE DISTRIBUT	⊓ON ^b <i>Day</i>	Evening	Night
Based Aircraft	170	290	Takeoffs – Existing and F <i>All Aircraft</i>	-uture	J	J
			Runway 5	10%	25%	50%
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	Current ^a	Runway 23 90% Landings – Existing and Future Future ^{a, c} All Aircraft		75%	50%	
	2011		Runway 5	10%	25%	50%
Total Operations			Runway 23	90%	75%	50%
Annual	60,000	95,000				
Average Day	164	260				
Distribution by Aircraft Type b Single Engine Piston	96%		TIME OF DAY b		Current	Future
Multi Engine Piston	2%		Day (7:00 a.m 7:00 p.r	m.)	85%	85%
Single Engine Turbo Prop		No	Evening (7:00 p.m. – 10:	,	10%	10%
Multi Engine Turbo Prop	<1%	Change	Night (10:00 p.m. – 7:00		5%	5%
Business Jet	<1%		- · ·	•		
Helicopter	<1%					
CDF	<1%					

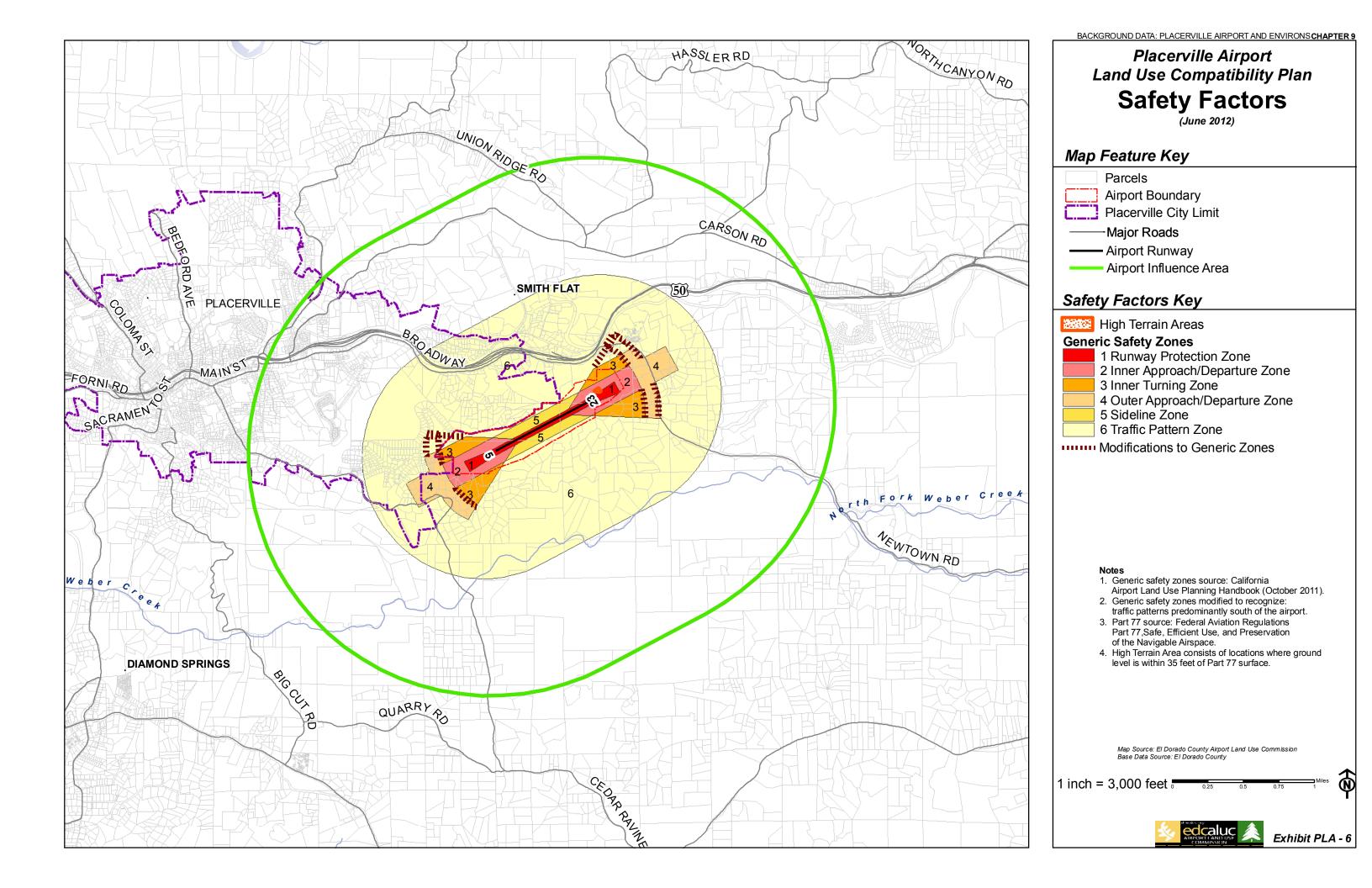
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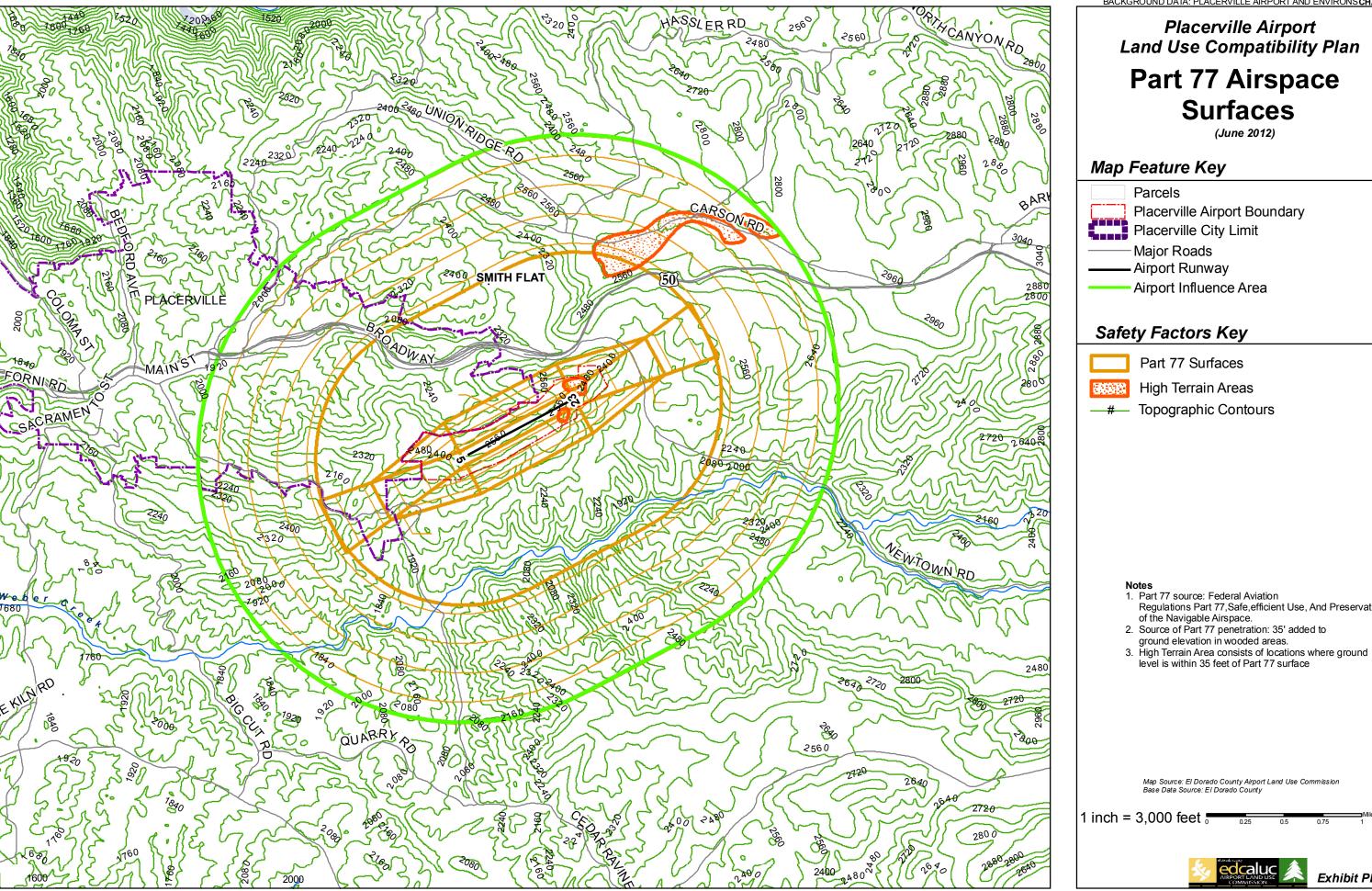
^a Source: Reinard W. Brandley, *Placerville Airport Master Plan Update Study - Constrained Forecast* (January 2007)

^b Source: El Dorado County staff

 $^{^{\}circ}$ Source: 2007 Master Plan forecast used as the basis for this twenty year planning period extending to 2032 or later.







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Land Use Compatibility Plan

Part 77 Airspace

- Regulations Part 77,Safe,efficient Use, And Preservation of the Navigable Airspace.

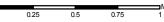




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Exhibit PLA-8

Placerville Airport: Environs Information

AIRPORT SITE

Location

Western El Dorado County East of Placerville city limits 40 miles east of Sacramento 44 miles southwest of South Lake Tahoe One-half mile south of Highway 50

→ Nearby Terrain

Airport situated on ridge top in west slope of foothills of Sierra Nevada Mountain Range Significant terrain drop to the southwest

AIRPORT ENVIRONS LAND USE JURISDICTIONS

City of Placerville
Airport within sphere of influence

F El Dorado County

Airport within unincorporated area

EXISTING AIRPORT AREA LAND USES

City of Placerville

Rural residential character

* Runway Approaches

West (Runway 5): Mostly Large lot residential and undeveloped forest

East (Runway 23): Mostly undeveloped forest with limited rural residential

STATUS OF COMMUNITY PLANS

City of Placerville

General Plan adopted January 1989; amended December 2004

County of El Dorado

General Plan adopted July 2004; amended December 2009

PLANNED AIRPORT AREA LAND USES

City and County (Land Use Designations)

Northeast: Additional rural residential

City: .2-1 unit/acre County: 1 unit/10-160 acres

North: Additional high density residential City: 4-16 units/acre County: 1-5 units/acre

West: Additional low density residential
City: 1-4 units/acre County: 1 unit/5 acres
South: Additional medium density residential
City: 4-6 units/acre County: 1 unit/acre
South: Additional low density residential

City: 1-4 units/acre County: 1 unit/5 acres

ESTABLISHED AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY MEASURES EI Dorado County General Plan

* Airport Noise Guidelines (2009)

All projects, including single-family residential, within the 55 dB/CNEL contour of a County airport shall be evaluated against the noise guidelines and policies in the applicable Compatible Land Use Plan (CLUP). (Policy 6.5.2.1)

The County shall develop and apply a combining zone district for areas located within the 55 dB/CNEL contour of airports. (Policy 6.5.2.2)

→ Aviation-Related Hazards (2009)

All development within the Airport Safety Zones shall comply with ALUC height, noise, and safety policies and maps as set forth in each CLUP. Where there is a difference between the County development standards and the development standards of the CLUP, the standards that will most reduce airport-related safety hazards shall apply. (Policy 6.8.1.1)

The County shall develop an airport combining zone district within the El Dorado County Zoning Ordinance, for each of the Safety Zones 1, 2, and 3 as defined by the CLUP for each of the County's public airports. The ordinance shall specify maximum density and minimum parcel size. (Policy 6.8.1.2)

City of Placerville General Plan

+ Health and Safety (2004)

Areas within Placerville exposed to existing or projected noise-impacted exterior noise levels exceeding 60 dB Ldn shall be designated as noise-impacted areas. (Policy 2)

New development of residential or other noisesensitive land uses will not be permitted in noiseimpacted areas unless effective mitigation measures are incorporated into the project design to reduce noise levels to:

— 60 dB Ldn or less in outdoor activity areas, and interior noise levels to 45 dB Ldn or less, where the noise source is preempted from local control (i.e, traffic on public roadways, railroads and airports). In areas where it is not possible to reduce exterior noise levels to 60 dB Ldn or less using a practical application of the best available noise-reduction technology, an exterior noise level of up to 65 dB Ldn will be allowed. Under no circumstances will interior noise levels be permitted to exceed 45 dB Ldn with the windows and doors closed. (Policy 4A)

