

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

2005 Redding Benton Airport Master Plan
State Clearinghouse No. _____

SUBJECT

2005 Redding Benton Airport Master Plan, by the City of Redding.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Airport Master Plan (Plan) for the land use and facilities to be developed within the existing Redding Benton Airport boundary. The Plan also identifies future acquisition areas to expand the airport buffer zone. The changes from previously adopted master plans are relatively minor and described in an attachment to the Initial Study.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Closed landfill site to the south and existing residential development to the north, east, and west beyond clear zones.

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

The City of Redding conducted an Initial Study (attached), which determined that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The preparation of an environmental impact report will not be required. If there are substantial changes that alter the character or impacts of the proposed project, another environmental impact determination will be necessary.

- 1. Based on the whole record (including the Initial Study and any supporting documentation), the City of Redding has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.**
- 2. The Negative Declaration, with its supporting documentation, reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the lead agency, which is the City of Redding.**

DOCUMENTATION

The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above determination.

PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION

Draft copies or notice of this Negative Declaration were distributed to:

- State Clearinghouse
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics
- Shasta County Airport Land Use Commission
- Shasta County Department of Resource Management
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Butte Environmental Council
- California Native Plant Society
- Legal notice in newspaper

PUBLIC REVIEW

- Draft document referred for comments November 14, 2005.
- No comments were received during the public review period.
- Comments were received but did not address the draft Negative Declaration findings or the accuracy/completeness of the Initial Study. No response is necessary. The letters are attached.
- Comments addressing the findings of the draft Negative Declaration and/or accuracy or completeness of the Initial Study were received during the public review period. The letters and responses follow (see Response to Comments, attached).

Copies of the Negative Declaration, the Initial Study, and documentation materials may be obtained at the Planning Division of the Development Services Department, City of Redding, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, CA 96001. Contact Senior Planner Kent Manuel at 530-225-4020.

November 11, 2005
Date of Draft Report

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Date of Final Report

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Attachments:

- A. Maps
- B. Initial Study
- C. Comments and Response to Comments (if any)