The County of Yuba

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Airport
Jason Kopping, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services Agency: Ordinance - Hold public hearing, waive second reading, and adopt ordinance amending section 2.110.150 of Chapter 2.110 of the yuba County Ordinance Code relating to Vehicle Operations at the Yuba County Airport.

DATE: January 13, 2026

NUMBER: 626/2025

Recommendation
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Background
From approximately 2012 until 2022 ultralights were operating on Airport owned property that was outside the bounds of the Airport. There were no security measures in place and managing activities from the previous location had their challenges.

More recently, the Airport worked with ultralight operators directly regarding safety concerns from 2019 until January of 2022 at which time the reporting of unsafe operations grew and the Airport was not able to adequately address concerns directly with operators. With no way to contact or communicate with operators nor be able to address or correct the reported unsafe practices, the Airport placed a temporary moratorium on ultralight operations, until such time a safe solution could be found. Since the time of this moratorium the Airport has been working with the FAA to find a location, within the Airport grounds, that could be accessed and used to accommodate ultralight operations.

Fast forward to today: We have a location. This location has been reviewed by the FAA and no issues have been found. This location, accompanied with course rules that have been provided by the Airport's consultant, Mead & Hunt, staff believes we are ready to introduce ultralight operations within the

bounds of the Yuba County Airport. The Airport needs the ability to allow public access to the secure, air-side, airport facilities for ultralight operators.

Discussion

The Ordinance Amendment being introduced today provides the Airport staff the needed tool(s) and authority to accept applications and manage Airport Facility access for members of our community without a lease or contract with The County. The Ordinance Amendment is inline with what is codified for other airports where ultralight operations are present.

Committee Action

The proposed ordinance changes are in line with other Airport Facilities and are considered routine. For this reason there is no committee action and the proposed ordinance changes are being presented directly to the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed ordinance changes will not have any impact on the General Fund. All Airport expenditures are funded through Airport rents and fees.

Attachments

Draft Ordinance Amending 2.110.150 of the YCOC (Strikethrough)
Draft Ordinance Amending 2.110.150 of the YCOC (Clean)