

City of Watsonville
Municipal Airport

MEMORANDUM



DATE: October 25, 2019

TO: Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee

FROM: Rayvon Williams, Director Municipal Airport
Robert Robertson, Airport Operations Planning Supervisor

SUBJECT: Directing Airport to initiate request for property swap

AGENDA ITEM: October 30, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Airport Advisory Committee direct the Municipal Airport to petition the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport's District Office to initiate a land swap/"no cost" property exchange of approximately three (3) acres in the interest of flight safety.

DISCUSSION: The proposed land exchange consists of approximately three acres of private land, where a small portion of that land crosses the Runway Protection Zone of Runway 2-20, to be exchanged for commensurate acreage of airport owned land south of approach end of Runway 09.

According to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy and Title 49 United States Code 47153, FAA can release obligated airport property when the property no longer serves an airport purpose and will not prevent the accomplishment of future airport purposes in the interest of civil aviation.

The net effect of the approved land swap would effectively bring Safety Zone Five, west of the primary runway, under the sole control of the Municipal Airport. In exchange for the land swap the Municipal Airport would relinquish a portion of Safety Zone Six, just south of the approach end of Runway Nine.

STRATEGIC PLAN: This project is consistent with Strategic Plan objectives of maintaining and advancing safe aerodrome operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None; exchange is "No Cost".

ALTERNATIVES: Airport Advisory Committee could direct the Municipal Airport not to petition the land swap

ATTACHMENTS:
Proposed Land Swap Map