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Set Time: 10:30 AM PUBLIC HEARING  
Estimated Report Time: 90 Minutes

## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Victoria Harlan for Hillary Gitelman - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** Steven Lederer, Deputy Planning Director, 253-4417  
**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing - Code of Conduct for Balloon Operations

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Conservation, Development, and Planning requests Board discussion and potential direction for the Balloon Industry proposed Code of Conduct, supporting efforts to establish a balloon launching facility on County owned property adjacent to the Roads Division Corporation Yard on Silverado Trail near Yountville.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On September 13 and October 4, 2005 the Board of Supervisors gave staff direction to consider the establishment of a balloon launching facility on County owned property adjacent to the Roads Division Corporation Yard located on Silverado Trail near Yountville. The Board suggested that users of the facility should agree to a specific "Code of Conduct" with the understanding that launch privileges would be lost if the Code was violated. The Board also requested that representatives of the balloon industry develop a draft Code of Conduct, obtain and consider comments from the public, and return to the Board to discuss the matter in a public forum. The purpose of today's hearing is to hear public testimony on the proposed Code of Conduct and to provide direction to staff on a final form and content.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On September 13 and October 4, 2005 the Board of Supervisors gave direction to staff to consider the establishment of a balloon launching facility on County owned property adjacent to the Roads Division Corporation Yard located on Silverado Trail near Yountville. The Board suggested that the balloon port could be established for a six month evaluation period, with the potential to operate on a permanent basis, dependent upon the results of the six-month program. A final decision on this use of the Corporation Yard and initiation of a six-month trial period is scheduled for the Board's consideration on November 15, 2005.

The Board also requested that balloon industry representatives develop a draft Code of Conduct that would apply to all balloons launching from the facility and include the understanding that balloon operators who fail to follow the Code would lose launch privileges.

The latest draft of the Code of Conduct provided by Balloon industry representatives is attached. At the hearing, industry representatives will provide an oral update on the development process. At this point, staff requests the Board receive comments from the public and provide any additional direction necessary to craft a final document.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Memo to Code of Conduct
- B . Code of Conduct

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey