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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Airport

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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the term October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2026 to replace previous no cost land leases for the construction, operation, and maintenance of FAA owned navigation, communication and weather aid systems for air traffic operations at the Napa County Airport.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FAA has developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to replace all individual no cost land leases providing for the construction, operation, and maintenance of FAA owned navigation, communication and weather aids for the support of Air Traffic Operations at the Napa County Airport in areas that have been mutually determined and agreed upon between the FAA and County. Staff recommends entering into Agreement Number DTFAWP-06-L-00064 for the term commencing on October 1, 2006 and continuing through September 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?

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

The FAA has recently developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which is now considered by the FAA the standard document to be used nationally for no cost land leases on airports.

The new MOA utilizes a list of Facilities and the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) to identify where the FAA facilities are located at the Airport. Facilities include the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) and the Rotating Beam Ceilometer (RBC). The ASOS equipment takes weather readings and broadcasts local weather conditions that are updated every minute. The RBC alerts aircraft when there is poor visibility at night or if there is a loss of communications.

The Airport will not receive monetary consideration as it has been previously agreed that the rights extended to the FAA are in consideration of the obligations assumed by the FAA in its establishment, operation, and maintenance of navigational aid facilities located at the Airport. The establishment, operation, and maintenance of systems for air traffic control, navigation, communication, and weather reporting is in the primary interest of safety and direct support of the ongoing operation of the Napa County Airport.

The Memorandum of Agreement supersedes the following Land Leases effective on October 1, 2006:

DTFA08-00-L-2-380 DTFA08-98-L-18762 DTFA08-90-L-12979 DTFA08-03-L-22242

DTFA08-96-L-15779

DTFA08-98-L-18764

DTFA08-99-L-19201

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey