



**STAFF REPORT
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: November 17, 2025
REPORT # Airport-2025-28**

AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AIRPORT USE AGREEMENT WITH WISK AERO LLC OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA TO PLACE AND UTILIZE A DEPLOYABLE VERTIPOINT AT THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

DEPARTMENT: Airport

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jeff Crechriou, Airport Director

STAFF CONTACT: Jeff Crechriou, Airport Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving an Airport Use Agreement with Wisk Aero LLC of Mountain View, California to place and utilize a deployable vertiport at the Hollister Municipal Airport and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement

DISCUSSION: Wisk Aero LLC (Wisk) has been a long-term tenant at the Airport since 2015 and built their own hangar building via a ground lease, leases several on Airport hangar/building spaces, and has a "Through the Fence" Access Permit for their utilization of a building in the adjacent Airpark Business Center business park property. Wisk is an Advanced Air Mobility company focused on developing its electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft.

Wisk desires to install a Deployable Final Approach and Takeoff Area ("FATO"), which is a designated area on a vertiport where an aircraft completes its final approach to a hover or landing and initiates its takeoff and temporary surface for accessing the FATO on airport property for the purpose of testing infrastructure to integrate their aircraft with necessary ground systems, demonstrate vertiport requirements, and influence broader Advanced Air Mobility ("AAM") policies and infrastructure providers. Wisk will conduct operations with its Bell 206 Helicopter and Gen 6 electric vertical takeoff and landing ("eVTOL") aircraft.

Since July 2025, Wisk Aero LLC (Wisk) has been engaged in discussions with the Airport to place a deployable (temporary) vertiport on airport property. The proposed deployable vertiport is a pre-engineered, modular landing platform designed for vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft. It consists of a steel structural frame supporting a raised landing surface, integrated with aviation compliant lighting systems and a self-contained solar power generation and battery storage unit.

Through these discussions, Wisk, with input from the Airport, has developed a CONOPS document outlining the proposed use, location, procedures, and requirements for utilizing the deployable vertiport for their intended purpose, as stated above, which is incorporated into the Airport Use Agreement (Agreement) as Exhibit B. As depicted in Exhibit A of the Agreement, the proposed location of the vertiport is 500 feet west from the centerline of Runway 31 and southwest of the southern end of Taxiway Kilo.

The location and flight procedures will be reviewed and approved by the FAA. Wisk is

allowed to have the deployable vertiport and temporary surface for accessing the vertiport in place and to utilize the vertiport as described seven (7) days a week.

FISCAL IMPACT: Wisk will pay \$2,300.00 per month for use of the facilities.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION: The City of Hollister Airport Advisory Commission considered the proposed use and location at their special meeting on October 8, 2025, received a presentation on the proposed use and location, and unanimously passed a motion recommending the Airport present an Airport Use Agreement for City Council consideration and approval.

CEQA: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Wisk Airport Use Agreement