



Fort Bragg Regional Land Use Advisory Commission

FAYETTEVILLE COURTESY REVIEW

Project: P25-47 (PWC Carver Falls Solar Utility Station Rezoning - HI/CZ)

Location: Carver Falls Road

PIN#s: 0540-18-4339

September 8, 2025

RLUAC previously reviewed and commented on this case when PWC sought a similar rezoning from Cumberland County. We coordinated our review with Fort Bragg, the applicant, and their consulting engineers to ensure that the proposal under consideration by the County would not impact aviation operations at Simmons Army Airfield, as the solar utility station is situated along the instrument approach route for the airfield. The results of the glare study performed by the engineers concluded that the solar panels would not present a glare hazard to aviators. This was RLUAC's only potential concern, and was resolved prior to the hearings on the case.

Our recent outreach to PWC following notification of the current case with the City of Fayetteville confirmed that there had not been any changes in the general design of the site and planned parameters of the installed solar panels. It was stated, however, that due to a larger buffer being required, that some panels may have their location shifted on the site. While we assume that the conclusions of the glare study will remain valid, RLUAC requests that a condition be added to require the applicant to provide its final plans to Fort Bragg through RLUAC prior to final permit approval so that any changes in the layout of the site can be further evaluated to ensure that, if changes are made, they will not pose a glare hazard to pilots operating at Simmons AAF.

While RLUAC's findings and recommendations are non-binding on the City of Fayetteville, their consideration and incorporation into your review of this case will help to improve compatibility outcomes for our region as a whole by protecting Fort Bragg's military training and operational missions.

Thank you for allowing RLUAC to review this case.

Hon. Kia Anthony, Chairwoman
Fort Bragg Regional Land Use Advisory Commission

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