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representing the OROVILLE FOUNDATION OF FLIGHT,

affiliated with the Oroville Chapter of the EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION. Your EAA group of citizens.

Our Chapter and Foundation meet monthly and participate in events as well as learning and teaching various aspects of general aviation to young and old citizens at our Vinyl Briefing Hut adjacent to the Golf Course on the Oroville Airport property. Where the public is always invited and welcome, especially during our monthly fly-in breakfast's
held on the third Saturday of each month.

Our mission here in the Oroville area is to bring awareness, and the joy of flight to the young and old alike, and to promote a better understanding of aviation in general. Along with that we would like to ask that in the future general aviation will be allowed to expand and grow, on land as well as on the abundant waterways we have to offer here around Oroville. Specifically - a year around base to accomodate Seaplanes at the Afterbay waterway.

To begin with, I would like to bring up a factor that should be considered in the choosing of a Seaplane base here in Oroville. Presently, there does not exist any Seaplane base between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon. Float planes must refuel at general boating marinas, mixing with boat traffic, maneuvering around upright signs and fuel dock pumps, as well as being offered low octane fuel instead of high octane aircraft fuel. Seaplanes could contact the local Flight Base Operator by radio while inflight and arrange for dockside fuel delivery during their flights in and

through this area if we could establish a Seaplane base here at the Oroville afterbay adjacent to our airport.

Over the past three years, during our aircraft events, such as the Starduster biplane Open house fly-in and presenting the B-17 Bomber "The Aluminum Overcast", we have accomodated float planes for the public to enjoy also.

We have found that the site we have chosen is relatively clear of heavy boat traffic, has a relatively low count of wildlife to disturb, and meets all FAA requirements in size, depth, approach and departure pathways.

The addition of a Seaplane facility here in Oroville should bring about about aviation events and encourage the development of float plane activities and public participation in watercraft use and ownership here in Oroville

WD has brought a float plane banner and float apparatus 'view in lobby'.

Have folder w/ aerial photo's

Comments and requirements taken from Seaplane Pilots Association web site - applicable environmental impact studies