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AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 27, 2010, MEETING
Brackett Field Airport
1615 McKinley Avenue
La Verne, CA 91750-5837**

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman George G. Butts
Vice Chairman Angelo R. Cardono
Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. George Gomez, Staff Assistant, Aviation Division

AMERICAN AIRPORTS - AIRPORT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport
Mr. Jason Morgan, Manager, Whiteman Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Andrew Scanlon, AECOM
Mr. John Margis, Brackett Field Airport
Ms. Tanya Younaman Cardono, Long Beach Airport
Mr. Edward R. Sause, American Airports Corporation
Mr. Patrick Jones, Brackett Field Airport

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Butts called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman George Butts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. November 25, 2009, Minutes

The commission adopted the minutes on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord.

B. American Airports - Project Manager's Report

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Whiteman Airport currently has 12 vacant hangars available for rent.
- Construction of the 5-commercial hangars adjacent to the existing U.S. Marshal hangar is expected to be complete within the next 4 months.
- The Whiteman Airport Association holiday celebration was held on December 10, 2009.
- The EAA Chapter 40 Young Eagles event was held on Saturday January 23, 2010. This event was well attended, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2010.
- Whiteman Airport will be hosting its 3rd Fly Day event on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Mr. Morgan is currently recruiting volunteers for this great event.

Mr. Rafael Herrera reported on events at El Monte Airport:

- A restored El Monte Airport sign was installed at the south side of the terminal building.
- On December 4, 2009, California Hazardous Inc. conducted a SB989 fuel testing to the airport's fuel farm. This testing is performed every 3 years per County and Air Quality Management District regulations.
- A mechanical switch was replaced on the air compressor at the fuel island to allow it to automatically shut off.

- The taxiway construction project began on January 13, 2010. This is a 60-day project that should be completed by mid-March 2010. Runway closures are scheduled towards the end of the project and notices will be distributed to airport tenants.
- On January 21, 2010, students from Monrovia Adult School/ROP Art Program used the airport's terminal patio for several hours to paint different airport scenes.
- Los Angeles Flight Center, hosted their grand opening and open house event on January 23, 2010. 200 people attended this event where food and several raffles for free flights were offered.

Mr. Steve Irving reported on events at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield:

- The Airport Association hosted their annual holiday celebration party on December 12, 2009, which was well attended.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Safety meeting was held on January 26, 2010. The topic of the meeting was Weather.
- Lights were replaced at the airport's terminal building as part of an airport improvement project.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Compton/Woodley Airport:

- Construction of the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project is moving forward. Lime stabilization of Phase 1 is complete. Base material was spread and compacted before rain delay. The completion of Phase 1 is scheduled for the second week of March 2010.
- Lighting repairs were completed at Hangar Row F.
- Waterless urinals were installed in the men's restrooms located on Hangar Row N.
- The annual holiday party was successful. 60 toys were collected for the Toys-for-Tots foundation.
- A tenant meeting to discuss Phase 2 of the Pavement Rehabilitation Project is scheduled for January 28, 2010, at 5:30p.m.

Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck reported on events at Brackett Field Airport:

- Construction of the taxiway exit project has begun with excavation of taxiway turnout area and placement of new conduit. The project has been delayed due to heavy rain. Runway 8L/26R is scheduled to be closed for 10 days beginning Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7am.

- A secondary containment leak detector will be replaced in one of the fuel tanks. No environmental issues to report.
- A new aviation tenant is scheduled to occupy the 1889 McKinley Building, formally known as Eagle Helicopters. An announcement regarding the new tenant is scheduled for February 1, 2010.
- The airport's old cooling tower was shut down due to bad weather and water-leaking issues. The County is currently discussing plans to address this matter.
- The annual holiday party was hosted on December 3, 2010. Norm's Restaurant catered this event.
- Brackett Field Airport hosts an Antique Aircraft and Auto Display every 3rd Sunday of the month.

C. County Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith

The Commission was provided with copies of the November and December 2009 expense and revenue report, and Mr. Smith offered to answer any questions.

Commissioner Simmons inquired about December's expenses under Geotechnical Services, Possessory Interest Tax, and Legal Fees. Mr. Smith stated that the Geotechnical Division has supported the Pavement Rehabilitation project at Compton/Woodley Airport prior to the consultant geologist coming on board. The Possessory Interest Tax is a recurring expenditure that the County and American Airports Corporation pay twice per year as provided for in the airport management contract. Mr. Smith also stated that the Aviation Division has been working with County attorneys reviewing requests for proposal, general claims and litigations, and issues regarding the airport management contract.

- Mr. Smith announced that the Aviation Division will request Board approval on March 2, 2010, to apply for a \$300,000 grant from the FAA for a pavement assessment at 5 County-owned airports.
- We are attempting to schedule the next El Monte noise meeting for February 2010, and the Los Angeles Police Department will be invited.
- An inventory data gathering process has begun, which will constitute Chapter 1 of the Master Plan project at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield.

D. AECOM – Whiteman Airport Master Plan Final Report

Mr. Andrew Scanlon, Project Manager from AECOM, discussed the purpose of the Airport Master Plan Update and provided the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation on project approach/review and recommendation on airside and landside concepts, airport layout plan, cost, and funding for the Whiteman Airport Master Plan.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

No public comments.

IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 10 a.m.
Compton/ Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3599
(310) 631-8140**

Chairman George G. Butts adjourned the meeting in memory of Everett Arinwine, a former tenant of Compton/ Woodley Airport, at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Simmons, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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