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AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 26, 2009, MEETING AT
COMPTON/WOODLEY AIRPORT
901 ALONDRA BOULEVARD
COMPTON, CA 90220-3599**

COMMISSIONERS

PENELOPE CORNWALL
CHAIR

GEORGE G. BUTTS
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MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

ARON A. WOLF
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Penelope Cornwall
Secretary Angelo R. Cardono
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice Chairman George G. Butts
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

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. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Jason Morgan, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Jack Kenton, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Robert Cullinan, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Kevin B. Flynn, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Mr. Gary Golson, Compton/Woodley Airport

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Penelope Cornwall called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Angelo Cardono led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. June 24, 2009, Minutes

The minutes were approved and adopted on a motion by Commissioner Chase and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord.

B. American Airports - Project Manager's Report

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

- Airport operations are up to 10,000 a month as of July.
- Due to the current fires, the Firefighting Services currently has about eight to nine heavy-lift helicopters based on the airport.
- Universal Air Academy is the new flight school based on the airport. The grand opening was held two weeks ago.
- The construction project on the southeast area of the airport is progressing. Doors have been installed on the new hangars, and asphalt is scheduled to be laid in the upcoming weeks.
- The trees in the parking lot of the terminal building have been trimmed.
- The trees on the western perimeter of the airport are encroaching onto the runway 8R area. In a coordinated effort between the Aviation Division and the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, these trees will be trimmed or removed as necessary.
- The stakeholders meeting will be held on September 15, 2006, at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Lord asked if Universal Air Academy was relocated from El Monte Airport to Bracket Field. Mr. Fox-Tuck stated that the flight school expanded its services and now operates from both airports.

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- The Whiteman Airport Association hosted a summer barbeque for tenants and the community on July 12, 2009.

- The Whiteman Airport Association currently has 390 active members, and its last meeting was held on Thursday, July 20, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009, at 7 p.m., at Whiteman Airport.
- The American Heroes Air Show was held on July 11, 2009, at the Hansen Dam Recreation and Sports Complex. America Airports Corporation (AAC) participated in this event with a 10 by 10 booth and sponsored the skydive team.
- Whiteman Airport will host fire extinguisher training on September 12, 2009. This event is available for airport tenants and airport staff.
- The stakeholders meeting and the security and safety group meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 6 p.m., in the pilot's lounge.
- The airport currently has ten vacant hangars.

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

- A helicopter from the Los Angeles Police Department collapsed while performing a training exercise and one of the pilots was injured and taken to the hospital.
- Within the next few days, the lighting at the west end of the airport will be repaired.
- The Fox Field Pilots Association will host its annual air fair pancake breakfast on September 12, 2009.
- The airport's beacon tower was recently painted by Department of Public Works personnel.
- Reach Air Medical Services is operating out of the Exodus building and making Fox Field its permanent home.

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

- On July 2, 2009, New Creations Builders, Inc., completed minor repairs to the terminal building floor, which is still under warranty.
- On July 12, 2009, an incident involving a Glassair occurred three miles south of the airport. The pilot walked away from the incident; and after requesting to have the aircraft stored at the airport, management and operations staff assisted the pilot with the storing of the airplane in a County hangar.
- Asphalt was removed and underground piping was replaced to repair a leak near the AMDG hangars.

- An electric, easy-go golf cart was purchased to assist in the operation and maintenance of the airport. The golf cart has come as a great tool not only for the convenience, but it also allows the limited use of gas vehicles.
- The Los Angeles Flight Center is scheduled to open its doors on September 1, 2009. The Flight Center will be a full-service, fixed-base operation (FBO) that will provide flight training, maintenance, and tiedown rentals.
- The stakeholders meeting will be held on September 17, 2009, at 12 p.m., in the airport terminal building.

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

- On August 18, 2009, a maintenance crew from Los Angeles County repaired two bumps at Taxiway Alpha.
- Per a recommendation from the Users Group, the wind sock located on the side of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) hangar was relocated to the apex of the hangar for better function.
- Last week, a turbine was replaced on one of the underground storage tanks.
- A new fuel truck with a capacity of 750 gallons was delivered to the airport this afternoon, and it is expected to be fully operational by the end of this week.
- The 16th Annual Air Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commissioner Jerome Alexander asked if the new construction across the street from the airport is residential or commercial buildings. Mr. Marino stated that these new buildings are residential facilities.

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

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

- The Whiteman Airport Master Plan Update is progressing on schedule, and an additional open-house meeting will be scheduled late October to hear additional comments from the Pacoima community.
- A Federal Aviation Administration-approved Scope of Work and fee negotiations are complete for the Fox Master Plan Update, and a kick-off meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2009.

- On August 12, 2009, a contract was awarded for the installation of the Automated Weather Observation Systems (AWOS) at the five County airports. Whiteman Airport was selected to receive the first installation, followed by El Monte, Brackett Field, and Compton/Woodley Airports.
- The Brackett Field lighting and signage relocation project was advertised, and the lowest bid received was \$249,000. The contract is expected to be awarded on September 29, 2009. Construction is expected to begin in November and last for 30 days.
- A contract was awarded on August 18, 2009, in the amount of \$6.8 million, for the pavement rehabilitation project at Compton/Woodley Airport. We have until September 3rd to issue the Notice to Proceed (NTP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) rules. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2009, at 10 a.m.

D. Minimum Standards Update – Kevin Flynn

Mr. Smith indicated that substantial progress has been made, and his staff is working closely with Mr. Flynn to produce a good-quality product.

Mr. Flynn provided the Commission with a chronology of work that has been done to date, and the only pending item is the draft standards for Whiteman Airport. He also indicated that he has been gathering information from airport tenants and distributed 70 surveys among the County airports.

Chair Cornwall made a motion to reconvene the Minimum Standards Committee to review the draft for Whiteman Airport, seconded by Commissioner Jerome Alexander.

E. Compton/Woodley Airport additional items

No additional items for Compton/Woodley Airport.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Jack Kenton expressed concern about limited access to the hangars or aircraft during construction. Mr. Smith stated that the Aviation Division and AAC are working together to keep all airport tenants well informed about the construction schedule and also have them provided with several alternatives to minimize the impact from this project.

Mr. Gary Golso inquired about the potential damages to the aircraft due to the lime used to stabilize the soil. Mr. Smith stated that the contractor is responsible for making sure the material is applied properly, and that a similar process was used at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield some time ago without any problems.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that, at their request, a letter of recommendation to approve the renewal of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Brian Ranch Airport was prepared and submitted to the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning. He also stated that a new 30-year CUP permit was approved on August 18, 2009. Commissioner Chase attended the hearing with Regional Planning in support of the airport.

IV. THE NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

**Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 7 p.m.
El Monte Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA. 91731-1697
(626) 448-6129**

Commissioner Lord adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angelo R. Cardono, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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