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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
September 29, 2010, MEETING
El Monte Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1697

COMMISSIONERS

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman George G. Butts
Vice Chairman Angelo R. Cardono
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Harvey Holloway

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Diego Cadena, Deputy Director, Administration
Mr. Richard L. Smith, Division Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. George Gomez, Staff Assistant, Aviation Division

AMERICAN AIRPORTS - AIRPORT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Whiteman Airport
Mr. Cyle Woodruff, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Jack Tippie, former Aviation Division Chief
Mr. Antony Acker, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Frank R. Kromka III, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Gil Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Jeffrey T. Chase, Airport Project Coordinator, Aviation Division

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Butts called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. August 25, 2010, Minutes

On a motion by Vice Chairman Angelo Cardono seconded by Commissioner Penelope Cornwall the minutes of August 25, 2010, were approved and adopted.

B. American Airports - Project Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle reported on events at El Monte Airport:

- Mr. Wardle announced Mr. Chris Brooks as the new El Monte Airport Manager.
- Repairs were made to the light fixtures on Hangar Row A.
- A pest control company was hired to safely and effectively remove and deter gophers from the airport.

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

- Six to seven hundred local residents attended the annual Pilots' Association Fly In event that was held on September 11, 2010.
- The second annual Chili Cook-off with a Car and Airplane Show is scheduled for October 30, 2010. This event will be hosted by Fox Field Airport in conjunction with the Lancaster Rotary Club.

Mr. Cyle Woodruff reported on events at Brackett Field Airport:

- A new tractor and weed abatement equipment was received; the equipment is improving staff's ability to maintain the airport.
- The Brackett Field Slurry Seal project is scheduled to begin October 13, 2010. Runway 8R/26L and the South Taxiway will be closed for approximately 12 days during construction.
- On September 19, 2010, a Beechcraft Bonanza performed a hard landing on Runway 26L. Airport staff responded to the accident and reported no injuries to the pilot and no damages to airport property.

- A contract has been assigned to complete the replacement of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) unit at the airport's terminal building.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Repairs to the airport's north entry gate are complete.
- A new entry gate policy has been implemented at Whiteman Airport; all airport tenants have been notified and shall be issued a vehicle gate access control card.
- Minor repairs to the airport's irrigation system are complete.
- On September 27, 2010, the airport hosted their annual fire extinguisher recertification program for airport tenants.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on September 16, 2010.
- The monthly Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles event is scheduled for October 23, 2010.
- Mr. Marino announced Mr. Alvaro Escobedo as the new Operations Supervisor for Whiteman Airport.

Mr. Rafael Herrera reported on events at Compton/Woodley Airport:

- As part of the preparation for the Compton Air Fair event all airport trash bins were replaced with new bins, which are currently being painted.
- Phase III of the Pavement Reconstruction Project is nearly finished. The hangars on the north side of the airport are being relocated and striping is scheduled to be completed next week.
- Phase IV of the Pavement Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin October 11, 2010.
- An Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) is scheduled to be installed at the airport late Fall 2010, following the installation of an AWOS at Whiteman Airport.
- The 17th Annual Compton Air Fair will be held on October 9, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Numerous aircraft, including military helicopters, will be on display and a couple of businesses will be offering airplane rides to children.

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

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Ara Martirosyan to the Commission as the new Airport Project Coordinator for the Aviation Division.

The Commission was provided copies of the August 2010 Expense and Revenue Report along with the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Grand Summary Report. Mr. Smith offered to answer any questions.

- A draft of the Minimal Standards Project was submitted to County Counsel for review. Upon County Counsel's review and comments, the draft will be distributed to the Aviation Commission Minimum Standards Subcommittee for evaluation.
- Mr. Smith informed the commission that the Government Accountability Office and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) were tasked with conducting a study of security of General Aviation Airports around the Country. Compton/Woodley along with Van Nuys airports, have been included in the study.
- The County's consultant PB Americas, Inc. will prepare and incorporate an airline feasibility study into the ongoing Fox Airfield Master Plan Update. The second Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and first tenant open house meeting will be scheduled for the last week of October 2010.
- Foundation work for the AWOS project at Whiteman Airport has been delayed until building permits have been approved by Public Works Building and Safety Division.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on September 9, 2010, for the Brackett Field Slurry Seal Project. Construction is scheduled to begin mid-October 2010.
- An appeal hearing was held on August 31, 2010 with representatives of the County, the contractor, as well as an appeal panel. The appeal panel determined the contractor to be non responsive, and the Aviation Division will be awarding the contract to the second lowest bidder.

D. El Monte Airport Items

No additional items.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Antony Acker acknowledged the efforts of the Aviation Division for the many years he has been involved with the County airports; in particular, he acknowledged Mr. Jeffrey Chase for always being available to help and answer any questions.

Mr. Gilbert Viramontes expressed his concern about the high price of fuel at El Monte Airport in comparison to other airports. He also recommended that the Commission reevaluate the use of hangars for non aviation purposes at El Monte Airport.

E. Resolution

On a motion by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Cornwall, Chairman Butts adopted and presented Mr. Jeffrey T. Chase with a Resolution of the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission Commendation for Exemplary Service.

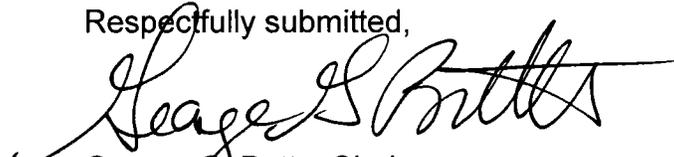
Mr. Smith extended his gratitude and appreciation to Jeffrey T. Chase for his more than 35 years of service to the County airports, General Aviation Community, and the Aviation Commission.

IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 7 p.m.
Whiteman Airport
12653 Osborne Street
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Chairman George G. Butts adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George G. Butts, Chairman
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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