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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3599

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Aron A. Wolf
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. William H. Higley, Deputy Director, Administration
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. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport
Mr. Ara Martirosyan, Assistant Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Ms. Lucy Bristol – Experimental Aircraft Association 96
Mr. Louis Bielow – Experimental Aircraft Association 96
Mr. Don Hagopian – Whiteman Airport Association
Ms. Shellie Hagopian – Whiteman Airport Association
Mr. Jack Kenton – Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Edward R. Sause – American Airports Corporation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Penelope Cornwall called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

1. January 28, 2009, Minutes

The minutes were approved and adopted as written. Chair Penelope Cornwall made a motion for approval, seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Lord.

2. American Airports - Project Manager's Report

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

- The new pilot's briefing room is complete and operational. In addition, a direct dial phone system will be installed providing access to the Flight Service Station.
- Due to heavy rain, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield operated one week without a fuel island dispenser. There were no interruptions in service to customers because American Airports Corporation (AAC) provided fuel from the fuel trucks.
- High Desert Avionics is not able to continue with their new facilities development lease and are requesting AAC and the County to cancel the lease.
- Valley Pacific Aviation hangars are only forty to fifty percent occupied, and they are offering competitive rental rates.

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

- Airport staff has corrected all the water leaks on the airport buildings and aircraft hangars. The constant rain has delayed the south-east hangar project, and there are no updates on the construction schedule.
- The tree trimming work at the south side of Brackett Field Airport is complete. The removal of recreational vehicles (RVs) that were parked on the airport is almost complete as agreed with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

- The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots annual poker run terminated at Brackett Field Airport on January 31, 2009. Thirty airplanes participated in this event. AAC donated fuel toward the event and hosted a barbeque.

Chair Cornwall inquired about the retention of mud. Mr. Fox-Tuck stated that AAC is currently seeking ground cover alternatives and will approach the Aviation Division for recommendations.

Mr. Ara Martirosyan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Vista Aviation has obtained its certificate of occupancy and is nearly finished relocating to its new facility. The additional 35 aircraft hangars are under construction.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on February 19, 2009, and it was well attended. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009.
- The Aviation Explorers will hold a pancake breakfast fund raiser on Young Eagles Flight Day, February 28, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the public-viewing area.

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

- A new air hose was installed at the fuel island as recommended by the El Monte airport tenants.
- El Monte Airport is assisting the American Red Cross by housing one of their emergency trailers. The El Monte Airport noise meeting was held on February 18, 2009, and it was well attended.
- Earl Moffit, a tenant of El Monte airport for more than 25 years, passed away.

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

- The aircraft hangar painting project was complete, hangar rows O, I, and D were painted.
- The second underground fuel storage tank will be back in service upon test approval and certification from the County Inspector. This will give the airport a total fuel capacity of 30,000 gallons.
- The water cooler at the terminal building was replaced, and a new gate opener was installed at the main gate of the airport.

3. County - Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith

- Mr. Peter Amundson was announced as the new Aviation Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Michael Antonovich.
- The Commission was provided with copies of the expense and revenue report for the month of January and offered to answer any questions.
- This year, funds were transferred from the Capital Projects Fund to the Aviation Enterprise Fund. Therefore, expenses for services by contract, services by other divisions, and miscellaneous categories will be greater than prior years.
- An update was provided on the list of projects to the FAA that would benefit from the Economic Stimulus Package. He indicated five projects were submitted for consideration.
- The Interim Report for the Whiteman Airport Master Plan Update is posted on the Aviation Commission website, and a public meeting to discuss the project is scheduled for March 11, 2009, at 6 p.m.
- A notice to proceed (NTP) is ready and awaiting County Counsel's approval for the Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities project.
- A job order contract is in place for The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance and Picnic Area Improvement project at Bracket Field Airport and at General WM. J. Fox Airfield.
- Compton/Woodley Airport pavement rehabilitation final design plan, specifications, and estimates are expected to be complete by March 2009.
- The El Monte Airport Taxiway Development final plans will be complete by March 2009.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Don Hagopian suggested having an air tank installed on the fuel truck for airport user's convenience.

Mr. Jack Kenton expressed some concerns regarding the annual aircraft hangar rent increase. He suggested the Commission and AAC not to increase the rent. Mr. Kenton also inquired about a proposal for a new administration building at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Ms. Shellie Hagopian presented a letter to the Commission from the Whiteman Airport Association requesting the County of Los Angeles forgo the yearly CPI rent increase.

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

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 10 a.m.
El Monte Airport
4233 North Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1697
(626)448-6129**

Chair Penelope Cornwall adjourned the meeting at 11a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Penelope Cornwall
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission