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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2007
Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3599**

COMMISSIONERS

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis C. Lord
Vice Chair Evelyn A. Jerome
Secretary Clyde G. Bailey
Commissioner George G. Butts
Commissioner Angelo R. Cardono
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Clint Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Roger L. Persons
Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. William H. Higley, Deputy Director, Administration
Mr. Ted A. Gustin, Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. Richard L. Smith, Airport Project Coordinator, 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. Louis Bigelow, EAA Chapter 96
Mr. Sheldon Bresin, Brackett Airport Association
Mr. Dave Cole, Aviation Division, Retired
Mr. Jack Kenton, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Jack Tippie, Aviation Division, Retired

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis C. Lord called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**1. Minutes of the Meeting of January 31, 2007**

The minutes were approved and adopted as written. Vice Chair Jerome made a motion for approval, seconded by Commissioner Butts.

2. American Airports - Project Manager's Report

Mr. Scott Wardle informed the Commission that the American Airports Corporation (AAC) recently completed a round of stakeholder meetings at all five County-owned airports, and minutes of the meetings will be provided to the Commissioners upon completion. Mr. Wardle stated that AAC is working on the findings resulted from the hangar inspections and implementing the necessary corrective actions.

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport. Mr. Morgan provided the phone number for the Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS), which is (818) 899-9820. The ATIS is operating on frequency 132.10. Over 75 percent of the County hangars and 90 percent of the non-County hangars have been inspected. Two non-aviation tenants that are currently on County hangars made a commitment to vacate the hangars in the next 30 to 60 days. Several non-aviation users vacated non-County hangars in the past month. Those hangars are currently available for potential aviation users. Construction of a new Fixed Base Operator and a hangar facility will start in the next two weeks. Two new leases are under negotiation. Four windsocks were replaced and new hoses and nozzles were purchased for the wash rack. The flags of the United States and California located in front of the terminal building were replaced. Mr. Morgan participated in a meeting with the Professional Helicopter Pilots Association (PHPA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding airspace and ground issues at Whiteman Airport. A planning meeting to discuss the Challenge Air event will be held on March 29, 2007.

Commissioner Simmons asked if the tenants from the other airports will be invited to attend the planning meeting. Mr. Morgan said that any person interested in participating in the event is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Mr. Steve Irving reported on events at General William J. Fox Airfield. Two hangar development projects are in progress. The airport experienced some difficulties with the phone lines and the internet access in the past few days, which were caused by a change in the service provider. The Experimental Aircraft Association's B-17 will be at Fox Airfield on April 17-18, 2007. The Antelope Valley 99's will be holding its Annual Poker Run on March 18, 2007.

Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck reported on events at Brackett Field Airport. Mr. Fox-Tuck commented on two positive articles about the airport published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, regarding the new small-to-mid-size airplane hangar development and the Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) event. Mr. Fox-Tuck also noted the SAFECON event was a tremendous success. Hangar inspections are nearly complete. Letters were sent out to the tenants, whose hangars were not inspected to ensure compliance to the hangar inspection aircraft with their hangar licenses. Mr. Fox-Tuck reported on an incident where a Lancair experienced an electrical fire causing serious damage to the aircraft. No one was injured. The Department of Public Works is installing two backflow prevention devices at the airport. New lights are being installed on the hangars that reverted to the County on January 1, 2007.

Mr. Rafael Herrera reported on events at El Monte Airport. New furniture and two new computers have been purchased for the pilots' lounge. The Airport and the City of El Monte hosted a Hazardous Waste Pick-up event on February 24, 2007. A thermostat was installed in the terminal building gift shop.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Compton/Woodley Airport. An aircraft accident occurred on February 17, 2007. The pilot had no injuries and the passenger was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Mr. Marino attended the Helicopter Forum with the PHPA and the FAA. The north wall perimeter lighting repair project is in progress. The wash rack sign was painted. A maintenance request form was developed and is available in the terminal building in an effort to better serve the tenants. A non-aviation tenant has been served with a 30-day Notice to Vacate.

Chairman Lord asked if the Airport has received any comments on the letters sent to the airport users, regarding the motorcycle noise issues. Mr. Marino responded no. Chairman Lord addressed a concern regarding the Eye Wash that is unavailable to the users after business hours. Mr. Marino stated that the Eye Wash will be relocated outside the building.

3. County - Project Administrator's Report

Mr. Ted Gustin provided copies of the Expense and Revenue Report for January 2007.

Mr. Gustin informed the Commission that Congress approved \$3.5 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for this fiscal year, which is a \$400 million reduction from the previous year. Mr. Gustin also commented that the proposed Federal budget for next fiscal year includes higher user fees, other tax increases, and a further reduction in AIP funding.

The Department of Regional Planning's proposed 2007-08 budget includes a request for initial funding for Airport Land Use Planning updates for the 14 airports in the County that do not have a current one. Out of the five County-owned airports, four qualify under the program. Fox Airfield was updated two years ago, therefore, it will be excluded.

Mr. Richard Smith provided updates on the current projects at the County airports. A memo will be sent to the FAA and CALTRANS to request the preliminary approval for the layout of the taxiway system to be developed at El Monte Airport. Preliminary approval was received from the FAA to fund a power sweeper for Fiscal Year 2007-08. A meeting with Public Works' designers was held on February 27, 2007, to discuss Phase III of the pavement rehabilitation at Fox Airfield.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that the first meeting to discuss the Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities will take place in the next two weeks.

Secretary Bailey asked if the reduction in AIP funding was tied to a reduction in aircraft operation. Mr. Gustin said no.

Chairman Lord recommended conducting research and drafting a letter addressing the Commission's position about the future impacts of the proposed Federal budget in the general aviation industry. On motion by Vice Chair Jerome, the request was unanimously approved.

4. Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Smith summarized a draft of the Airport Layout Plan and explained some of the proposed changes, which include the construction of new hangars on the north side of the airport and the new runway markings on the south runway.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Jack Kenton suggested installing a wind indicator device or bigger windsocks at Compton/Woodley Airport. Mr. Kenton suggested that the County should try to communicate with all of the airports in the County about the need to have all of the airports share in the operation and training of helicopters. Mr. Kenton suggested using aviation students do a Motor Gasoline marketing study. He also

asked if AAC found the correct soil to back fill the taxiway edges at Compton/Woodley Airport. Mr. Marino stated he has been working on that.

Mr. Sheldon Bresin suggested installing *Airport Watch* signs at Brackett Field Airport. He also noted the gate closure time at Brackett Field Airport should be reduced. Mr. Bresin stated he will share some security material during the Airport Association's meeting.

Commissioner Cardono asked if Brackett Field Airport has an *Airport Watch* sign available. Mr. Fox-Tuck stated a sign will be installed soon.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE AVIATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON:

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 10 a.m., at
El Monte Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1697
(626) 448-6129**

Chairman Lord adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Clyde G. Bailey
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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