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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

**Virtual Meeting  
August 31, 2022, at 7 p.m.**

## COMMISSIONERS

CURT CASTAGNA  
CHAIR

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI  
VICE-CHAIR

JEFF MORT  
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON  
MEMBER

RYAN ANTOON  
MEMBER

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI  
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY  
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD  
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ  
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS  
MEMBER

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Curt Castagna  
Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci  
Secretary Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Ryan Antoon  
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani  
Commissioner Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Dennis Lord  
Commissioner Gabriel Perez  
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division  
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

### GUESTS

Twelve attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Dennis Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Minutes for the June 29, 2022, meeting**

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord. Motion passed 10 to 0.

**B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report**

Mr. Morgan stated the mission for the five County airports, which is to manage, maintain, operate, and develop the County owned airports in a smart, active, safe, and stable manner.

Mr. Morgan congratulated Chair Curt Castagna for becoming the 11th president and CEO of the National Air Transportation Association.

**Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales**

The overall aircraft operations for Brackett Field Airport, General William J. Fox Airfield, Whiteman Airport, and San Gabriel Valley Airport were down 14 percent in the month of June and July 2022, as compared to the same months last year. Compton/Woodley Airport does not have an Airport Traffic Control Tower; therefore, an official traffic count is not available.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 18 percent in the month of July 2022, as compared to the same month last year.

Commissioner Simmons inquired on staffing and fuel proposals at the airports.

**C. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Airport Management Update**

**Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)**

No major projects are taking place at the airports. Mr. Morgan informed the Commission on pavement management program for the 5 County airports. This project is primarily funded by the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program. Projects should officially commence in the coming months.

A task authorization was issued for the update of the Rents and Fees Study. This study will include recommended fees and market based and supported rental rates for aeronautical and non-aeronautical rentals. The Commissioners shared comments on the previous Rents and Fees Study.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that an engineering consultant will be designing the new Compton Airport terminal building and will be providing

assistance with obtaining any potential grant funding for this project. Commissioner Simmons mentioned that he would like the new airport design to include input from the airport users.

Mr. Morgan provided updates on the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law Bill funding for County airports, and the new Airport Traffic Control Tower program.

### **Airport Events and Activities**

During fire season, on-call nighttime fuel services will be provided to the US Forest Service at General William J. Fox Airfield.

The County retail fueling system at San Gabriel Valley Airport is still inoperable. Billion Air is currently providing fuel at the airport.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, a new Precision Approach Path Indicator was installed after it sustained damages from an aircraft incident that took place in September 2021.

Plans to add a compass rose and directional arrows are being prepared for San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that termination notices were served to two non-aviation tenants. This will allow two Aviation tenants with aircrafts to move into the airport.

At the Compton terminal building, the County is soliciting proposals to repair the entrance ramp and to paint the building.

A temporary air conditioning unit was installed at Compton Airport and an amendment to the Janitorial Contract was approved to add additional services to cover regular cleaning of the hangar row restrooms to the current janitorial contract.

The Los Angeles County office of Emergency Management activated their cooling centers due to excessive heat. Public Works Aviation Division is providing San Gabriel Valley Airport and General William J. Fox Airfield as cooling center locations.

The Taste of La Verne will take place at Brackett Field Airport on October 19, 2022.

On July 7, 2022, US Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg visited Compton Airport, also attending was Mayor Emma Sharif, Commissioner Dennis Lord, and Commissioner Clinton Simmons. Secretary Buttigieg met with the operators of Fly Compton Aero Club.

On August 20, 2022, Vice-Chair Pascucci coordinated a Young Eagles event at the airport and Commissioner Lord was one of the volunteer pilots at this event.

On September 24, 2022, the Women in Aviation event will be held at Compton Airport.

A hazardous waste event will take place at Compton Airport on October 1, 2022.

Commissioner Simmons mentioned that Fly Compton Aero Club graduated two young pilots.

### **Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee**

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee that was held as an in-person workshop on July 28, 2022, at Pacoima City Hall. Commissioner Antoon shared his perspective on the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meetings taking place.

### **Airport Marketing and Public Relations**

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Aviation Division continues to work with a consultant to assist with the development of the website.

Community and Government Relations Group Division within Public Works continues to work on the development of the Marketing Plan.

Chair Castagna and Vice-Chair Pascucci shared their thoughts and concerns regarding the development of the Marketing Plan.

### **D. Special Topics (s) – Replacing 100LL Avgas with Unleaded Alternative**

Mr. Morgan provided an update on steps that Aviation Division continues to take to introduce unleaded alternative Avgas to the airports.

Commissioner Mort inquired on the operation of the self-serve pump and suggested that a larger notice be placed when pumps are out of service.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

Four speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

### **IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 7 p.m.**

Chair Castagna adjourned at meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission