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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2024, 7 p.m.
San Gabriel Valley Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1670
(626) 448-6129

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Ryan Antoon
Vice-Chair Forouzan Golshani
Secretary Dennis Lord
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey Holloway

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Monique Earl
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Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Gilbert Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Ms. Rossana Testa, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Joey Amaro, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Duncan Thomas, Owner
Mr. Steve Argubright, Whiteman Airport
Mr. Clint Simmons, California Black Aviation Association
Mr. Patrick W. McCullough, Expo Neighbors
Mr. Sky N., San Gabriel Valley Airport Guest

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Antoon called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harvey Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the April 24, 2024, meeting

The minutes for the April 24, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Peter Amundson and seconded by Commissioner Holloway.

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

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a brief overview of San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 9 percent in the month of April 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 3 percent in the month of April 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

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.

At Brackett Field Airport, the Sewer Pump and Force Main Replacement Project is expected to begin later this year.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, design is currently underway for the reconstruction of approximately 14 acres of runway and taxiway pavement.

Airport Property Management

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs are scheduled for one of the Underground Storage Tanks for Avgas.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, Public Works is finalizing a new lease agreement for the development of aircraft storage hangars on the north apron area and will be presenting it to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the next few months.

At Whiteman Airport, plans are underway to replace the water fountain at the old terminal building. Public Works is evaluating the comprehensive process and costs to restore the nighttime instrument approaches at the airport. The Airport Layout Plan to consolidate the aircraft runup areas into a single midfield runup area has been updated for Federal Aviation Administration's review and final approval.

The approved contractors are expected to provide fueling services at General William J. Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airport in the month of June.

UL94 unleaded aviation gasoline is anticipated to be available for purchase at all five County airports soon. Permits are being obtained from Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District. Commissioners shared comments on the information presented.

At Compton/Woodley Airport and Whiteman Airport, a system has been installed to monitor and record all aircraft operations and is projected to be operational soon.

Airport Events and Activities

At Brackett Field Airport, the Aircraft Display Day was held on May 19, 2024.

On May 20, 2024, the City of Compton held a meeting at Compton/Woodley airport to discuss the City's disaster and emergency preparedness planning efforts. On May 30, 2024, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 will be participating in Compton Unified School District's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAMFest) event at Compton College. The celebration of the airport's 100th year anniversary will likely occur at the annual Airport Air Fair to be held later this year in October.

The annual Air Fair at San Gabriel Valley Airport was held on May 4, 2024.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 cancelled their Young Eagles event at Whiteman Airport on May 25, 2024, due to the Federal Aviation Administration's radar services not being available.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

The on-call consultant is finalizing the content for a new airports' website, which is estimated to go live in a few months. The annual customer service survey was sent to all tenants and users at each of the airports. Responses will be collected through June 15, 2024, and may be extended. Results will be presented at the June or August 2024, Aviation Commission meeting.

D. Airport Rents Study

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the airport rents and fees study reports and a detailed explanation on the aeronautical and non-aeronautical rental rates. Public Works is planning to make recommendations to the Board of

Supervisors to increase the non-aeronautical hangar storage rents to match fair market value tentatively in the month of July 2024. A request was sent to the Federal Aviation Administration to increase the non-aeronautical rental rates in increments.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

E. Update on the Restoration of the Historical Monument Recognizing the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet

Secretary Dennis Lord shared with the Commission a brief overview and update on the restoration of the historical monument.

F. Update on April 9, 2024, Board motion regarding “Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: Expanding Economic Opportunities”

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that Public Works and County’s Chief Executive Office will report back to the Board of Supervisors in the next few weeks regarding the April 9, 2024, Board motion. A copy of the written report will be shared with the Commission.

Commissioners discussed and shared comments on the information presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7 p.m.
at Brackett Field Airport
1615 McKinley Avenue
La Verne, CA 91750-5846**

Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lord, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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