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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION Virtual Meeting Minutes September 28, 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
Secretary Jeff Mort
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
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 August 31, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Mort. Motion passed 6 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.

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 August 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 August 2022, 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.

The Rents and Fees Study update for all 5 County airports has commenced. A workshop will be held for stakeholders and tenants to review and discuss information in the month of October 2022.

Mr. Maselbas provided an update to the Commission on the proposal for the Compton/Woodley Airport terminal building.

Airport Events and Activities

General William J. Fox Airfield continues to provide on-call nighttime fuel services to the US Forest Service.

The self-serve station at Compton Airport is still inoperable. Repairs are underway and completion is anticipated for next week.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the new Precision Approach Path Indicator was flight tested and certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The County retail fueling system at San Gabriel Valley Airport is still inoperable, however, a turbine replacement is scheduled for October 2022.

Designs for a compass rose and directional arrows are being prepared at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Installation of a new ventilation and air conditioning system for the terminal building will commence in October 2022, at Whiteman Airport.

The County is obtaining proposals to repair the entrance ramp and to paint the building at the Compton terminal building after sustaining damages from an accident.

The Janitorial Contract for all 5 County airports was amended. Additional services to cover regular cleaning of the hangar row restrooms has commenced.

A vehicle pedestrian deviation took place at Brackett Field Airport by a gas company employee who was conducting an inspection.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Public Works Aviation Division is currently advertising for the position of Airport Assistant Manager and Airport Service Worker.

San Gabriel Valley Airport and General William J. Fox Airfield served as cooling center locations at the request of the Los Angeles County office of Emergency Management.

On October 19, 2022, the city of La Verne Chamber of Commerce will host the Taste of La Verne at Brackett Field Airport.

On September 24, 2022, the Women in Aviation held their successful event at Compton Airport.

On October 22, 2022, the Compton Woodley Airport will host their 2022 Annual Air Fair.

The Covid-19 testing site at San Gabriel Airport has concluded after operating for two years.

The annual 2022 Air Fair and Car Show will be held at San Gabriel Valley Airport on October 2, 2022.

The Young Eagles held their event and provided flights to attending children at Whiteman Airport on September 24, 2022.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas provided an update on the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee and informed that there will be two community meetings in the month of November 2022, that will be held as an open house format.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the as needed consultant is finalizing the design of the website.

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

D. Special Topics (s) – Request for Proposals for Fueling Services

Mr. Morgan shared a PowerPoint with the Commission on the development of the proposal for fueling services at the 5 County airports. Commissioners made comments and suggestions pertaining to the proposed fueling services.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Chair Castagna adjourned at meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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