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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 24, 2010, MEETING  
El Monte Airport  
4233 Santa Anita Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731-1697**

## COMMISSIONERS

GEORGE G. BUTTS  
CHAIRMAN

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

PENELOPE CORNWALL  
MEMBER

ARON A. WOLF  
MEMBER

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman George G. Butts  
Vice Chairman Angelo R. Cardono  
Secretary Clinton Simmons  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase  
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander  
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord  
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall  
Commissioner Harvey Holloway

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

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

Mr. Diego Cadena, 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. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport  
Mr. Jason Morgan, Manager, Whiteman Airport  
Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck, Manager, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport

### GUESTS

Mr. Victor Mayen, American Emergency  
Mr. Jared Chacon, AC Flying  
Mr. Jack Kenton, Compton Airport users Group  
Mr. Gerald Butts  
Mr. Bill Logan, Whiteman Airport Association Group

Mr. Don Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association Group

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman George Butts called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman George Butts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**A. February 24, 2010, Minutes**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Angelo Cardono seconded by Commissioner Penelope Cornwall, the minutes of February 24, 2010, were approved with the following additions/corrections:

Page 3, Whiteman Airport will be hosting its third Challenge Air Fly-Day event on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

**B. American Airports - Project Manager's Report**

Mr. Scott Wardle reported on events at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield:

- One of the constant current regulators failed affecting 50 percent of the airfield lighting. A new regulator was ordered and scheduled to be installed within the next 30 days.
- The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots Annual poker run concluded at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield. A barbeque event was hosted with 100 participants.

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

- Phase 1 of the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project is nearly complete. Tiedowns, heli pads, and striping are scheduled to be complete within the next 2 weeks. The next tenant meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2010, at 6 p.m.
- 6 skylights were replaced on the hangars located at the north side of the field. In addition roof repairs were complete at the EAA building.
- The emergency staircase located at the east end of the administration building was replaced.
- Roof repairs were completed at the Tomorrows Aeronautical Museum building.

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Construction of the 5 commercial hangars adjacent to the U.S. Marshal's hangar is expected to be complete by summer 2010.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on March 18, 2010; this association currently has 410 active members. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2010, at 7 p.m.
- The third Challenge Air Fly-Day event scheduled for March 6, 2010, was cancelled and rescheduled for May 8, 2010.
- No accidents or incidents to report for the month of February 2010 at Whiteman Airport.
- The hangar vacancy rate has increased at Whiteman Airport. American Airports Corporation is currently advertising the vacancies throughout the airport and in local newspapers.

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

- Construction of the taxiway exit is moving forward, and this project is scheduled to be complete within the next 2 weeks.
- A new engine, water pump, tires, and a battery were installed in the rescue truck. The rescue truck is scheduled to return to service within the next couple of days.
- Bracket Field Airport hosted fire and first response training for airport staff members.
- Routine maintenance was performed on the airport's emergency generator.

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

- One of the 8 air compressors was replaced for the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system at the airport's terminal building.
- The airport fuel island and all single transient parking stalls were painted by the County for better visibility.
- The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association hosted a meeting on March 17, 2010. Guest speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Pope, gave a presentation titled Flying to Mexico and Canada.

- The taxiway construction project is near completion; a pre-final inspection was completed on Monday, March 22, 2010. Final inspection is expected to be complete in the upcoming week.
- The next San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010. The meeting presentation will focus on the new airport layout and recommendations for safety operations with the new taxiways.
- On Monday April 9, 2010, the El Monte Airport will be hosting its yearly fire extinguisher service event, and will begin collecting fire extinguishers on Monday April 12 through Sunday April 18, 2010.

**C. County Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith**

The Commission was provided copies of the February 2010 expense and revenue report, and Mr. Smith offered to answer any questions.

Commissioner Simmons inquired about February's expenses under Programs Development Division. Mr. Smith stated that Programs Development Division is currently handling monthly and quarterly reporting requirements for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant for the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project.

- The Annual customer service survey will be distributed to airport tenants by the end of March and will also be available on the Aviation Commission website.
- Mr. Smith provided the Commission with a copy of a letter from the Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics to Mr. Richard J. Bruckner, Director of the Department of Regional Planning, regarding a request to expedite the processing and approval of critical aeronautical infrastructure that consists of the installation of 6 antennas on an existing telecommunications tower located on Mount Wilson, CA. Commissioner Dennis Lord recommended drafting a letter to the Department of Regional Planning, in support to the request from the Division of Aeronautics.
- Equipment is ready to be installed for the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) project; FAA approval was received for El Monte Airport. Approval for the other 3 airports still pending.
- An advertisement package is being prepared for the Whiteman Airport aircraft parking ramp. The five-week advertisement is scheduled for March 30, 2010.
- A tenant meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 6, 2010, at 6 p.m. at Compton/Woodley Airport regarding the Pavement Rehabilitation project.

**D. El Monte Airport Items**

No additional items.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Bill Logan shared with the Commission a letter he submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding not increasing hangars and tie down rents at the County-owned airports.

Mr. Jack Kenton expressed his concern about the length of time it is taking to complete the pavement project at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Mr. Don Hagopian on behalf of The Whiteman Airport Association and its 410 members requested that Los Angeles County forgo the CPI increase this year.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Commissioner Dennis Lord provided the Commission a Report Study of Unsecured Property Taxes Affecting Tenants at Compton/Woodley Airport Report.

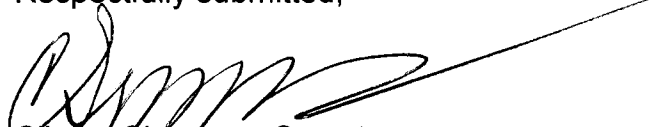
Mr. Richard Smith announced that Aviation Division's primary Project Coordinator Brendan O'Reilly accepted a position at Hayward Airport, and will be leaving his current position with the Department of Public Works. Mr. Smith also stated that Mr. Patrick DiLeva will be assuming Mr. O'Reilly's responsibilities upon his departure.

**IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 10 a.m.  
Whiteman Airport  
12653 Osborne Street  
Pacoima, CA 91331-2192  
(818) 896-5271**

Chairman George G. Butts adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clinton Simmons, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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