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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

**August 29, 2018, meeting
Compton/Woodley Airport
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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Clinton Simmons
Vice-Chairman Dennis Lord
Secretary Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Christina Pascucci

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard Smith, Aviation Division Chief
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION - AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Henry Roy, Compton/Woodley Airport, Tenant
Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association Brackett
Ms. Debra Gonzalez, Mission Flight El Monte
Mr. Donald Cooke, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Mr. Gary Golson, Compton/Woodley Airport, Tenant
Mr. Peris Meeks, United Team of Professionals in Aviation

GUESTS (Cont.)

Mr. Wilbur Owens, Compton/Woodley Airport, Tenant
Mr. Xavier Marshall, Compton/Woodley Airport, Tenant
Mr. Harry Reid, Compton/Woodley Airport, Tenant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clinton Simmons called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for June 27, 2018, were unanimously approved on a motion from Vice-Chairman Dennis Lord, seconded by Commissioner Harvey Holloway.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that American Airports Corporation is in the process of extending a 10-year lease to the current restaurant owner.

A third-party helicopter tenant at the airport would like to expand their business and inquired on leasing a hangar that is now available.

The terminal building parking lot pavement rehabilitation project is complete and the tree located west of the S-Row hangars was removed.

American Airports Corporation is working on a plan to remodel the interior of one of the Sheriff's buildings on the airport.

The Brackett Airmen Association hold their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and Display Day on the third Sunday of every month.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics West Coast will host their convention at the Fairplex from November 2, 2018 through November 4, 2018.

The Taste of La Verne event will be held on October 16, 2018, and the Annual Airport Open House will be held on October 20, 2018.

Hangar occupancy in the month of June was 85 percent, with 25 percent of the occupied hangars used for non-aviation storage purposes. In the month of July, hangar occupancy was 84 percent, with 25 percent of the occupied hangars used for non-aviation storage purposes.

Airport operations were up 1.5 percent for the month of June and up 1.5 percent in July as compared to the same months last year.

In the month of June, Avgas fuel sales were down 8.6 percent, and Jet A fuel sales were up 5 percent. In the month of July, Avgas fuel sales were down 8.6 percent and Jet A fuel sales were up 5 percent compared to the same months last year.

Electricity consumption was up .01 percent for the month of June and up 7.4 percent in the month of July as compared to the same month last year.

Water consumption was up 49.4 percent for the month of June and down 16 percent in the month of July as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Andrew Marino Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Repairs done to the vehicle access gate at the terminal building are complete and a new motherboard was installed on the exit gate at Orbital Way.

A galvanized pipe that services the CC-row restrooms located by Airpark Way was replaced and the emergency back-up generator is undergoing repairs.

On August 28, 2018, the annual Runway Safety Action Team meeting took place; no safety concerns were raised or new actions required.

The project to install speed bumps at four different locations on Airpark Way has commenced.

Mr. Marino reported that several dying trees that imposed a safety risk to the public were removed.

The Annual Whiteman Airport Open House will be held on September 22, 2018.

The annual summer BBQ for the Whiteman Airport Association members was held on Sunday, July 08, 2018. The next Whiteman Airport Association meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

On August 20, 2018, a tour of the airport was provided for the Tierra del Sol organization.

The next Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Day will be held on September 22, 2018, and the next Antique Aircraft Display Day will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Ninety-one percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 10.6 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 1 percent in the month of July as compared to the same month last year.

In the month of July, Avgas fuel sales were up 0.44 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 7.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption for the month of July was down 13.2 percent and water consumption was down 7.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Steve Irving Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items

Mr. Irving informed the Commission that airport staff continues to work on weed abatement throughout the airport.

The sprinkler system on the north side of the old Federal Aviation Administration building is being repaired and a riding lawn mower was purchased for airport staff to maintain the lawn on the airport.

An informational meeting with business tenants was held to address the upcoming runway pavement reconstruction project.

A 737-firefighting air tanker will be conducting their flight test at the airport on Monday, September 3rd through September 6th.

On September 12, 2018, the Fox Airfield Pilots Association will host a safety meeting and on September 8, 2018, they will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Barnes Aviation hangar.

The Youth in Aviation Day will be held at the terminal building on September 8, 2018.

Ninety-seven percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and no hangars are used for non-aviation purposes.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 11 percent as compared to the same month last year.

In the month of July, Avgas fuel sales were down 30 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 51 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Mr. Curioso reported to the Commission that the clarifier tanks at the wash racks were serviced and a new gate operator was installed at the south gate.

The Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Phase II project is scheduled to be completed on September 14, 2018.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and the San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane/Auto Display and Aircraft Swap Meet is held every fourth Sunday of the month.

The San Gabriel Valley Remote Control Association meets every fourth Thursday of the month and the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Hangar occupancy in the month of June was 94 percent, with 26 percent of the occupied hangars used for non-aviation storage purposes. In the month of July, hangar occupancy was 95 percent, with 27 percent of the occupied hangars used for non-aviation storage purposes.

Airport operations were down 8 percent for the month of June and down 7 percent in July as compared to the same months last year.

In the month of June, Avgas fuel sales were up 8 percent, and Jet A fuel sales were up 4 percent. In the month of July, Avgas fuel sales were down 28 percent and Jet A fuel sales were down 2 percent as compared to the same months last year.

Electricity consumption was down 8 percent for the month of June and down 3 percent for the month of July as compared to the same months last year.

Water consumption was down 58 percent for the month of June and down 16 percent for the month of July as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that airport staff repaired the pilot's lounge door and repaired 41 hangar security lights throughout the airport.

Airport staff replaced a wheel on the main gate and repainted the electrical box at the entrance of the airport.

On August 18, 2018, Tomorrows Aeronautical Museum held their Backpack Giveaway event and on August 25, 2018, the Experimental Aircraft Association held their Young Eagles event.

On August 18, 2018, a Cessna 182 overran runway 25L; damages to the airport were minor and no injuries were reported.

Hangar occupancy for the month of June and July was 99 percent, with 35 percent of the occupied hangars used for non-aviation storage purposes.

In the month of June, Avgas fuel sales were up 7.4 percent, and in the month of July, Avgas fuel sales were up 4.7 percent as compared to the same months last year.

Electricity consumption was down 17.2 percent for the month of June and down 14.8 percent for the month July as compared to the same months last year.

Water consumption was up 66 percent for the month of June and up 50.6 percent for the month of July as compared to the same months last year.

Commissioner Cornwall thanked American Airports Corporation for providing a copy of the manager's reports to the Commission and requested from AAC that the reports presented to the Commission by the airport managers have a uniform format.

C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the Following Items:

Mr. Smith re-introduced Ms. Christina Pascucci as the new Aviation Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Sheila Khuehl, 3rd District and Mr. Jeff Mort as the new Aviation Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District.

Copies of the June 2018 Expense and Revenue Report were presented to the Commission.

The reauthorization bill for the Federal Aviation Administration has moved forward and Mr. Smith expressed to the Commission the positive impact it could have on general aviation airports.

Mr. Smith briefed the Commission on a Department of Water and Power project for a reclaimed water tank that will be built on a hill close to Whiteman Airport. Mr. Smith explained to the Commission that Public Works is in the process of appraising the easement and reviewing the cost to direct the reclaimed water to Whiteman Airport.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that the Federal Aviation Administration made their decision on the Part 16 Complaint that was filed by a tenant at Brackett Field Airport. The decision was in favor of the County; therefore, the County has no obligation to renew the lease.

Commissioner Simmons allowed Mr. Winn Williams of the Port Hangar Association to provide comment. He expressed his concerns with the information that the County provided to the FAA and his disagreement with the final decision.

Mr. Smith updated the Commission on a request for proposal that will be re-issued by American Airports Corporation to redevelop the old entrance at Whiteman Airport and at Brackett Field Airport there is an interest in a fixed-operator development at the north ramp area site where a flight school currently operates.

D. Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Chairman Simmons expressed his concerns to Mr. Smith regarding runway 25L/7R and explained that the new design poses safety concerns on the runway since the extensions were removed as part of the recent project. Mr. Smith explained that the pattern changed, but the runway is safe.

Vice-Chairman Lord informed fellow Commissioners of an article that he wrote in a publication for the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 96. This article explains the history of the Compton Runway Rehabilitation project. He also mentioned that a meeting was held with representatives of the EAA and other airport tenants to address concerns regarding the project.

Vice-Chairman Lord encouraged airport pilots to come together and come up with safety practices for the airport and users.

Chairman Simmons and Vice-Chairman Lord continued a discussion regarding the runway project.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Meeks, Compton Airport Tenant, expressed to the Commission his concerns regarding the lack of communication between the County and the airport tenants. Mr. Meeks addressed the areas of the runway project where he and tenants have concerns. Vice-Chairman Lord addressed Mr. Meeks' concerns.

Ms. Gonzalez, Mission Flight member, provided a summary to the Commission on their activities in the San Gabriel Valley Airport. Ms. Gonzalez also shared photos with the Commission and thanked Mr. Curioso for assisting with meeting locations and support.

Mr. Reid, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant, addressed the Commission with his concern regarding the debris that the helicopters spread when landing and taking off. He also expressed his concern with not having access to the wash rack.

Mr. Roy, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant, expressed his concerns with the lack of communication with the tenants and their inability to provide their input prior to the construction. Mr. Roy also addressed his concern with the lack of available parking for the community when attending events at the airport.

Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association invited the Commissioners to come out to Brackett Field Airport to see their portable hangars.

Mr. Golson, Compton/Woodley Airport tenant, stated his concerns with the results of the runway project. Mr. Golson shared his gratitude with the Commission. He complimented Compton/Woodley Airport for being one of the best airports, and complimented Mr. Diaz and airport staff for a great job at managing and maintaining the airport.

Vice-Chairman Lord made an announcement regarding an event that is taking place in San Pedro and asked pilots to be cautious when flying this weekend. He mentioned if possible, stay away from the harbor since F-18s will be flying in the area.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 7 p.m.
at General William F. Fox Airfield
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Amundson, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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