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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

January 24, 2018, meeting
Brackett Field Airport
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COMMISSIONERS

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MEMBER

STEVE A. WEEKS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Clinton Simmons
Vice-Chairman Dennis Lord
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Steve A. Weeks

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson

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. Pete Lonctaux, Manager, Brackett Field 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. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association
Mr. Gil Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Jeff Strouse, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clinton Simmons called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman George G. Butts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the November 29, 2017, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Vice-Chairman Lord, seconded by Commissioner Weeks.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on American Airports Corporation Items

LED lighting will be installed along the perimeter fence as upgrades to the security lighting system continue throughout all five County airports.

Only one request for proposals for the south hangar at San Gabriel Valley Airport was received. AAC is working with the potential tenant on the lease terms.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that American Airports Corporation will gradually begin to increase the fuel prices at the airports.

Mr. Andrew Marino Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Mr. Marino informed the Commission that emergency fire-fighting crews utilized the airport while fighting the recent Creek Fire at Hansen Dam.

A 20-foot section of water pipe was replaced at the hangars on the north side of the airport, and the last non-aviation tenant was relocated; as a result, Row F is now occupied by aviation tenants.

The annual County inspections will commence on March 2018, and the prospective restaurant operator is still interested in leasing the available space and will soon present a proposition.

On December 8, 2017, the annual Santa Claus Fly-In took place at the airport, and on December 14, 2018, the airport association held their annual party.

On May 13, 2018, a commemorative United States mail flight will be held, and Whiteman Airport will be the first route stop.

Ninety-one percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 13 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales are up 14.3 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales are consistent compared to last year's aircraft operations on the airport that were up 11.3 percent.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

The self-serve fuel pump on the northside of the airport was repaired.

On December 16, 2017, the San Gabriel Valley Airport held its annual holiday event.

Forty hangars at the airport are vacant, and 19 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation.

Avgas fuel sales were up 46 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 13 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that the Runway and Taxiway Rehabilitation project is in progress; removal of asphalt is complete, and a new sewer line were added to the existing lines.

Upgrade to the security lighting system is complete; and LED lighting was installed along the perimeter fence.

The Young Eagles will host its Rally event on January 27, 2018.

The Compton/Woodley Airport Association held a telephone conference to discuss details pertaining to the upcoming open house.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 35 are used for non-aviation. Avgas fuel sales are down 11 percent, year to date.

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

The Fire Department utilized the airport during the emergency fire operations in the month of December 2017 and conducted a fire inspection on January 23, 2018.

Mr. Irving provided the Commission with information on the upcoming air show and parking for the event days.

Avgas fuel sales are up 11 percent, and Jet-A sales were up 1,118 percent compared to the same month last year, year to date. There are three vacant hangars, and no hangars are used for non-aviation. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 18 percent, compared to last year.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that the Antelope Valley College will be a new tenant at the airport as of March 2018.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Mr. Lonctaux reported that repairs to stop leaks in the water main at the airport are complete, and the lighting on the north side of the airport had a relay that was repaired.

The 99's are repainting the airport identifiers located in front of the terminal building.

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

On February 10 and 11, 2018, the Civil Air Patrol will host a Search And Rescue EXercise event on the airport.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics West Coast Convention will be held at the Fairplex and will involve some air space activity; a meeting will be held on January 24, 2018, to discuss the event.

Eighty-five percent of the aircraft hangars are occupied, and 25 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage purposes.

Avgas fuel and Jet-A fuel sales were consistent, compared to last year. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 1.2 percent, compared to last year.

Mr. Lonctaux provided the Commission with a summary of the marketing fund expenditures that took place in the month of November 2017.

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

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with copies of the December 2017 Expense and Revenue Report and provided an explanation to Commissioner Weeks on the increase on the interest revenue.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that Commissioner Butts was presented with a service award for Chairing the Aviation Commission in 2017.

The annual U.S. Contract Tower Association report is now available. Mr. Smith offered an electronic copy to those interested.

- **Capital Project Updates**

Mr. Smith provided a summary of capital projects taking place at all five County-owned airports and a fact sheet with capital project information.

Mr. Smith and the Commission held a brief discussion pertaining to the Catalina Island Airport.

D. County Airports Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure Draft Policy

Chairman Simmons informed the Commission that a vote on the draft policy would not take place at the meeting. Mr. Smith informed the Commission that the draft policy was distributed to the airport managers with instructions to distribute to airport associations. Whiteman Airport management did not distribute the draft policy as instructed. Additional time will be given in an effort to collect comments from the Whiteman tenants and any others.

Commissioner Castagna provided a detailed explanation on the draft policy. Commissioner Cornwall expressed her feedback on the policy.

E. Brackett Field Airport Items

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association, requested that the association be allowed to remain at Brackett Field Airport.

Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association, shared with the Commission that the Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure Draft Policy has a negative approach on hangars. Mr. Lopez also shared that the hangars located on the north side of the San Gabriel Valley Airport have the same structure as a permanent hangar just placed on asphalt instead of concrete. Mr. Lopez also suggested that hangar rents should be lowered to attract aviation tenants, and that airport associations be included in the fate of hangars.

Mr. Jeff Strouse, San Gabriel Valley Association, requested that action be taken on the addition of security cameras to the airport's perimeter. Mr. Smith provided an update on the camera system and briefly explained the County's protocol when adding cameras.

Mr. Gil Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Association, expressed his concern with the lack of input and inclusion from the pilots when developing the Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure Draft Policy. Mr. Viramontes added that defining what a portable hangar is and knowing the destination of the hangars once removed should be included in the policy. Mr. Viramontes requested that airport association leaders be part of the meetings when policies affecting the airport are created.

Chairman Simmons stated that the Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure Draft Policy was distributed to the airport managers in the month of December. Managers were asked to distribute the draft policy to airport leadership. Airport leadership and interest parties had the opportunity to provide comments and feedback to the Commission pertaining to the Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure Draft Policy.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 10 a.m.
at Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3528
(310) 631-8140**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton Simmons, Chairman
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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