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AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 24, 2010, MEETING
Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3599**

COMMISSIONERS

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MEMBER

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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

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Aron A. Wolf

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

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. Bill Logan, Whiteman Airport
Mrs. Ruth Logan, Whiteman Airport

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Angelo Cardono led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. **January 27, 2010, Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes on a motion by Vice Chairman Angelo Cardono seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander.

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

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

- One of the largest international flight-training operations from Bakersfield has relocated to General Wm. J. Fox Field. This event has a positive impact to the airport's fuel sales.
- General Wm. J. Fox Airfield hosted a small photo shoot at the beginning of February, 2010. The photo shoot did not have an impact on airport operations.

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

- Construction of the taxiway exit has been delayed due to poor weather conditions. Rehabilitation of the pavement at the north side of Runway 8L/26R is scheduled for March 2, 2010.
- Phase 1 of the Pacific Sunrise Hangar Construction project is complete; Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in the upcoming weeks.
- Airport operations staff is currently repairing hangar roof leaks. Mr. Fox-Tuck is also encouraging tenants to please report any hangar problems to airport operations for assessment and repairs.
- The replacement of the secondary containment leak detector for one of the fuel tanks is complete.
- A new engine will be installed on the 200 GMC Sierra rescue truck. The service is scheduled for completion by mid-March 2010. The airport's secondary rescue truck will be fully operational and ready to respond in the meantime.
- A lease agreement was signed by City of Industry to occupy the 1889 McKinley building, formally known as Eagle Helicopters. This new tenant will be housing helicopters from the County of Los Angeles' Sheriff's Department Aero Bureau.

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Construction of the five-commercial hangars adjacent to the U.S. Marshal's hangar is expected be completed by summer 2010.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on February 18, 2010. Next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010, at 7 p.m.
- Whiteman Airport will be hosting its third Challenge Air Fly-Day event on Saturday, March 6, 2010.
- The City of Los Angeles has installed new traffic lights by the main entrance to the airport. This is causing traffic flow problems when entering and exiting the airport.
- Whiteman Airport currently has 15 available hangars for rent.

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

- The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association hosted a meeting on February 17, 2010. Guest speaker, Dr. Phillips, gave a presentation titled, Keeping your Medical.
- The airport's beacon tower was painted, and obstruction lighting was installed per recommendation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- The taxiway construction project is a 60-day project, which should be completed by mid-March 2010. A daily Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) was issued for runway closure from Monday, March 1, 2010, through Friday, March 5, 2010, from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tenants and businesses were notified, and information has been posted throughout the airport.
- The next San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010, at 7 p.m. The meeting presentation will be titled Flying to Mexico.

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

- Phase 1 of the Compton/Woodley Airport Pavement Rehabilitation project is nearly complete. The prime coat will be laid when there is no rain in the forecast.
- Tenants affected by Phase 2 of the project were notified that March 1, 2010, is the last day to relocate from their hangars until Phase 2 is completed.

- Upgrades to the restrooms located on Hangar Row N are ongoing; new sinks, toilets, and mirrors were installed.
- Skylights will be replaced in some of the hangars, and leaks issues are being addressed by airport operations.
- Compton/Woodley Airport was no vacant hangars, and the airport's rental demand continues to increase.

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

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

Commissioner Simmons inquired about January expenses under Geotechnical Services, Road Maintenance, and Contract Administration. Mr. Smith stated that the Geotechnical and Road Maintenance Divisions have supported various projects at Brackett Field and Whiteman Airports. Mr. Smith also stated that the Aviation Division is currently fully staffed; therefore, charges under Contract Administration are higher than previous years.

- Mr. Smith announced that the Aviation Division has been approached by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) who is looking for a site to install a one-million-gallon water tank on the hilltop east of Whiteman Airport. The Aviation Division and the LADWP have been meeting to review site options and how to move this project forward.
- Equipment was delivered and is ready to be installed for the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) project, pending FAA approval of the Notice of Proposed Construction, 7460 form.
- The Taxiway Development project at El Monte Airport is progressing very quickly. Runway closures are scheduled for the week of March 1, 2010, through March 5, 2010, to install runway edge-lighting and striping.
- An advertisement package is being prepared for the Whiteman Airport aircraft parking ramp. The five-week advertisement is scheduled for March 30, 2010, and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010.

D. Compton/Woodley Airport Items

No additional items.

E. City of Compton Property Tax

Commissioner Dennis Lord informed the Commission that the study on unsecured property tax affecting tenants of Compton/Woodley Airport is complete.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Ruth Logan presented a thank-you award to Mr. Jason Morgan for his hard work and support to the San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots.

OTHER ITEMS

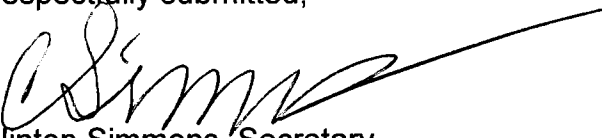
Chairman George Butts presented former Chair Penelope Cornwall with an award commemorating her first term as Chair of the Aviation Commission and for her invaluable services since 2006.

IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 10 a.m.
El Monte Airport
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Chairman George G. Butts adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clinton Simmons, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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