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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2023, 7 p.m.
Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3528
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COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
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MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

DENNIS LORD
MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

VACANT
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Christina Pascucci
Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon
Secretary Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Jeff Mort

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Bishop L.J. Guillory, City of Compton Public Safety Commission
Mr. Robert Cullinan, Compton/Woodley Airport Guest
Mr. William Pass, Compton/Woodley Airport Guest
Mr. Wilbur Owens, Compton/Woodley Airport Guest
Ms. Minerva Miranda, Compton/Woodley Airport Guest
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Clint Simmons, California Black Aviation Association
Mr. Edward Story, California Pilots Association
Mr. Henry Roy, California Black Aviation Association
Mr. Peris Meeks, Compton/Woodley Airport Guest

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christina Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jeff Mort led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the June 28, 2023, meeting

The minutes for the June 28, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Dennis Lord and seconded by Secretary Forouzan Golshani.

B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report

Chair Pascucci informed the Commission that Commissioner Justine Johnson resigned from the Aviation Commission and there is a vacancy in Supervisorial District 2.

Mr. Maselbas provided the Commission a brief overview of Compton/Woodley Airport.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 4 percent in the months of June and July 2023, as compared to the same two months last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports in the months of June and July 2023, were down 14 percent from the previous months, as compared to the same two months 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.

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the final draft of the Pavement Management Program was reviewed last week and the Rents and Fees Study update for all five County airports is expected to complete in the next couple of weeks.

A virtual meeting was held on May 25, 2023, for the Compton/Woodley Airport design project for the new terminal building. An on-call consultant updated the project website, www.newcomptonterminal.com, for stakeholders to submit comments.

Airport Property Management

At Brackett Field Airport, the self-service fuel dispensers were inoperable on August 20–21, 2023, due to the tropical storm event, and resumed service two days later.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs were made to the central vehicle access gate adjacent to the terminal building. Repairs are underway for the airport beacon light and Precision Approach Path Indicator lights.

On July 25, 2023, there was a fire in the Agua Dulce area that was extinguished by the United States Forest Service.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the County self-serve Avgas fuel dispensers are still out of service and fuel is provided by Billion Air Aviation. On August 8, 2023, there was a Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation with an airport tenant. The Precision Approach Path Indicator lights were inoperable on August 25, 2023, and were repaired on August 30, 2023.

At Whiteman Airport, bullet proof glass was installed at the Airport Traffic Control Tower on August 17, 2023.

Cooling Centers were available at General William J. Fox Airfield, San Gabriel Valley Airport, and Whiteman Airport during the months of July and August 2023.

Qualified proposals for the Request for Proposals to provide full-serve and self-serve fueling services at General William J. Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airport were received, recommended contractors were identified, and on-site walk-throughs of the facilities will be scheduled with the recommended contractors soon.

Airport Events and Activities

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association will not be hosting their 85th anniversary event at Brackett Field Airport due to budgetary issues.

Compton/Woodley Airport will host the Girls in Aviation Day event on September 23, 2023, and the Airport Air Fair on October 28, 2023.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, Mission Flight's SOAR event was held on August 13, 2023. The Air Fair and Auto Show is postponed from October 1, 2023, to March 3, 2024, to allow for additional planning.

At Whiteman Airport, the Jasmin Khan Foundation Senior Day event was held on August 12, 2023. The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 provided flights to 80 kids at their Young Eagles event on July 22, 2023, and 100 kids at their August 26, 2023, event.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that Public Works is still reviewing the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport report that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The final report will be shared with the Commission.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

The on-call planning consultant completed the review for the draft updates for the airports website and are finalizing the plan to engage airport stakeholders to solicit input. The interview questions and outreach process are being finalized and will arrange for individual and group meetings soon.

D. Update from Aviation Commission Subcommittee – Neighborhood Outreach and Airport Stakeholder Engagement

Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon provided an update and will forward the email to the Commission members to provide comments from any stakeholders who may be interested in the outreach program.

E. Proposal to have Future Aviation Commission Meetings in a Hybrid Meeting Format

Mr. Maselbas presented to the Commission that there may be a cheaper alternative to having Internal Services Department conduct the technology aspect at \$40,000 per year. The Commissioners asked that the updated cost, if a lower cost option is possible, be provided at the next Commission meeting. The Commissioners also discussed allowing the public to submit statements by email that would be read aloud at the Commission meetings. Some concerns were expressed about the potential volume of email comments that might be received and about anonymous public comment.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7 p.m.
at General William J. Fox Airfield
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401**

Chair Pascucci adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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