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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting
June 29, 2022, at 7 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

CURT CASTAGNA
CHAIR

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
VICE-CHAIR

JEFF MORT
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
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RYAN ANTOON
MEMBER

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MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Curt Castagna
Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci
Secretary Jeff Mort
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul H. Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Five attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Curt Castagna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the May 25, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani. Motion passed 9 to 0.

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

Mr. Maselbas provided the Commission with a copy of the Expense and Revenue Report. Mr. Maselbas provided a detailed explanation on the expenditures and revenues noted on the report.

Mr. Maselbas provided an explanation on the budget timeline and the rates and study report that was conducted in 2020. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information that Mr. Maselbas presented.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for Brackett Field Airport, General William J. Fox Airfield, Whiteman Airport, and San Gabriel Valley Airport were up 10 percent in the month of May 2022, as compared to the same month last year. Compton/Woodley Airport does not have an Airport Traffic Control Tower; therefore, an official traffic count is not available.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were up 10 percent in the month of May 2022, as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission the occupancy report for each airport.

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. Morgan informed the Commission on pavement management program for the 5 County airports. This project is partially funded by the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program.

Airport Events and Activities

New computers were installed in the pilot lounge at all County airports to be used for flight planning purposes.

A temporary air conditioning unit was installed at Compton Airport and a temporary unit is in place at Whiteman Airport. The permanent replacements will be installed as soon as practicable.

Business Relations and Contracts Division will be assisting Aviation Division with efforts to add additional services to cover regular cleaning of the hangar row restrooms to the current janitorial contract.

On June 17, 2022, at Compton Airport, an aircraft gear-up landing took place, no injuries and minor damage to the runway lighting.

At Whiteman Airport, sixteen aircraft storage units will be reverting to the County effective July 1, 2022.

The Whiteman Airport Association hosted the annual open house event on June 25, 2022.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee that was held virtually on June 23, 2022, and informed that the next CAC meeting will be an in-person workshop on July 28, 2022, at Pacoima City Hall.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Aviation Division continues to work with a consultant to assist with the development of the website. New website draft should be available in September 2022.

Community and Government Relations Group Division within Public Works will commence work on the development of the Marketing Plan.

Commissioner Simmons shared his comments regarding the new terminal building and the need of weed abatement at the airports.

Vice-Chair Pascucci thanked everyone involved with the success of the Whiteman Airport annual open house.

D. Special Topics (s) – Replacing 100LL Avgas with Unleaded Alternative

Mr. Morgan provided an update on steps that Aviation Division continues to take to introduce unleaded alternative Avgas to the airports.

E. Letters from Congressman Tony Cárdenas regarding Whiteman Airport

Mr. Maselbas shared with the Commission a letter that Supervisor Holly Mitchell sent to Congressman Tony Cárdenas. He also shared a letter that the Federal Aviation Administration provided to Congressman Cárdenas.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Chair Castagna adjourned at meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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