

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AIRPORTS COMMISSION MEETING  
May 22, 2014**

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Airports Commission was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Commissioner Larry Asmus. Meeting location: Department of Airports, 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

**Commission Members Present:**

Larry Asmus  
Jim Bagley  
Roy C. Cox

**Commission Members Absent:**

Ray Marquez, Chair  
Mark Taylor, Vice Chair  
Bob Cable  
William Smith

**Staff Present:**

James E. Jenkins, Director of Airports  
Terry Stover, Assistant Director of Airports  
Robert Cayce, Airport Operations Manager  
Rikki Vahovick, Staff Analyst II  
Carrie Hyke  
Steve Mintle & Jeff Laass  
Nicole Leyden, Secretary 1  
Gailyn Watson, Secretary 1

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**Visitors Present:**

Bob Velker  
Doug Crowther & Tom Bressan  
Bill Landers

Outreach  
Threshold Aviation Group  
Alliance Int'l Aviation

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Commissioner Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report on Posting of Agenda:**

Mr. James Jenkins reported that the agenda was posted, as required.

**Awards, Guest Introductions and Announcements:**

Mr. James Jenkins briefly introduced the staff and visitors that were present.

**Action Items:**

Due to the lack of a quorum, no actions were taken and remain pending until the next meeting.

**Commissioners Reports/Comments:**

Commissioner Bagley commented that he had enjoyed the Chino Airshow and heard many compliments regarding the Chino Airport staff and their efforts in helping to make the show a success.

Commissioner Cox stated that the Rialto Airport closure is continuing toward the June 30<sup>th</sup> closure.

Commissioner Asmus stated that he had heard that there was a power failure at Chino Airport and asked for a confirmation and update regarding the current status. Mr. Cayce reported that, yes, there is currently a power failure with reports that it encompasses the entire airport, but does not have details at this time. Mr. Jenkins relayed that the airport's essential operations are on backup generators.

**Public Comments:**

Bill Landers with Alliance International Aviation thanked the Department for finalizing their lease. They are continuing to grow and look forward to the opportunity of more space at Chino Airport. Threshold Aviation representatives also commented on the success of the airshow. A brief discussion regarding airshow related events ensued.

**Discussion Item:** Fire Suppression/Fire Response at TNP

Mr. Jenkins provided information as related to the requirements regarding the installation of pump for Twentynine Palms Airport (TNP) fire suppression. Commissioner Bagley commented that he has observed that the fire extinguisher is available for use. A discussion ensued regarding possible viable alternative options for fire suppression at TNP.

**Information Item:** 2014-15 Budget Overview Presentation

Mr. Jenkins provided a hand out of the Airports 2014-15 Requested Budget Summary for review and will calendar a workshop to answer any questions you may have. He stated that we are balanced and will be able to make our commitments.

Mr. Jenkins provided information regarding the facilities that will be going out for a Solicitation of Proposal (SOP). The facilities will require improvements for fire suppression and will be included in the SOP. There are a few individuals interested in these facilities, including the Yancey's who are hoping to relocate to Chino from Rialto. He gave a brief history of the individuals currently in these locations and stated that they will also be provided the opportunity to complete the SOP process, should they desire to remain in the hangars.

An update on the Town of Apple Valley and their desire to take over the Apple Valley Airport was provided. The town is currently in an information gathering phase and has requested information from the county for past airport records. Mr. Jenkins stated that the county would like to retain the airport as part of the system of airports; however, a final decision on the county's position will not be made until all information has been reviewed. Updated information will be provided, as it becomes available. Commissioner Asmus asked that the subject become a part of all future Airport Commission meetings, until the issue has been resolved.

**Director's Reports:****Capital Improvement Program:**

Carrie Hyke provided a hand out and a brief overview of FAA fundable projects for the DofA, to include the APV design project for the rehabilitation of the Runway 18/36 and to reconfigure the taxiways. Chino Airport project is for pavement management update and the rehab of the northwest apron. Twentynine Palms and Needles airports both require updated Airport Layout Plans.

**Board of Supervisors Activity:**

No new business to discuss.

**Real Estate:**

Terry Stover briefed on the current status of the 29 Soaring Club and stated that the club is still proposing to operate off of the taxiway, as they had done in the past. Cal Trans stated that they will be required to operate off of the runway and relayed the pattern of operations. They will also be required to post their operation hours and procedures.

**Finance:**

Mr. Jenkins provided the history related to the Chino Plume, the expenses incurred and method of paying those expenses, from 1990 to 2007, when Risk Management became involved. The

capital program expenses include the napalm and radium dial clean up at Chino Airport. In 2008 we also became responsible for paying the bond for the commercial hangar complex at Chino Airport. Mr. Jenkins relayed that the insurance money reimbursements have not been being received, very little at least and very untimely. Resultantly the DofA is in a cash flow crises in the capital program, making it impossible to meet the required FAA grant match dollars. The county administrator's office has been made fully aware of this situation. Operationally, the DofA balances and even are able to put money into reserves; however, the capital monies have been depleted, due to carrying the full burden of these expenses.

Mr. Jenkins shared some possible new interests in Chino Airport that sound very promising. Things are moving forward with the commercial hangar complex at Chino Airport and those possible changes look promising, as well.

**Monthly Reports:**

Terry Stover shared information regarding the California Aviation Day and referred to the photos in the packet. He stated that the attendance was twice as much as the previous year. The meeting is held in Sacramento and is an opportunity to reach out to the State Assembly and provide a positive awareness of the importance of aviation.

**Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Barstow-Daggett Airport, 39500 Nation Trails Hwy., Daggett, CA 92327

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Asmus at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Asmus  
Airports Commission

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James E. Jenkins, Director  
Department of Airports

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Gailyn Watson, Secretary 1  
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