

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AIRPORTS COMMISSION MEETING
January 23, 2014

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Airports Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Mark Taylor. Meeting location: Department of Airports, 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

Commission Members Present:

Mark Taylor, Vice Chair
Larry Asmus
Jim Bagley
Bob Cable
Roy C. Cox
William Smith

Commission Members Absent:

Ray Marquez, Chair

Staff Present:

James E. Jenkins, Director of Airports
Terry L. Stover, Assistant Director of Airports
Robert Cayce, Airport Operations Manager
Rikki Vahovick, Staff Analyst II
Nicole Leyden, Secretary 1
Bob Velker, Community Outreach

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Visitors Present:

Steve Mintle
Jeff Laass
Bill Landers
Shanling Yang
Jerry Chen
Curtis Walker
Chuck McCormick
Curt Ingraham
Dan Taylor
Sheri Davis
Mike Kreeger
Tom Bressan

Real Estate Services
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Alliance International Aviation/A.I.A.
Soaring America
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Eagle Nest I
Parsons Brinckerhoff
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Inland Empire Filming Commission
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Chino Valley Fire District
Threshold Aviation Group

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Taylor.

Report on Posting of Agenda:

James Jenkins stated that the agenda had been posted late due to illnesses within the Department and that the Clerk of the Board was notified of the date of posting.

Awards, Guest Introductions and Announcements:

The guests introduced themselves and provided their connection/interest with the Department of Airports (DofA).

Action Items:

The schedule for the 2014 Airports Commission meeting was completed and read. A motion was carried to approve by Commissioner Bagley, seconded by Commissioner Asmus and approved by a roll call vote.

A motion was carried by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Asmus and passed by a roll call vote to approve the Airports Commission Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2014, as presented.

Discussion Item: Twentynine Palms Soaring Club

Mr. Jenkins presented information relayed to safety concerns regarding the 29 Palms Soaring Club. Observations of concern were reported by a Department of Airports (DofA) staff member, followed by a few others who expressed concern and finally an individual who wrote a letter outlining his concerns. Based on the observations observed by DofA and the concerns of others, it was determined to shut down all activities of the Soaring Club. A courtesy call was made to the club, followed by a letter to cease and desist all activities. They will have to satisfy the DofA, through the F.A.A., that what they are doing meets the Part 91 test. Anything outside of Part 91 will require a permit by the DofA, once a determination has been made that the requested operations are safe. It was also reported that the club had been performing commercial operations, such as "flights for hire". They are required to obtain a business permit for any commercial activities. Some history of the 29 Palms Soaring Club was provided by Commissioner Bagley, who had once been involved with the club. Mr. Jenkins added that the DofA will be making an adjustment in the current schedule to provide coverage on the weekend to further monitor any activities that may continue. Legal will become involved if the necessity should arise.

Commissioners Reports/Comments:

Commissioner Smith complemented Commissioner Cable on the success of the Cable Airshow. Commissioner Cable stated that they did receive the largest amount of dollars in the history of their airshow.

Commissioner Cox shared the information he has received regarding the closure of Rialto Airport.

Commissioner Taylor asked for an update to the request to become involved with the "International Council of Airshows" (ICAS), Mr. Stover replied that he has joined. Commissioner Taylor also asked for an update regarding the opening of the restaurant at Apple Valley Airport. Mr. Stover relayed that they have decided to make more renovations, which they were initially not going to do, thus prolonging the opening.

Public Comments:

Curtis Walker stated that he was attending the meeting as the representative of the Eagles Nest 1 group that has taken over the lease of hangar B-170 at Chino Airport.

Bill Landers stated that he attends the meeting in an effort to stay updated with items that concern Chino Airport, and especially his lease for hangar A-230.

Information Item:

Dan Taylor and Sheri Davis of the Inland Empire Filming Commission were introduced by Terry Stover. Handouts regarding the commission were disseminated. Sheri Davis provided an overview of her duties, as relays to promoting the Inland Empire to bring filming to the area. Dan Taylor discussed the value of filming in the area and the economic impact it provides. A question regarding a decline in filming in California was posed. Dan Taylor confirmed that there has been a steady decline since the mid to late 90's due to tax incentives provided by other states and countries. The Inland Empire is still getting a lot of commercials, still photography and independents. What we are losing are the feature films. A discussion regarding the importance of supporting a tax incentive bill and educating our elected government officials on the importance of keeping the filming industry in California. It was relayed that there are forty-one filming commissions in California and they all work together to find locations that will work for specific filming requests. It was explained that the main focus of the filming commission is to make it as easy as possible to shoot in our local areas, by coordinating permits, finding the right location for the shoot and offering whatever incentives they can, such as working with hotels

and rental car providers for reduction in rates, etc. Mr. Stover referred to the article by the San Bernardino Sun "Inland Empire Plays Living Role in Film Production" provided for their review.

Director's Reports:

Capital Improvement Program: We just finished up the major effort over the past year of the Apple Valley Fuel Facility and the Barstow-Daggett lighting project. We are going after Federal dollars with capital improvement processes for infrastructural projects for the airports. The Runway Safety Action group met recently at Chino Airport and possible safety improvements at CNO that they may be able to assist with funding. There were some items that they would like added to our ACIP, so that has been amended to include the projects that the F.A.A. was looking for. We are hopeful to see monies by as early as spring to fall.

Mr. Jenkins requested Chuck McCormick and Curt Ingraham of Parsons Brinckerhoff to provide an update on the storm water system at Chino Airport. Mr. McCormick relayed that after working with the City of Chino for five years, they have finally signed the off the plans for the storm water crossing, so they will now be provided to A&E with the county to advertise for construction. Mr. Jenkins believes the project will be underway before the end of this fiscal year.

The DOA has dollars set aside for the CNO pavement improvement projects.

Apple Valley Airport will require obstruction lights on the mountain ranges east and west of the crosswind, so that we can illuminate the runway at night. Three scopes of work have been approved for pavement projects at APV. There are also plans for a new maintenance facility at APV.

The plan for Baker is to patent the property that is on a BLM lease.

Twentynine Palms will acquire storage facilities.

The fire suppression ponds project at Chino Airport is anticipated to move forward with federal dollars in the fall to remove the ponds and connecting to city water to provide fire suppression at the commercial hangar complex.

Board of Supervisors Activity: Easements for SCE were granted to provide electrical energy service to the groundwater extraction wells on the Chino Airport. The board will authorize issuance of a purchase order for \$25,000 to pay for emergency repairs at hangar #1 at Chino Airport that resulted from the incident of 6/13/13.

Real Estate: Steve Mintle discussed the revert back to county ownership of hangars in B-340 at Chino Airport. He stated that we currently have about twenty-five short term leases that they are working on since the beginning of the year.

Mr. Jenkins discussed the eviction order that has been provided to Encore in commercial hangar #1 at Chino Airport.

Mr. Jenkins relayed that Inland Valley Aviation has not, as yet, executed their lease; however they are making their payments.

Mr. Jenkins discussed the problems concerning buildings B-297 and B-350, also at Chino Airport, which are coming up for reversion/expiration.

Finance: Threshold is continuing to pay since July and there is a plan for repayment from the past delinquencies. Mr. Jenkins discussed budget projections, goals and adjustments going into the second quarter.

Monthly Reports: Rob Cayce was asked to discuss the items he provided in his monthly report.

Mr. Jenkins introduced Dr. Jerry Chen and Dr. Shanling Yang of Soaring America to provide some background and future plans for Soaring America at Chino Airport. Soaring America Corp. is a private general aviation engineering company. In October last year they acquired Mooney Aircraft, based in Texas. Dr. Chen, after living in California for seventeen years, has been looking for a location for a second home for the company in California and after much looking, has opened their location at Chino Airport. Dr. Chen is involved in engineer research and is working on developing technologies to modernize Mooney aircraft. Soaring America is expanding the brand name of Mooney and also doing aircraft design and manufacturing for both the United States and international worldwide markets for new aircraft design. Besides aircraft

manufacturing, Soaring America has plans to expand their operations to include training of both pilots and mechanics that specialize in Mooney aircraft. Overall, they are anticipating huge growth and hope to contribute, not only to Chino Airport, but the surrounding communities. They have already outgrown their current location on the north side of the airport and have subleased a small area of commercial hangar #4 on the south side of the airport. It was further stated that they will be looking for a long term lease to develop land west of the commercial hangars to meet the demands of future growth.

Mr. Jenkins relayed that the current county processes do not move quickly enough to meet the anticipated needs. He asked the commissioners to think about this information, especially considering the possibility of great economic rewards with a project of this size, and consider discussing this with our Supervisors.

Mr. Jenkins pointed out ALUC Conference information that is included in the packets and stated that he would pay for two commissioners to attend. Please review the information and advise if you would like to attend.

Mr. Jenkins spoke briefly regarding the 310 gear collapse at Apple Valley Airport and his desire for lighting.

There is interest in performing a parachute "payload drop" operation at one of the county airports, which would include a filming component. More information will be provided as further discuss arises.

Mr. Stover introduced Nicole Leyden, the new permanent Secretary at Apple Valley Airport.

Mr. Jenkins announced that the AOPA will be hosting a fly-in at Chino Airport in September, which will involve both museums and the entire airport community.

Mr. Jenkins also advised of a sub-lease activity in the law enforcement hangar that is not in line with their lease agreement. DOA will be meeting with the Sherriff's Department to determine what steps will have to be taken to demonstrate performance.

Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Twentynine Palms Airport, 78569 Twentynine Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Vice Chair, Taylor at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Taylor, Vice Chair
Airports Commission

James E. Jenkins, Director
Department of Airports

Gailyn Watson, Secretary 1
Department of Airports