

San Joaquin County Aviation Advisory Committee  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 6, 2016  
Department of Aviation Conference Suite #201

**MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trezza at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mike Ammann, Bill Filios, Marla Livingood, Mark Plovnick, Jack Snyder, Bill Trezza, Supervisor Carlos Villapudua, Supervisor Chuck Winn, Verlyn Wolfe

Members Absent: Lex Corrales, Angela Moniz

Staff Present: Ron Elliott, Harry Mavrogenes, Debbie Vasquez

I. Discussion Items

Mr. Elliott reported on the following items:

A. Current Project Updates

General Aviation Ramp Project - The project is almost completed and suffered only minor rain delays to date. The project is funded 90 percent by the FAA and the Airport funds the remaining 10 percent which will be paid from acquired PFC funding. Atlantic Aviation also donated \$298,000 towards completion of the ramp project.

The remaining Phase 2 of the project will be completed once additional FAA funding is secured.

Vice Chairman Wolfe questioned whether the asphalt in the ramp area of Atlantic Aviation was completed as part of this project.

Mr. Elliott responded that the service-area road north of Atlantic Aviation was not included in this specific project since the FAA would not cover that portion. Airport Administration is hoping to complete that section by next year.

B. Airport Layout Plan Status Update

The ALP update has been submitted to the FAA and is currently being reviewed. Airport Administration has received no comments to date regarding the modifications. RS&H California, Inc. consultants did an outstanding job on the revised ALP on behalf of the Airport.

Mr. Elliott also provided members with an update and clarification of the current Airport Budget.

Mr. Mavrogenes reported on the following items:

C. Update on FIS Facility

Airport Administration is continuing to work with RS&H California, Inc. consultants to design an international FIS facility. Consideration is still being given to the Spanos Jet Center hangar facility which could be leased back to the Airport and built out accordingly. The other option being reviewed is to construct a sprung building “tent-type structure” to be located on the south end of the terminal building to serve as a new FIS site.

USCBP staff has been very accommodating but still maintains that staffing of the proposed FIS facility be paid for by Airport funds.

To assist in expediting the FIS process, Airport Administration plans to reach out to international carriers who have shown an interest in operating from Stockton in the hopes of securing an executed operational agreement. Airport officials will also be meeting with Volaris representatives in the near future for additional discussions regarding start-up service.

D. SCASDP Grant Status

Stockton Metropolitan Airport was awarded a grant in June, 2016 to provide commercial airline service to Los Angeles International (LAX) Airport. SkyWest Airlines was originally interested in serving the Stockton Airport but is currently undergoing a merger with Alaska and Virgin Airlines and related that it could take up to two years before the airline would feasibly be ready to implement its services to LAX.

Airport officials have inquired with Department of Transportation (DOT) staff and the grant is available to utilize whenever needs warrant its use.

Great Lakes Airlines has an existing “slot” at LAX Airport and its representatives have approached both Modesto, Stockton as well as a few additional outlining airports to solicit possible start-up service. Great Lakes has also held “open house” opportunities at these airports in the hopes of securing pilots for its proposed new routes. There will be another opportunity to meet with Great Lakes staff next month at Stockton for those interested in providing pilot services for the airline.

There would be very minimal “start-up” costs involved for Airport officials with the implementation of Great Lakes service from Stockton to LAX.

Southwest also recently partnered with American Airlines to provide service to Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix.

#### E. Air Cargo Service Update

The Airport currently has two operators, ABX and ATI, who transport air cargo on behalf of Amazon. Recently, ABX pilots voted to strike but were ordered back to the worksite by a court mandate for an additional two-week period. Tomorrow, pilots are once again threatening to strike. ABX is currently operating only two air cargo flights per day and ATI is down to one operation.

ABX is also requesting another six-month extension on the temporary area they are utilizing for loading of their aircraft. Airport Administration is working with County Public Works to secure an extension for the air cargo company.

Airport officials recently had to advise air cargo executives they would not be allowed to operate a 6:00 a.m. flight from Stockton which was met with some opposition. The Airport needs to acquire a CAT II Lighting and Instrument Landing System which allows aircraft to fly in the worst existing weather conditions. It is estimated the new CAT II system will cost approximately \$2-\$3 million. The Airport will also need to rewrite existing procedures and has to begin the process to be eligible for an upgraded CAT II system. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 2-3 years to obtain the proposed upgrade.

Mr. Filios suggested that the committee write a letter to the FAA to assist in expediting the process to obtain a CAT II system once the Board of Supervisors approves the item as a priority issue on behalf of the Airport. Vice Chairman Wolfe seconded the motion.

#### F. Hotel Initiative (RFQ)

Airport Administration received one response from Diede Construction in regard to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for development of a hotel/conference center. Mr. Mavrogenes distributed the RFQ to a select group of business associates to evaluate the proposal and then it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval. The City of Stockton has also granted sewer-water services in advance of the proposed development.

#### II. Action Items

None

#### III. Communications

Mr. Mavrogenes will continue to forward various articles of interest to members.

IV. Review of Written Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

V. Public Comment - (Must Complete Public Comment Form)

Mr. Engel, HDE Technologies, Inc., submitted a Public Comment Form requesting consideration of a Landscaping Task Force on behalf of Airport Business Park tenants.

The committee decided to table the item until the January meeting of the CAAC.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
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