

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 12:00 P.M. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Advisory Body Chair: Tom Weber

Staff Person(s): Keith Freitas/Beth Lee

I. Activities

- A. On a monthly basis the AAC reviews noise statistics to identify problem areas and recommended corrective action
- B. On a monthly basis the AAC reviews and monitors airport development projects providing specific input and insuring community involvement
- C. On a quarterly basis the AAC reviews the budget forecasts and performance
- D. The AAC periodically reviews and provides specific input to the Part 150 noise study
- E. AAC members participate in a number of community outreach efforts including the Community-Buchanan Airport Partnership program
- F. The AAC provides regular input on the efforts to enhance the new public observation area
- G. The AAC continues to promote its Tenant Recognition Program

II. Accomplishments

- A. Strategically redefined the role of the AAC regarding the process to address virtually any airport matter: The AAC is now proactively positioned as the entry point for public input, whereby it can respond to such input and make recommendations to the Airport Committee and/or the Board of Supervisors as needed
- B. In conjunction with the BOS Airport Committee initiated an open review process for budgetary and development projects that has reduced contention and helped strengthen both airports
- C. Dramatically stepped up the AAC's review of airport financials including:
 - 1. leading an in-depth review of airport financials focusing on staffing levels and benefits, other large expense areas, and the cost of maintaining the Part 139 certification
 - 2. reviewing and endorsing specific adjustments in expenditures including the noise monitoring system
 - 3. working with airport staff in the development of a Reserve Policy
- D. Through September, 2009 noise complaints were reduced by 6%; only 1.1 complaints are received for every 1,000 operations
- E. Acted to support the approval of the updated Part 150 Noise Study
- F. Actively participated in the review of the proposed power plant near Byron Airport
- G. Reviewed and supported the record retention policies of the airport
- H. Expanded our Community Outreach efforts
- I. Led enhancements to the new public observation area including an informational kiosk, done in conjunction with an Eagle Scout from the community
- J. Publicly recognized three outstanding individuals for their contributions to Buchanan/Byron Airports through the Tenant Recognition Program

III. Attendance/Representation

- A. AAC is composed of 11 members representing each of the supervisorial districts, the cities of Concord and Pleasant Hill, Diablo Valley College, the Airport Business Association and two at-large positions
- B. The position representing District 1 continues to remain vacant
- C. Quorums are achieved at all meetings with good participation from most members. Excessive absences are handled appropriately.
- D. The AAC is a diverse group of aviation professionals, retired executives, consultants and educators. There is a balanced mix of pilots and non-pilots.

IV. Training/Certification

- A. Committee members have attended county level training for advisory committee's members
- B. Several committee members are also involved in other county and city advisory bodies, committees and commissions.

V. Proposed Work Plan Objectives for Next Year

- A. Continue to be the front door to the public on any airport matter offering options for resolution and making recommendations as appropriate
- B. Continue rigorous reviews of airport financials
- C. Continue rigorous review of airport development projects
- D. Finalize and implement an Airport Budget Reserve Policy
- E. Actively participate in the review and decisions relative to the proposed development plans for power plant near Byron Airport
- F. Continue to monitor and recommend implementation of the Master Plan
- G. Provide input on the prioritization for the implementation of the Part 150 Study
- H. Pursue improvements to the public observations area
- I. Finalize and recommend a policy on Airport Open House events and Air Shows
- J. Continue to pursue community outreach efforts
- K. Monitor Naval Weapons Station development plans and potential aviation impacts
- L. Continue to review security at both airports