

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 12:00 P.M. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at
Buchanan Field or Byron Airport

Advisory Body Chair: Tom Weber

Staff Person(s): Keith Freitas/Beth Lee

I. Activities

- A. Monthly review of noise statistics, operations report, and airport development projects
- B. Regular discussion of a variety of airport projects to disseminate information and solicit input; these discussions are generally scheduled over several regular AAC meetings to maximize the effectiveness
- C. Regular discussions of issues facing the airports and the airport community
- D. Regular input to the Airport Director and to the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting the county's airports and the surrounding communities
- E. Regular participation in a number of community outreach efforts including the Community-Buchanan Airport Partnership program
- F. Quarterly financial review of YTD performance and EOY forecast
- G. Annual review and input to the Part 150 noise mitigation recommendations
- H. Annual recognition awards to airport tenants and stakeholders for their contributions to and involvement with the airports

II. Accomplishments

- A. Continued to enhance the role of the AAC as a key part of the process to address virtually any airport matter: The AAC is proactively positioned as an 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. Proactively assisted in filling several AAC positions with new members who bring unique skills and background
- C. In conjunction with the Airport Staff closely monitored expenses and revenues to maximize available funding for pending projects and the airport reserve fund
- D. Reviewed Airport Staff analysis of noise complaints received through October 2011. The 65 complaints received is a significant decrease (36%) from the 101 complaints received during the same period in 2010, it also remains well below historical averages. The analysis showed that the complaints were down in virtually every municipality that is tracked.
- E. Actively worked with Airport Staff on new Part 139 regulations and their operational and financial impact; presented a recommendation to the Airport Committee on the ongoing management of the Part 139 Certification

- F. Through the Tenant Recognition Program, publicly recognized Frank Lemon of Sterling Aviation for his longtime contributions to Buchanan Field and Rich Spatz of the AAC for his extraordinary work delivering enhancements to our public observation area.

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. A new member was added to fill the long-term vacancy in District 1. This brings the AAC to full membership for the first time in many years
- C. Quorums are achieved at all meetings with good participation from all members
- 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 a front door to the public on any airport matter offering options for resolution and making recommendations as appropriate
- B. Continue regular discussions about airport projects to disseminate information and gather input
- C. Continue rigorous reviews of airport development projects
- D. Continue rigorous reviews of airport financials
- E. Conduct continuing reviews of Part 139 Certification requirements along with the associated expenses and make recommendations accordingly
- F. Work with the City of Concord and the ALUC regarding zoning changes affecting the airport
- G. Continue to monitor and recommend actions relative to implementation of the Master Plan
- H. Monitor Naval Weapons Station development plans and potential aviation impacts
- I. Continue to review security plans at both airports
- J. Provide input on the prioritization for the implementation of the Part 150 noise mitigation recommendations
- K. Continue to pursue improvements to the public observations area
- L. Continue to pursue community outreach efforts