

## **Contra Costa County Aviation Advisory Committee** **2012 Annual Report to Board of Supervisors**

**Advisory Board Meeting Time/Location:** 10:00 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at either Buchanan Field or Byron Airport.

**Advisory Body Chair:** Mike Bruno

**Airport Staff:** Keith Freitas/Beth Lee

### **Activities**

- Monthly review of noise statistics, operations report and airport development projects.
- Discussions of airport projects to disseminate information and solicit input from members and public.
- Discussions of issues facing the airports and airport community.
- Input to the Airport Director, Airport Committee and Board of Supervisors on issues affecting the County's airports and surrounding communities.
- Participation in a number of community outreach efforts such as the Community-Buchanan Field Partnership Program.
- Quarterly review of the airports YTD and EOY forecast financial reports.
- Annual review of input on the Part 150 Noise Mitigation recommendations.

### **Accomplishments**

- Met and reviewed with City of Concord with satisfactory agreement, the appropriate zoning of airport land in their Development Revision to the City Of Concord's General Plan.
- Reviewed amended changes and recommended adoption by Airport Committee of the new Minimum Standards, Development Facility Use & Lease Policies document.
- Reviewed, discussed and recommended approval to the Airport Committee of Airport Staffs suggested uses of Mariposa Community Benefit Fund for Byron Airport.
- Met and Reviewed Patriots Jet Team/Jet Hanger from Byron Airport and discussed their future development plans being forwarded to ALUC.
- Elected New Committee Officers: Michael Bruno – Chair, Tom Weber – Vice Chair and Dave Pfeiffer – Secretary.
- Reviewed and discussed with Staff Buchanan Field Security project and Access Card Issuance.
- Reviewed with Staff Buchanan Field Runway 01L/19R Overlay and Reconstruction project.
- Reviewed and discussed with Staff the Whispertrack Website proposal with recommendation not to pursue as financially unviable.
- Through Tenant Recognition Program recognized:  
Buchanan Field – Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagle Program  
Byron Airport – Bay Area Skydiving

### **Attendance/Representation**

- AAC is composed of members representing each of the supervisorial districts, the cities of Concord and Pleasant Hill, Diablo Valley Community College, the Airport Business Association and 2 at-large positions for a total of 11. All positions are filled.
- 2 new members were appointed in 2012 due to term expirations:  
District III: Ronald Reagan  
At-Large I: Ed Young
- Quorums are achieved at all meetings with good participation from members.
- The AAC is a diverse group of aviation professionals, retired executives, consultants and educators. There is a balanced mix of pilots and non-pilots.
- Several committee members are also involved in other county and city advisory bodies, committees and commissions.

### **Training/Certification**

- Committee members have attended county level training for advisory committee members.
- New members have been advised to participate in computer based and county training when it is held next.

### **Proposed Objectives for 2013**

- Continue to review opportunity for establishing Foreign Trade Zone at Byron Airport.
- Continue to review Part 139 Certification requirements along with associated expenses and make recommendations.
- Continue to work with City of Concord and ALUC regarding zoning changes that would affect Buchanan Field.
- Monitor Naval Weapons Station development plans and potential aviation impacts.
- Continue to review security plans at both airports.
- Continue to pursue improvements to the public observation area at Buchanan Field.
- Continue to pursue community outreach efforts at both airports.
- Continue reviews of airport financials.
- Continue regular discussions with Airport Staff on airport development, projects and issues to disseminate information and offer recommendations and comment.
- Continue to be an open front door to the public on airport matters.