

Contra Costa County Aviation Advisory Committee **2016 Annual Report to Board of Supervisors**

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

Advisory Body Chair: Ronald Reagan

Airport Staff: Keith Freitas/Beth Lee

Activities

- Monthly review of noise statistics, operations report and airport development projects.
- Discussions of airport projects and programs 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 community outreach efforts.
- Quarterly review of the airports year to date and end of year forecast financial reports.
- Annual review of input on the Part 150 Noise Mitigation recommendations.

Accomplishments

Discussed and advised on the following:

- Airport administration activities to enhance airport economic development including:
 - Updating Byron General Plan Amendment to bring conformity between the adopted Master Plan and County General Plan relative to allowable uses at the Airport
 - County acceptance of a donated 120 acre parcel adjacent to Byron airport to serve as a wildlife preserve,
 - Development of a 3 acre industrial business park on Buchanan Field,
 - Parcel C development and tax share resolution between Contra Costa County and the City of Concord,
 - Approval of a 3 year CPI rate increase freeze for airport aviation businesses and hangar tenants to retain and attract customers,
 - Seeking greater stakeholder and community input regarding EDIP and strategic planning process,
 - Exploration of MOGAS fuel service at Buchanan Field,
 - Planning and establishment of JetSuite X airline scheduled jet charter service from Buchanan Field, and
 - Development of an airport promotion video highlighting airport activities and services
- Developing Byron airport including projects to connect Armstrong and Vasco road, and upgrade airport utilities infrastructure.

Accomplishments (continued)

Discussed and advised on the following:

- Aviation Land Use Committee (ALUC) activities including:
 - Concord area construction projects and their impact on air navigation,
 - Lifting land use restrictions impeding the appraisal of a 80 acre parcel for sale near Buchanan Field,
 - Reassignment of the County cost to review airport land use applications from Airport Enterprise Fund to applicants, and
 - Efforts to encourage FAA to hold public hearings on the erection of wind turbines near Byron airport
- Buchanan Field and Byron airport construction projects including:
 - Completion of the Buchanan Field east ramp repaving project,
 - Planning and initiation of the Buchanan Field taxiway Echo and Kilo reconstruction project,
 - Completion of the Byron airport runways repaving, restriping and signage replacement projects, and
 - Enhancements to perimeter security
- Airport hangar management activities and concerns including:
 - Termination of the TDMC hangar lease and transfer to airport control relative to financial impact and use proposals,
 - Amendment of 1500 Sally Ride hangar lease to enable lease transfer to current tenant,
 - Termination of OverWatch Flight & Conditioning hangar license agreement (offered tenant ability to stay at going market rate for non-aviation use),
 - Use of hangars for purposes other than aircraft storage and impact on hangar waiting list, and
 - Hangar inspection process and cycle
- Airport noise community impact including:
 - Review of the Airport Noise Program effectiveness and enhancement recommendations,
 - Recommendation to reissue Aerobatic Activities Noise Letter to airports near Brentwood in response to noise complaints, and
 - Addressing rising Buchanan Field noise complaints

Completed or performed the following:

- Amended the AAC bylaws to convert the DVC appointed AAC member seat to a third AAC Member At Large position.
- Through the Tenant Recognition Program awarded recognition to CalStar / Reach tenants for their valuable emergency services provided to the Bay Area from Buchanan Field.
- Encouraged additional airport administration, AAC member and Board of Supervisors representative engagement with the airport aviation community.

Attendance/Representation

- AAC is composed of members representing each of the supervisorial districts, the cities of Concord and Pleasant Hill, the Airport Business Association and 3 at-large positions for a total of 11.
- 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.
- Current AAC member roster is as follows:

<u>AAC Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>2016 Appointment Status</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Rudi Raab	District 1		3/1/2017
Mike Bruno	Airport Business Assoc	Reappointed	3/1/2019
DeWitt Hodge	Member at Large	(Recruiting)	3/1/2017
Ronald Reagan	District 3		3/1/2018
Derek Mims	City of Pleasant Hill		3/1/2018
Russell Roe	District 5		3/1/2017
Keith McMahon	City of Concord	Reappointed	3/1/2019
Roger Bass	District 2		3/1/2018
Maurice Gunderson	Member at Large		3/1/2018
Tom Weber	District 4		3/1/2017
	Member at Large	(Recruiting)	

- Current AAC Officers:

<u>AAC Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Election Status</u>
Ronald Reagan	Chair	Reelected
Mike Bruno	Vice Chair	Reelected
DeWitt Hodge	Secretary	Reelected

Training/Certification

- Committee members requested to review and comply with Brown Act.

Proposed Objectives for 2017

- Continue to review and advise on the Byron Airport General Plan Amendment including encouraging expedited completion of the commissioned study and other efforts to improve infrastructure and road access.
- Continue to review and advise on the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) including promoting progress on EDIP associated projects.
- Monitor and advise on Buchanan Field & Byron Airport construction and maintenance projects.
- Continue to monitor, review and advise on activities and incidents impacting airport security.

Proposed Objectives for 2017 (continued)

- Continue to pursue community and tenant outreach efforts at both airports.
- Continue to review and advise on airport budget, noise statistics and overall operations.
- Continue to work with community members relative to noise concerns or problems.
- Continue regular discussions with Airport Staff on airport development, projects and issues, as well as disseminate information, and offer recommendations and comment.
- Continue to provide the public an open forum for discussing airport matters.

Acknowledgements

AAC members Maurice Gunderson and Tom Weber

In response to the frustration expressed by a concerned citizen, regarding Buchanan Field noise, AAC members Maurice Gunderson and Tom Weber took measures that far exceeded their duties. Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Weber with Airport staff met with the citizen to discuss their issues and educate them regarding airport administration actions taken to monitor, and minimize noise impact to surrounding communities due to airport flight operations. Efforts included taking the citizen on an airplane ride to provide a better understanding of traffic pattern layout, control tower involvement and noise restrictions placed on pilots departing, approaching and flying at Buchanan Field.