

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Aviation Advisory Committee

2017 Annual Report

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
 - 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
 - Receiving greater stakeholder and community involvement regarding the Economic Development and Incentive Program (EDIP) and strategic planning processes
 - 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
- Buchanan Field and Byron Airport construction projects including:
 - Completion of the Buchanan Field taxiway Echo and Kilo pavement projects
 - Security enhancements to Airports which include:
 - Additional security cameras
 - Upgraded fencing to Airport parameters
 - Updated Airport pedestrian gate codes and new secure handout procedures
 - Increased security patrols during day and night
- Airport hangar management activities and concerns including:
 - Long-term hangar lease with Conco Aviation Center, LLC
 - Vietnam Helicopter Museum lawsuit
 - Use of hangars for purposes other than aircraft storage and impact on hangar waiting list
 - Hangar inspection process and cycle
- Airport noise impact on communities including:
 - Review and revamp the Airport Noise Management Program
 - Addressing Aerobatic noise complaints near Brentwood area
 - Addressing rising Buchanan Field & Byron noise complaints

Completed and/or advised on the following:

- Revamp the Tenant Recognition Program to be called the *Contra Costa County Airports Recognition Award Program*. The newly named program will be awarded on an on-going basis and will include any individual, group, business, or organization that has performed exceptional service to enhance the Buchanan Field and Byron Airports and/or to enhance aviation interest among communities
- Encouraged additional Airport staff, Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC) members, and Board of Supervisors to be more involved with the Airports and aviation communities

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 three At-Large positions for a total of 11 members
- Quorums have been achieved at all but one meeting in October with good participation from members for 2017
- 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>
Dale Roberts	District I		6/13/2020
Mike Bruno	Airport Business Association	Reappointed	3/1/2019
Eric Meinbress	Member At-Large	(Recruiting)	10/17/2020
Ronald Reagan	District III		3/1/2018
Derek Mims	City of Pleasant Hill		3/1/2018
Russell Roe	District V		5/1/2020
Keith McMahon	City of Concord	Reappointed	3/1/2019
Roger Bass	District II		3/1/2018
Maurice Gunderson	Member At-Large		3/1/2018
Tom Weber	District IV		3/1/2020
Emily Barnett	Member At-Large	(Recruiting)	3/1/2019

Current AAC Officers:

<u>AAC Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Election Status</u>
Ronald Reagan	Chair	Reelected
Mike Bruno	Vice Chair	Reelected
Maurice Gunderson	Secretary	Elected

Training/Certification

- It is mandatory for all Committee members to comply with Brown Act training requirements

Proposed Objectives for 2018

- 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 EDIP program including promoting progress on EDIP and strategic priority projects
- Monitor and advise on Buchanan Field and Byron Airport construction and maintenance projects
- Continue to monitor, review, and advise on activities and incidents impacting airport security
- Continue to pursue community and tenant outreach efforts at both airports
- Continue to review and advise on the Airports' budget, noise statistics, and overall operations
- Continue to work with the surrounding communities regarding noise concerns and other aviation related issues
- Continue regular discussions with Airport Staff on Airport development, projects and issues, as well as disseminate information and offer recommendations
- Continue to provide the public an open forum for discussion on aviation related matters

Acknowledgements

AAC members Maurice Gunderson and Tom Weber

In response to the frustration expressed by a concerned citizen, regarding noise concerns at Buchanan Field, AAC members Maurice Gunderson and Tom Weber took measures that far exceeded their duties. Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Weber along with Airport staff met with the Pleasant Hill resident to discuss the issues they were having and educate them regarding airport administration actions taken to monitor and minimize noise impact to surrounding communities due to airport flight operations. The resident appreciated the time taken to discuss the noise concerns they were having.