



Agenda

AIRPORTS COMMITTEE

January 10, 2018

1:30 P.M.

550 Sally Ride Drive, Concord

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

Present: Diane Burgis, Chair
Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

1. Introductions
2. Review and Approve record of meeting for September 13, 2017 (Chair)

 AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff
 Passed
3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

There was public comment asking to consider an observation plaza at the Byron Airport.
4. Interview candidates for the At-Large seat on the Aviation Advisory Committee that will become vacant March 1, 2018 (Interview and Determine)

Interviews for the At-Large #1 seat were conducted. The Airport Committee interviewed 15 applicants and decided to recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) the reappointment of Maurice Gunderson. The Airport Committee also identified that the AAC needed better representation from the general communities surrounding Buchanan Field (Pacheco) and Byron Airports and made a recommendation to add two seats on the AAC to represent these communities.
5. Receive update from the Aviation Advisory Committee Chair, Ronald Reagan (Presentation and Accept)

Ron gave an update on the November AAC meeting since there were no meetings held in October or December. The November meeting was held at the Byron Airport and topics discussed included: 2017 Contra Costa County Airports Recognition Awards, Byron General Plan Amendment, Vietnam Helicopter Museum informal complaint FAA determination, long-term leasing of 101 John Glenn Drive, and economic growth in east Contra Costa County.

6. Status of the County's application to participate in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Pilot Program (Review and Discuss)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) solicited state and local governments to participate in an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS, also known as drones) pilot test program to help develop policies for drone use. This program will help the FAA gain data to formulate rules and regulations for the operation of drones. The Board authorized Airport staff in November 2017 to be a part of a larger group led by the CA Department of Technology (CDT) to participate in the program. In January, the Board authorized the Director of Airports to execute a letter of intent between Contra Costa County and CDT to participate in the FAA-Sponsored pilot program focused on UAS. The CDT has submitted an application to the FAA, with the County as a partner, to be considered as one of the five locations to operate in, in which the FAA will make a selection in May 2018. Airport staff will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

7. Future agenda items

- ***Byron Airport observation plaza***

8. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 14, 2018.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

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