



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Greg Baer, Director of Airports  
Date: January 17, 2023

Subject: Appoint Dean J. Hickman-Smith to the Aviation Advisory Committee, Byron Neighbor Seat

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPOINT Dean J. Hickman-Smith to the Byron Neighbor Seat on the Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC) to a term expiring February 29, 2024, as recommended by the Airport Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the Contra Costa County Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC) is to provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the aviation issues related to the economic viability and security of airports in Contra Costa County. The AAC may initiate discussions, observations, and conduct research in order to make its recommendations to the Board. The Committee may hear comments on airport and aviation matters from the public or other agencies for consideration and possible recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The AAC engages with local, state, and national aviation interests for the safe and orderly operation of airports. The Committee's recommendations are intended to advance and promote the interests of aviation, as well as protect the general

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/17/2023** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Ken Carlson, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 17, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Greg Baer,  
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welfare of the people living and working near the airport and the County in general.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

In conjunction with all the above, the AAC provides a forum for the Director of Airports regarding airport policy matters.

The AAC is comprised of thirteen members appointed by the Board of Supervisors who must work and/or reside in Contra Costa County. The membership of the AAC consists of: 1) one member nominated by each of the five members of the Board of Supervisors; 2) one member nominated by the City of Concord; 3) one member nominated by the City of Pleasant Hill; 4) one member nominated by the Contra Costa County Airport Business Association; 5) one member nominated by the Airport Committee who lives in the vicinity of Buchanan Field Airport; 6) one member nominated by the Airport Committee who lives in the vicinity of the Byron Airport; and 7) three At Large members nominated by the Airport Committee representing the general community.

The Airport Committee conducted interviews during its December 14, 2022, meeting and recommended the appointment of Dean J. Hickman-Smith to the Byron Neighbor seat to a term ending on February 28, 2026. Although staff's recruitment only resulted in one applicant for this position, Mr. Hickman-Smith's extensive aviation background, along with a strong recommendation from another Byron Airport tenant, makes Mr. Hickman-Smith an ideal candidate.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Byron Neighbor Seat on the Aviation Advisory Committee will remain vacant.

### ATTACHMENTS

AAC Application-Redacted