

**MERCED MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
CITY OF MERCED
MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MERCED CIVIC CENTER
678 WEST 18TH STREET
MERCED, CA**

**TUESDAY
JUNE 19, 2007**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janet Young called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Janet Young, Rick Eason, Allen Rutledge, Kraig Riggs,
Ronald Elliott and Tom Ward

Members Absent: Haven Courtney

Staff Present: Bill Cahill, Lloyd Partin and Jessica Cortright

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

D. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Teresa Berry was not present.
2. Mr. Tom Lopes, President of Gateway Air Center briefed the Authority on the fuel prices, progress of hangars, on-going construction, and about violations that are being issued by TSA. The authority requested that staff look into the airport signage and be sure that all rules are clearly defined.
3. Mr. Rich Basart, Merced Antique Fly In Committee Chairman briefed the Authority on the positives and negatives of the 50th Annual Fly In, overall it was a success without any incidents.
4. Rene Gutierrez, Avis Car Rental introduced himself to the Authority and briefed them on the opening of their office at the airport, described their success in the past month and declared their hours of operation.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2007.

M/S/C – Eason/Elliott motioned to approve and file the minutes for May 15, 2007 as submitted.

G. REPORTS

1. SELECTION OF AN ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS) AIR CARRIER FOR MERCED

Authority members Elliott, Riggs and Young volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to review and recommend an air carrier to serve the Merced market for the next two years of Essential Air Service (EAS) with service to begin late July 2007.

2. COMMENTARY LETTER FOR CLASS D AIR SPACE RECOMMENDATION

M/S/C – Elliott/Rutledge motioned to approve a letter of support to be submitted to the FAA regarding modification to Class D Airspace for Castle Airport, and authorizing the Chairman's signature of the letter.

3. POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY

Authority members requested staff bring back more information regarding a possible land exchange before a recommendation can be made. Members requested to see a map showing the runway and dimensions, as well as land values, legal descriptions and the developer's intentions for land use.

4. AIRPORT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Airport Superintendent Lloyd Partin requested that the authority members accept the report as submitted.

H. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

There were no changes in the land use surrounding the area to discuss.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

None.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Janet Young thanked Rick Eason, Tom Ward and Haven Courtney for their service on the airport authority. Mr. Partin reminded the members that they might continue to serve on the board until the positions are filled.

M/S/C – Eason/Ward motioned to adjourn the Airport Authority meeting at 7:45 pm and to meet again on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, in the Council Chambers.

Janet Young, Chairperson
Merced Municipal Airport Authority