

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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

**TUESDAY
MARCH 15, 2011**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Janet Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Janet Young, Rich Basart, Kraig Riggs, Larry Morelock,
Jerry Crews and John Sundgren

Members Absent: Ray Beverly – Excused

Staff Present: Ron Elliott and Jessica Cortright

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2011.

M/S/C – Morelock/Crews motioned to approve and file the minutes for the February 15, 2011 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. MERCY AIR GROUND LEASE

Airport Staff and Mercy Air Corporation (Medi-Flight) have negotiated a term sheet for a ground lease to build a new modular alert facility at the Airport. After much discussion and a failed motion to table item to the next meeting for further discussion, a final motion was made and passed by a 5-0 vote, with one member abstaining.

M/S/C – Morelock/Sundgren motioned to approve the terms provided to Mercy Air to construct a new alert facility, provided the Regional Airport Authority has the chance to review final lease before item going to City Council.

2. HANGAR RENTAL RATE FREEZE FOR 2011/12 FY

On June 3, 2009 the Merced City Council approved Resolution No. 2009-40 adopting various fees, rates and charges applicable to the Merced Regional Airport (Attached). This Resolution was designed to provide a five year rates and charges plan setting fees, rates, and charges at Merced Regional Airport through July 1, 2014.

Since the Resolution has been adopted the local economy has stagnated due to a number of reasons at both the local and national levels. The 3 percent escalator provided a good “rule-of-thumb” at the time of adoption, but has now increased our fees, rates, and charges at a pace exceeding the current “down” market. In addition, through telephone calls and e-mails, airport staff found no other airports raising hangar rates.

M/S/C – Basart/Morelock motioned to approve the recommendation to freeze Resolution 2009-40 for one year.

3. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Airport Manager, Ron Elliott reviewed items in the February 2011 monthly report.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

None

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C – Basart/Crews motioned to adjourn the Airport Authority meeting at 7:48 pm and to meet again on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, in the Council Chambers.

Janet Young, Chairperson
Regional Airport Authority