

CITY OF MERCED

"Gateway to Yosemite"



WELCOME TO YOUR REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERCED

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Janet Young Chair, Richard Basart Vice-Chair, Kraig Riggs,
Larry Morelock, Ray Beverly and John Sundgren

AGENDA

7:00 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
678 WEST 18th STREET
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

(www.cityofmerced.org)

STAFF REPORTS OR OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO EACH ITEM OF BUSINESS REFERRED TO ON THE AGENDA ARE ON FILE IN THE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF THE AIRPORT SUPERINTENDENT. ANY PERSON WHO HAS QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE AIRPORT SUPERINTENDENT AT (209) 385-6873 TO MAKE INQUIRY REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE ITEM DESCRIBED ON THE AGENDA. PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, A COMPLETE AGENDA PACKET IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE FOYER OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFMERCED.ORG. ANY DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AFTER THIS AGENDA IS POSTED WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFMERCED.ORG. A HANDOUT IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING ADJACENT TO THE AGENDA. INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN AN ORDER THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THEY APPEAR ON THE AGENDA TO ACCOMMODATE MEETING PARTICIPANTS.

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 209-388-7100.

Assisted Hearing Devices Available for Hearing Impaired
Teletypewriter (TTY) 209-385-6816

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS OR COMMENT AT THE TIME SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED. NORMALLY, EACH AGENDA ITEM WILL HAVE A STAFF PRESENTATION, FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEMBERS. IF REQUESTED BY AN AUDIENCE MEMBER, THE CHAIRPERSON WILL THEN ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO MAKE COMMENTS OR ASK QUESTIONS. AFTER ANY PUBLIC INPUT, THE AUTHORITY MAY HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE TAKING ACTION TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. GREAT LAKES AIRLINES WILL PRESENT AN UPDATE

AT THIS TIME, ANY MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE MAY COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA. PLEASE STAND AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD. THE AUTHORITY WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON THE ITEM THAT IS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION THIS EVENING. IF IT REQUIRES ACTION, IT WILL BE REFERRED TO STAFF AND/OR LISTED ON THE NEXT AUTHORITY AGENDA.

PLEASE BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT. AVOID REPEATING WHAT PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE SAID. IF TWO OR MORE INDIVIDUALS ARE HERE AS A GROUP AND WISH TO SPEAK ON ONE SIDE OF AN ISSUE, PLEASE SELECT A SINGLE SPOKESPERSON TO PRESENT YOUR VIEWS.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16, 2011.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion to approve and file.

F. REPORTS

1. FLY MERCED NEWSLETTER/AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Recommendation: For information only.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

Recommendation: Discussion as desired by Authority members.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Authority members may introduce items to be calendared for a future agenda.

Recommendation: Discussion as desired by Authority members.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

TO THE NEXT AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING, TUESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 678 WEST 18TH STREET MERCED, CA 95340.

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 16, 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, Larry Morelock, Kraig Riggs
Ray Beverly and John Sundgren.

Members absent: None

Staff Present: Frank Quintero and Jessica Cortright

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2011.

M/S/C – Basart/Morelock motioned to approve and file the minutes for July 19, 2011 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Chair Janet Young reviewed this month's superintendent report in Ron Elliott's absence.

2. SAFETY CONCERNS WITH RUNWAY 12 INSTRUMENT APPROACHES

Authority Member and FAA Safety Counselor for the Merced area, Ray Beverly, explained and led a discussion on Rwy 12 Back Course approach procedures. In recent months, a safety concern has been expressed regarding pilots flying the Rwy 12 Back Course (BC) approach in visual flight rule (VFR) conditions and not monitoring the common terminal air frequency (CTAF), 122.7. These BC approaches raise the greatest concern when Rwy 30 is the active approach, causing commercial and general aviation traffic to take-off into on-coming traffic flying the BC approach to Rwy 12. Mr. Beverly reiterated that not monitoring the CTAF while on the Rwy 12 BC approach within 10 miles of the airport may be a safety concern, it is not violation of any regulation, and that pilots flying in VFR conditions must actively “see-and-avoid” other traffic.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

Members were encouraged to review the General Plan and Mission Lakes Development plan.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Members discussed the transient overnight parking rates for single and twin engine aircraft.

H. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C – Beverly/Basart motioned to adjourn the Airport Authority meeting at 7:40 pm and to meet again on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, in the Council Chambers.

Janet Young, Chairperson
Regional Airport Authority

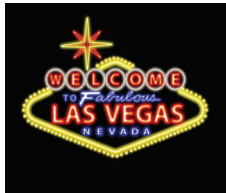


Fly Merced

NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Merced Regional Airport now has TWO Popular Destinations. Point A to Point B.....Redefined!



Great Lakes Airlines is now providing daily service from Merced to McCarran International Airport in *Las Vegas, NV* and to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in *Los Angeles, CA*.



Great Lakes is providing scheduled passenger service at 44 airports between fourteen states with a fleet of Embraer EMB-120 Brasillias and Raytheon/Beech 1900D regional airliners. All scheduled flights are operated under the Great Lakes Airlines Marketing identity in conjunction with code-share agreements with Untied Airlines and/or Frontier Airlines at their Albuquerque, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Phoenix hubs. Additional information about Great Lakes Airlines is available at www.flygreatlakes.com.

GREAT LAKES AIRLINES DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Merced to Los Angeles

Departs	Arrives
6:23 am	8:05 am
1:55 pm	3:37 pm

Los Angeles to Merced

Departs	Arrives
8:21am	10:08 am
4:30 pm	6:17 pm

Merced to Las Vegas

Departs	Arrives
10:18 am	11:48 am
6:27 pm	7:57 pm

Las Vegas to Merced

Departs	Arrives
12:15pm	1:45 pm
8:30pm	10:00 pm

Schedule is current September 8, 2011 and subject to change.

For questions or more information:

Toll Free: 1-800-554-5111 or Merced Station: 209-383-4000

Merced Regional Airport

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Merced, CA 95341
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Fax: 209-388-8995
www.cityofmerced.org
www.flymercedairport.com

For the pilots: CTAF/UNICOM:

122.7 MHz

WX ASOS:

132.175 MHz
(209-381-0926)

NORCAL APPROACH:

120.95 MHz

NORCAL DEPARTURE:

120.95 MHz

LAT/LONG:

37-17-05.0230N / 120-30-49.9890W
37-17.083717N / 120-30.833150W
37.2847286 / -120.5138858 (est.)



Great Lakes Airlines
1-800-554-5111
or
Merced Ticket Counter
209-383-4000



Gateway Air Center, LLC
(209) 722-7300
Gatewayaircenter.com



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flycolimair.webs.com



AVIS Car Rental
(209) 724-9114



Gateway EAA Chapter 1401
(209) 722-8619
gatewayeaa.com



The Hangar BBQ/Cafe
(209) 384-1963

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION

Airport staff has been working on the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) grant for 2011. The current grant application was approved by City Council on January 18 and sent to the FAA for approval and funding. In June, the FAA requested the Airport revise the current grant as written in order to add additional money for the Thornton Road Realignment. After reviewing the revised grant application the FAA notified the City they have approved the original grant application request to accomplish the new commercial airline terminal study. The FAA will support the Thornton Road Realignment in next year's ACIP grant. Airport staff is currently working with RS&H Consulting to define the scope of work for the new commercial airline terminal study and awaiting grant funding.

The Hangar BBQ submitted building plans and requested a building permit. City Planning and Building Department have reviewed and approved the plans with minor adjustments. County Health has also approved the plans. The City is currently waiting on Mr. Stuhmer to resubmit the plans for final approval. When completed and bonds are issued, and permits are in place, renovations can begin. Mr. Stuhmer has indicated construction will begin on or about September 15th. During construction a temporary security fence will be installed for construction equipment and personnel. Existing airport walk-on and drive-thru gates should not be affected.



Win a Trip to Las Vegas or Los Angeles

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to "Enter to Win." Every quarter two free round trip tickets to Las Vegas or Los Angeles on Great Lakes Airlines are given away....Be the lucky winner!

Go to flymercedairport.com to enter and win. Janet Ratzlaff from Merced, CA was our 2011 Second Quarter Winner Congratulations Janet!!! Enjoy your free tickets!

www.flymercedairport.com

Hangars Available Wingspan/depth Rent Availability

***Bldg 4, Hangar #6	32' x 25' x 8'	\$147	Now
***Bldg 6, Hangar#2	40' x 31'	\$175	Now
*Executive T hangar	39' x 30.6' x 11'	\$185	Now
*Executive I T hangar	40' 9" x 33' 6"x11"	\$214	Now
**Building 22	42'5"x35'5"x11"5'	\$450	Now
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* No electricity

** New box hangars, electric doors and outlets, lightning and fire suppression

*** Open bays with electrical outlets



TENANT SPOTLIGHT: RYAN SMITH

Ryan Smith is the Chief Flight Instructor and Pilot for Gateway Air Center—Merced Regional Airport's full service FBO and Cirrus Service Center. Ryan's main duties are to provide Pilot Services for any and all aircraft being serviced or managed at Gateway Air Center.

However, his passion to teach others how to fly has led Ryan to be a fully qualified CFII with 1300+ flight hours with commercial, multi-engine, and instrument ratings. In the future, Ryan aspires to fly Boeing 777's for FedEx, delivering packages around the globe.

If you're interested in learning how to fly, or maybe just get an orientation flight around the valley, go see Ryan today. Better hurry, Ryan is engaged to Christina Flores with wedding plans for May 2012.



Football and TFRs!

NOTAM Notice Number: NOTC3215

The FAA would like to remind pilots to check for Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) now that the Division I and Professional Football Seasons have gotten into full swing. Blanket NOTAM 9/5151 is in place; however, due to the ever changing times and locations of games it is impossible to publish anything more specific. Blanket NOTAM 9/5151 addresses the requirements for a TFR to be activated for sporting events, but it is **incumbent upon the pilot** to know if his route of flight will be affected.

Flight Service can only refer pilots to the NOTAM since they have no way of knowing if games were delayed, in overtime, or cancelled. Air Traffic will ensure IFR flights are clear of TFR airspace, but VFR pilots are only advised on a time permitting basis, unless they ask.

Please check your NOTAMS before all flights.



Merced Regional Airport

August 2011

Manager's Report

OPERATIONS

Great Lakes Airlines will add a second flight to LAX starting September 8th. The new flight will originate in Merced and depart at 6:30 a.m. The new returning flight will depart LAX at 4:30 p.m. With this addition, Great Lakes Airlines will be offering four flights per day, seven days a week - two to Las Vegas and two to LAX.

For August, Airline enplanements were up 5 percent compared to enplanements in July. Compared to July of 2010, enplanements were up 45 percent. There were seven cancellations this month out of the 93 scheduled departures; all for maintenance issues. Service to both LAX and LAS is going well and advanced ticket sales continue to climb. Having four daily departures, should boost our enplanements even more.

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OTHER

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Legal is working with Gateway Air Center on consolidating numerous lease amendments into one lease. Progress is being made, but a completion date has not yet been determined. A draft lease is currently in review.

To: Regional Airport Authority
From: Ronald K. Elliott, Airport Manager
Date: September 20, 2011
Re: Possible Incompatible Land Use Activity

No activity this month.

To: Regional Airport Authority
From: Ronald K. Elliott, Airport Manager
Date: September 20, 2011
Re: Other Business from the Authority

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