

CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES

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

TUESDAY
JULY 19, 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,
and John Sundgren

Members Absent: Ray Beverly - Excused

Staff Present: Ron Elliott and Frank Quintero

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2011.

M/S/C - Basart/Riggs motioned to approve and file the minutes for the June 21, 2011 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Ron Elliott reviewed items in the June 2011 Manager's Report. At the completion of the Manager's Report, Commissioner Young reminded the other commissioners that the County of Merced is in the process of updating the County General Plan and asked each commissioner to review this plan paying particular attention to any changes that could affect Merced Regional Airport.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

None.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

a. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

M/S/C – Morelock/Sundgren motioned to leave Janet Young as Chair and Rich Basart as Vice-Chair.

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

Commissioner Morelock discussed concerns with Sierra Flight School regarding safety issues and flight communications. Authority requested that Sierra Flight School be invited to the August Authority meeting.

Commissioner Young discussed LightSquared G4 Communications and Cell Towers. LightSquared operates in the bandwidth next to GPS. Initial reports indicated interference from Light Squared frequencies may create interference in aviation related GPS's. Commissioner Young requested the Airport Authority write a letter to express concern with Light Squared operations.

Commissioner Young requested Mr. Elliott attends an upcoming Economic Development meeting to provide a briefing on future developments.

Mr. Elliott briefly updated the Board on FAA Re-authorization efforts.

H. ADJORNMENT

M/S/C – Basart/Riggs motioned to adjourn the Airport Authority meeting at 7:36 p.m. and to meet again on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 678 W 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340.



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