

CITY OF MERCED

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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, John Sundgren and Russ Cowperthwaite

AGENDA

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

**TUESDAY
MAY 15, 2012**

(www.cityofmerced.org)

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- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **ROLL CALL**
- C. **WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- D. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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 APRIL 17, 2012.**

Recommendation: Adopt a motion to approve and file.

F. REPORTS

1. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Recommendation: For information only.

2. RS&H TERMINAL STUDY PRESENTATION

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 JUNE 19, 2012 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
APRIL 17, 2012**

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, John Sundgren
and Russ Cowperthwaite

Members absent: Ray Beverly and Kraig Riggs (Excused)

Staff Present: Ron Elliott, Frank Quintero and Jessica Cortright

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

**1. REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 22,
2012.**

M/S/C -Basart/Cowperthwaite motioned to approve and file the minutes for March
22, 2012 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. GREAT LAKES AIRLINES CEO TO PRESENT AN UPDATE

CEO, Chuck Howell gave a verbal update on the status of the airlines and confirmed
their plans to reapply for the EAS Program at the Merced Regional Airport, when the
current contract expires September 30, 2012.

2. PRESENTATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF AIRPORT

Ron Elliott presented a “draft” power point presentation which will help to promote the airport and educate the community on airport capabilities and services currently offered. The board and staff discussed some changes and additions that should be made to this draft. The final presentation will be presented at a future city council meeting.

3. AIRPORT RATES AND CHARGES UPDATE

Ron Elliott explained that after discussing the proposed change to the “Aircraft Tie Down” fee language to reflect aircraft maximum take-off weights versus single engine, multi-engine, or large multi-engine with the City Attorney, it was learned that this change cannot be accomplished without supporting documentation obtained through a formal, detailed study, as previously accomplished in 2009. Due to the time involved to accomplish another study and then get the Rates and Charges freeze approved by the City Council prior to fiscal year 2012/13 budget execution, Airport Staff recommends the Rates and Charges be frozen for one year, but leave the original language concerning “Aircraft Tie Down” fees the same as previous years, and documented in the last study. If the Airport Authority would like to change the language to reflect aircraft maximum take off weights an updated study could be accomplished at a future date and changed in next year’s budget cycle.

M/S/C – Basart/Morelock motioned to rescind the motion made on February 16, 2012 regarding the change to “Aircraft Tie Down” fee language and to approve the recommendation that Resolution 2011-28 is rewritten to freeze airport rates and charges for one year leaving out the language referencing the change to Tie Down fees.

4. PLAN TO INCREASE TENANCY AND OFFER DISCOUNTS

During the March Regional Airport Authority meeting, a tenant approached the Authority asking for a discussion on possible discounts and/or marketing strategies to increase hangar occupancy rates.

Mr. Quintero suggested that staff research other like kind airports to see if they have any incentive programs and get an update on their occupancy, rates and charges.

M/S/C – Basart/Sundgren motioned to accept this as a report.

5. AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT

Ron Elliott reviewed the Airport Manager’s report for March 2012.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

None

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C – Morelock/Basart motioned to adjourn the Airport Authority meeting at 8:16 pm and to meet again on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center, 678 W 18th Street, in the Council Chambers.

Janet Young, Chairperson
Regional Airport Authority



Merced Regional Airport

Manager's Report April 2012

OPERATIONS

Great Lakes Airlines enplaned 297 total passengers for the month of April. Airline revenue enplanements were down 6 percent compared to March. Compared to April 2011, enplanements were up just over 36 percent. There were nine cancellations this month out of the 120 scheduled departures; no cancellations were due to weather.

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION

Airport staff has been working on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) grant for 2011. This grant provides funding for a new commercial airline terminal study. The study will include site design and a needs assessment for the location and layout of a new airline terminal, aircraft parking apron, additional access roads, and vehicle parking needs. RS&H is currently working on the study, and expects to have it completed by May or June 2012.

Additionally, airport staff has been working on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) grant for 2012. The FAA ACIP grant application is scheduled to go before the City Council on May 7th. This grant will provide funding for a Runway Safety Area (RSA) study to determine the best and most advantageous option for clearing the airport's RSA.

Construction of the new Medi-Flight Alert Facility is complete. Carter Construction completed the job on-time and in an outstanding manner. Medi-Flight expects to have their modular building in place by the end May and begin using the facility by the end of June.

Ecoplexus Inc. approached Airport Staff requesting approximately 15-acres in the Airport Industrial Park to construct a solar farm. Ecoplexus is initially requesting an 18-month exclusive option to negotiate a lease. During this 18-month period they will perform their due diligence to ensure the property meets their requirements, FAA and PG&E approve, and a long-term (20 year) lease agreement can be reached. Ecoplexus is a developer of solar generation facilities and is creating these facilities under a California Public Utility Commission incentive program. They anticipate selling the electricity to PG&E which will help PG&E meet their renewable energy quota.

OTHER

Expected renovations on Hangar BBQ have stopped. Airport staff is working with Mr. Stuhmer to find a way to move forward. Legal and Airport Staff are discussing how to proceed.

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, and meetings are being held with a "lease review committee", consisting of the airport manager and three airport authority members.

Visit the Merced Regional Airport website at www.flymercedairport.com

To: Regional Airport Authority
From: Ronald K. Elliott, Airport Manager
Date: May 15, 2012
Re: Possible Incompatible Land Use Activity

No activity this month.

To: Regional Airport Authority
From: Ronald K. Elliott, Airport Manager
Date: May 15, 2012
Re: Other Business from the Authority

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