

**CITY OF MERCED  
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**SAM PIPES CONFERENCE ROOM  
MERCED CIVIC CENTER  
678 WEST 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MERCED, CA**

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Larry Morelock called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Larry Morelock, Alvin Osborn, John Sundgren, Rodrigo Flores, Michael Bodine and Ryan Smith.

Members absent: Russ Cowperthwaite – excused.

Staff Present: Ron Elliott and Jessica Cortright.

**C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION**

None.

**D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2014.**

M/S/C –Sundgren/Smith motioned to approve and file the minutes for January 21, 2014 as submitted.

**F. REPORTS**

**1. AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ACIP) UPDATE**

Ron Elliott presented the revised 10 year ACIP. The Airport Terminal Renovation was removed from the ACIP list after talking to the FAA ADO office and implications of using money for a renovation versus using Federal Grant money for a new terminal in the future. This ACIP presented to City Council with the next ACIP Grant Application in April.

Airport staff requests the Regional Airport Authority make a motion to recommend that the Merced City Council approve the Airport Capital Improvement Plan for 2014-2024.

M/S/C – Sundgren/Flores motioned to approve the ACIP as submitted and for City Council to approve the same at an April Council Meeting.

**2. GREAT LAKES AIRLINES, STATUS AND UPDATE**  
**From Chuck Howell, CEO, Great Lakes Airlines**

Mr. Howell explained that the newly instituted Federal Aviation Administration Rules have impacted service provided by Great Lakes Airlines. Specifically the First Officers (co-pilot) rule requiring 1,500 hours per pilot and the Flight & Duty Time rule. In one year the “pool of pilots” has decreased from 304 to only 98 pilots. In an attempt to increase the pool of pilots Mr. Howell explained that GLA has started a pilot program, graduating class’s monthly. With such a deficit in pilots, this pilot shortage could take several months to correct.

**3. AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT**

Ron Elliott reviewed the written manager’s report for January 2014.

**G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

**1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY**

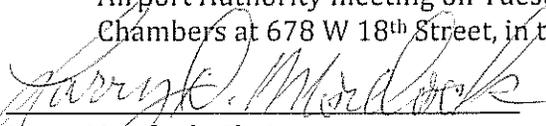
Ron Elliot shared three items that could possibly impact land use activity in the near future. Verizon Wireless is looking at the possibility of using the control tower, an Almond Business is planned to be built on the west side of the airport in the industrial park, and that the former Pepsi building may be occupied in the very near future.

**2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

None.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Larry Morelock called the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 678 W 18<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Civic Center.

  
Larry Morelock, Chair  
Regional Airport Authority