

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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

**TUESDAY
MARCH 18, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larry Morelock called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Larry Morelock, John Sundgren, Russ Cowperthwaite,
Michael Bodine and Ryan Smith.

Members absent: Alvin Osborn and Rodrigo Flores – excused.

Staff Present: Ron Elliott, Michael Wegley, Nancy Lee and Jessica
Cortright.

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

**1. REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18,
2014.**

M/S/C –Sundgren/Smith motioned to approve and file the minutes for February 18,
2014 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. HANGAR RATES & CHARGES

Ron Elliott reviewed Resolution No. 2012-26, a resolution of the City Council of the
City of Merced, California, adopting various fees, rates and charges applicable to the
Merced Regional Airport. A memo was sent on March 7, 2014 to all tenants

reminding them of the scheduled rate increase effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Elliott explained that the last rate study was performed in 2009 and staff suggested that a new rate study be conducted prior to the expiration of the current resolution (June 2016) using a CPI instead of a percentage rate increase. Staff would like to recruit an intern to assist with this rate study.

The board agreed that a new study should be conducted with a 3-5 year CPI and not a flat escalator, and requests that the results be brought back to the board once completed.

2. AGRICULTURE LEASE WITH GURR

Ron Elliott reviewed the negotiating terms with Mr. John Gurr for an agricultural lease at the Merced Regional Airport. Water use has become an issue this year and staff is working to reduce the annual rate to make the lease beneficial to both parties. The final terms agreed upon will be presented at the April meeting for information only.

3. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ron Elliott reviewed the February 2014 monthly report.

4. SALE OF FORMER PEPSI PLANT

Ron Elliott shared that the former Pepsi plant was sold, however it is not included in the Airport Industrial Park and no funds will be received by the airport.

5. VERIZON WIRELESS/CONTROL TOWER

Ron Elliott was approached with a proposal from SAC Wireless, representing Verizon Wireless. They have proposed to lease the Air Traffic Control Tower and ground next to it to develop improved cellular phone coverage in the west Merced Area. Mr. Elliott is currently in negotiations with SAC Wireless and will keep the board informed on the progress. This proposal will not affect any potential future use of the control tower.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

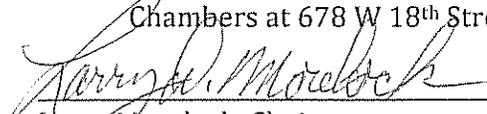
None.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Larry Morelock called the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 678 W 18th Street, in the Civic Center.



Larry Morelock, Chair
Regional Airport Authority