

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 16, 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, Ryan Smith, John Sundgren, and
Rodrigo Flores

Members absent: Michael Bodine, Alvin Osborn, and Russ Cowperthwaite

Staff Present: Janet E. Young, Mike Wegley, and Nancy Lee

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C – Sundgren/Flores motioned to approve and file the minutes of October 21, 2014, as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS)

A letter was submitted to the DOT, signed by the City Manager and the Chair of the Airport Authority, on September 29, 2014. The letter was circulated to Airport Authority members. It expressed the City's preference for regional jet service between Merced and Denver to be offered by Great Lakes Airlines on an accelerated basis. The letter also stated that the Airport Authority believed that the City would be best served by Mokulele Airlines. The DOT is expecting further conversation with the City of Merced in the near future regarding a contract award. On October 16, 2014, the DOT filed an Order extending Great Lakes Service for

Merced and Visalia until a date no later than February 28, 2015, for transition purposes. Conversations continue with Great Lakes Airlines for service by larger aircraft.

2. FAA PART 139 INSPECTION

Ms. Young provided an overview of the November 17 -19, 2014, Part 139 Inspection and the findings listed in the Letter of Correction and those identified in the Letter of Investigation provided by the FAA inspector. It was noted that the response documents would be filed in a timely manner with the FAA.

3. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Young gave a verbal review of the September 2014 manager's report.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

It was reported that no activity has been observed related to the planned cell tower mentioned at an earlier meeting by Chairman Morelock.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Larry Morelock adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 678 W 18th Street, in the Civic Center.



Larry Morelock, Chair
Regional Airport Authority