

**CITY OF MERCED
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**SAM PIPES CONFERENCE ROOM
MERCED CIVIC CENTER
678 WEST 18TH STREET
MERCED, CA**

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 20, 2013**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Larry Morelock called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Larry Morelock, John Sundgren, Russ Cowperthwaite,
Rodrigo Flores, Wayne King and Ryan Smith.

Members absent: Alvin Osborn

Staff Present: Ron Elliott, Mike Wegley, Jessica Cortright and Jennifer
Taylor.

C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

Ron Elliott, Airport Manager introduced and welcomed new board members Wayne King and Ryan Smith. Both met with Mr. Elliott on Monday, August 19, they discussed airport operations and were given a tour of the facilities and airport grounds.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2013.

M/S/C -Sundgren/Cowperthwaite motioned to approve and file the minutes for June 18, 2013 as submitted.

F. REPORTS

1. UAV PRESENTATION – DR. CHEN, UC MERCED

Dr. Chen, Assistant Professor, School of Engineering UC Merced, gave an introductory explanation of his research of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). Mechatronics, Embedded Systems, Automation Lab, and how these projects relate to the San Joaquin Valley. UAV System Integration into the National Airspace System is vital and he is seeking assistance to help educate and inform the aviation community.

2. AIRPORT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT REVIEW

Ron Elliott explained that the contract with Aviation Management Consulting Group (AMCG) has been fully executed and effective September 1, 2013. AMCG will assist with the airport guidance document review and updates.

3. EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION YOUNG EAGLES DAY AND AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

Ron Elliott explained that the Annual Young Eagles Day, sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1401 will be Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Merced Regional Airport. In conjunction with this event the airport will host an open house fly-in to provide static displays for the Young Eagles and market the newly opened Hangar BBQ restaurant.

4. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ron Elliott reviewed the written manager's report for July 2013.

G. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. POSSIBLE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE ACTIVITY

None.

2. OTHER BUSINESS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS

a. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

John Sundgren nominated Larry Morelock for Chair and Alvin Osborn for Vice-Chair.

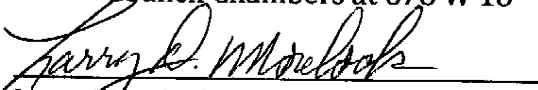
M/S/C – Sundgren/Cowperthwaite motioned to approve the nomination of Larry Morelock for Chair and Alvin Osborn for Vice-Chair.

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

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Larry Morelock called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM until the next Regional Airport Authority meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 678 W 18th Street, in the Civic Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Larry D. Morelock", written over a horizontal line.

Larry Morelock, Chair
Regional Airport Authority