

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS  
FOR**

**WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2008**

**SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
TERMINAL A – Second Level Conference Room,  
6900 AIRPORT BOULEVARD  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chris Kunze, TACA Chair, convened the meeting at 1:10 PM. TACA members and attendees made self-introductions.

Present were:

TACA members: Dan Burkhart, Jack Kemmerly, Harry Krug, Chris Kunze, Mark Mispagel, Alex Wilcox, Sandy Waters and Tom Weil

Absent were: Ed Agnew (ex-officio) Mike Armstrong, Peter Hill, Rob Leonard and John Pfeifer.

Commission: Carl Guardino attended by phone and Phil Tagami arrived at 1:30 pm.

Commission and Department staff: Robert Chung, Gary Cathey, Terry Barrie, Gwyn Reese and Philip Crimmins.

Others present: James Jenkins and Herman Ruddell were also present.

**2. Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2008.**

On a motion by Krug and seconded by Mispagel, TACA approved the minutes on vote of 8-0 with amendments to the minutes. The minutes regarding the Alliance for Sustainable Air Transportation topic was clarified to indicate that Mr. Traver Gruen-Kennedy of DayJet was speaking in his capacity as Chairman of the NextGen Alliance and that Mr. David Hayzlett of General Dynamics was speaking in his capacity as President of the NextGen Alliance.

**3. Status Report and Upcoming Actions**

Gary Cathey, acting Caltrans Aeronautics Division Chief, briefed TACA on upcoming interviews for the Aeronautics Division Chief position, budget change proposal for obtaining replacement aircraft for the Division. He provided an overview on two airport

issues that the Division was addressing at Rancho Murrieta and Torrey Pines. He also shared that the Division recently updated its division fact sheet.

Mr. Chung, CTC staff, informed TACA of Commission actions related to aeronautics.

#### **4. Next Steps for NextGen Activities**

Mr. Chung explained that the CTC sent a letter to the Business Transportation and Housing Agency asking the Secretary to provide leadership on NextGen activities. He noted that Governor was slated to go to Florida, but he was unaware if the Governor planned to speak on aeronautics issues. Mr. Cathey reported on the Division's understanding that NextGen implementation would probably roll out on a piece meal basis. TACA members indicated that it would be useful to know how Florida received test bed designation from Ms Mary Peters, the US Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Kunze indicated that he would investigate with FAA their perspective on how California could get NextGen designation.

Commissioner Tagami stated that California must ensure its funds are available for matching the federal funds. He indicated, with TACA concurrence, he would ask for the Commission's permission to work with the California League of Cities (League) and the County Supervisors Association of California (CSAC) to get the California Congressional delegation to support getting federal funding leveraged with local funds.

Mr. Krug noted that Caltrans Aeronautics staff does not have sufficient staff and funding to carry out some the NextGen activities. Commissioner Tagami suggested it would be easier to bring in the capital funding first and then get the funding for staff.

TACA members noted that the Legislature has select transportation committees or sub-committees. None of the committees is for aeronautics. With a sub-committee or a select committee, aeronautics advocates may be able to generate traction for pursuing funding for advanced technology and thereby help aeronautics meet its responsibility under AB 32. On a motion by Burkhart with a second by Waters, TACA voted 8-0 to ask CSAC and the League to work with aeronautic organizations to get legislative support for NextGen activities. TACA further voted on an 8-0 vote (Burkhart move, Krug second) to have Commissioner Tagami ask the Commission for permission to educate the League and CSAC about NextGen, what is necessary to get federal designation, and to identify the best airports to serve as test beds in California.

#### **5. California General Aviation Airports Links to Vitality – Video**

Mr. Terry Barrie spoke about the development and cost for the video. The video cost about \$70,000. It used people who actually operate or use the airports. The video will be used to inform and educate local decision-makers about local airports and their uses. Mr. Burkhart indicated that his organization liked the video and planned to purchase copies for its use.

#### **6. a and b. 2008 Aeronautics Program and Proposed Project List**

Ms Reese noted that TACA has heard this item at its last meeting. She noted that TACA recommended that the Aeronautics Program and proposed project list be considered for adoption by the Commission. She explained the purpose of the program and the proposed project list. TACA members and Commission liaison members thanked Ms Reese for explaining the program in more detail.

**7. a. Legislative Update**

Mr. Philip Crimmins provided an update on the legislation that the Division was tracking.

**7. b. Status Report on SB 1118 (Negrete McLeod) Airport Land Use Commissions**

Mr. Chung explained the Mr. Pfeifer was absent from the TACA meeting today because he was testifying on SB 1118 before the Assembly Local Government Committee. Mr. Chung noted that Mr. Pfeifer called and informed him that the bill passed out of Committee. The Assembly Appropriations Committee would hear SB 1118 next and then the Assembly.

**8. Conclusion of the review of TACA goals**

Mr. Kunze reviewed the remaining items in his white paper. TACA members asked that the goals be included in the draft TACA annual report. The group would then determine what goals were the highest priorities and remain in the report.

**9. Preparation for Next Year's Annual Report**

Mr. Chung indicated that he sent out to TACA members the current annual report to the Commission. He asked that the chair appoint a sub-committee to review the report and make suggestions. He noted that the financial portion of the report was several years old and should be updated. Mr. Chung asked Mr. Cathey to have Aeronautics staff update the financial portion of the report, since the Division of Aeronautics provided the original information.

Mr. Kunze appointed a sub-committee comprised of Mr. Weil, Mr. Pfeifer, Mr. Mispagel, Mr. Tagami, Mr. Chung and himself.

**13. Other Business/Adjournment**

Commissioner Guardino "left" at 3:06 PM. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM. TACA will meet next on August 20, 2008.