

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS
FOR
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008
AERONAUTICS CONFERENCE ROOM
ROOM 3340
1120 N STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chris Kunze, TACA Chair, convened the meeting at 2:02 PM. TACA members and attendees made self-introductions.

Present were:

TACA members: Peter Hill, Harry Krug, Chris Kunze, Robin Hunt, John Pfeifer and Tom Weil.

Absent were: Mike Armstrong, Dan Burkhart, Rob Leonard, Mark Mispagel and Sandy Waters and Alex Wilcox.

Commission: Carl Guardino present. Phil Tagami absent.

Commission and Department staff: Robert Chung, Gary Cathey, Terry Barrie, Phillip Crimmins, and Kevin Ryan.

2. Approval of Minutes for August 20, 2008.

On a motion by Weil and seconded by Krug, TACA voted 6-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Status Reports and Upcoming Actions

Gary Cathey, acting Caltrans Aeronautics Division Chief, briefed TACA on ongoing activities for the Aeronautics Division. He discussed the Division's continuing efforts to fill vacancies. He also shared information about issues at several local airports and helicopter noise issues. He also shared the "What is General Aviation?" DVD with TACA. TACA members liked the DVD's informative nature and asked that the DVD be distributed to local agencies and to other aviation organizations.

Mr. Terry Barrie reported that Caltrans was now a formal member of the Alliance for Sustainable Air Transportation.

Mr. Chung, CTC staff, informed TACA that the 2008-09 budget was falling apart and that negotiations would likely start up with a special session being called by the Governor. He also noted that DayJet was in severe financial trouble. Chair Kunze indicated that he would ask Alex Wilcox to give a presentation at the next TACA meeting to discuss the use of very light jets (VLJs) for the west coast market and how it differs from the DayJet model.

Chair Kunze informed TACA that Mr. Kemmerly resigned after years of service first as Caltrans Division Chief and then as a private sector member. TACA discussed the need for a new member, but concluded that it was not necessary to fill the position immediately. On a longer-term basis, TACA still wanted an air cargo or airline representative. TACA also wanted to consider having the Metropolitan Transportation Commission replace the representative from the Southern California Association of Governments. TACA members concluded that they would review the issue again in the spring.

4. a. Legislative Update

Mr. Philip Crimmins provided an update on the legislation that the Division was tracking. He briefly covered:

- SB1141 (Margett) that would clarify emergency medical services and the use of public aircraft.
- SB 1510 (Kehoe) that would make minor changes to SB 10, which established the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Mr. Crimmins mentioned that five other bills failed to get out of the Legislature, including SB 1118 (Negrete McLeod).

4 b. Final Report on SB 1118 (Negrete McLeod) Airport Land Use Commissions

Mr. Pfeifer explained that the bill failed to get beyond its third reading in the Assembly in order for the bill to go back to the Senate for concurrence. The Assembly heard the bill, but it failed to get out of the Assembly on a vote of 27-ayes, 25-noes and 28-abstentions. Mr. Pfeifer discussed the possibility of introducing a bill in 2009 at the start of a new legislative session or waiting a year.

5. TACA Meeting Schedule for Next Year

Mr. Chung introduced the proposed TACA schedule for next year. He noted that six meetings are proposed. He noted that schedule was set up so that TACA could give its input to the Commission in a timely manner and with an eye towards influencing legislation. Mr. Pfeifer asked that the proposed January date be changed so that the TACA meeting would not conflict with the meeting of Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE). Mr. Chung indicated he would confer with Chair Kunze to select an alternate date for TACA's first 2009 meeting.

6. a. Update on Existing Aviation Funding Information Request

Mr. Chung noted that he asked earlier in the year that the Division of Aeronautics provide updated financial information for the TACA Annual Report, regarding estimated revenues and funding needs, as well as an update on revenues derived from the avgas and jet fuel. He noted that the Division of Aeronautics provided a memo indicating that the Division was working on the information, but faced obstacles at the local and state level. Mr. Cathey indicated that the Division would not be able to provide the information in time for the Annual Report. He noted that the information collection would continue with the hope of gathering the requested information in time for next year's Annual Report.

6 b. Ten-Year Aeronautics Account Trend line

Mr. Ryan presented the ten-year trend line. He noted that the revenues slowly were declining. TACA members asked questions about the trend line, specifically regarding the 2006-07 Jet A revenues. Mr. Ryan stated he would correct the typographical errors, double check the Jet A revenues for 2006-07 and add totals for each fiscal year. Mr. Chung noted it also would be helpful to project when the Jet A revenues would actually exceed the AvGas transfers permanently. TACA could use this information to inform the Legislature, through the Commission, of the need to address the funding decline in absolute dollars and in terms of inflation.

6. c. Accomplishments Annual Report

TACA reviewed the TACA Annual Report regarding its accomplishments. TACA members asked that the report include as bullets in the summary specifics about NextGen and ASAT. Commission staff and Chair Kunze would go over the final draft to correct typos and revise sentences to reflect TACA's suggestions. On a motion by Krug and seconded by Hill, TACA approved the Accomplishments Annual Report on a 6-0 vote.

6 d. Upcoming Issues Report

TACA reviewed the Upcoming Issues Report. TACA asked that Robin Hunt, FAA, review and comment on the section dealing with federal re-authorization. Mr. Chung would incorporate into the report FAA's salient comments. Commission staff and Chair Kunze would go over the final draft to correct typos and revise sentences to reflect TACA's suggestions. On a motion by Weil and seconded by Pfeifer, TACA approved the Upcoming Issues Report on a 6-0 vote.

7. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.