

**Technical Advisory Committee for Aeronautics  
Minutes  
Wednesday, October 20, 2009**

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Sacramento International Airport – Media Conference Room  
6900 Airport Boulevard  
Sacramento, California

<http://www.catc.ca.gov>

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chris Kunze, TACA Chair, convened the meeting at 1:06 PM. TACA member attendees made self introductions.

TACA Members Present:

Harry Krug, Chris Kunze, Mark Mispagel and John Pfeifer

TACA Members Absent:

Michael Armstrong, Dan Burkhart, Robin Hunt, Sandy Waters, Alex Wilcox, and Tom Weil

Commission:

Commissioners Carl Guardino and Joe Tavaglione were absent.

Commission Staff:

Robert Chung

Department Staff:

Gary Cathey, Kevin Ryan and Philip Crimmins.

Interested Parties:

James Jenkins, County of San Bernardino, Department of Airports

**2. Approval of August 19, 2009 Minutes**

TACA members asked that clarifying changes be made to the minutes. Changes included:

- Correcting typos where a word was left out or inadvertently left in to clarify a sentence.
- Correcting the discussion on Next Gen Implementation and first responders to reflect that it is Cal-OES and not Cal-FEMA and that it is dealing with automatic dependent surveillance broadcast (ADSB) operations.
- Clarifying that the Fund Estimate for Aeronautics is part of the State Transportation Improvement Program Fund Estimate.

Mr. Krug moved to approve the August 19, 2009 minutes with recommended changes. Mr. Mispagel seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **3. Status Reports and Upcoming Actions**

#### **3a. Caltrans Aeronautics Division**

Mr. Cathey explained that the Aeronautics Division was coming out with a quarterly newsletter. He asked for future topics and stated that TACA members would be receiving a copy. Mr. Cathey went on further to note that Arizona disbanded its aviation program which had three times the budget of California and a staff size similar to Caltrans Aeronautics. He then reported on NextGen implementation progress in Southern California (Long Beach) where a contractor has been identified to install an automatic dependent surveillance broadcast (ADSB) system. California is getting a number of systems for testing and is in the forefront compare to other states.

#### **3b. CTC Actions**

Mr. Chung explained that the draft sections discussing TACA annual activities and TACA's identification of upcoming issues was prepared by Chris Kunze and John Pfeifer. He noted that the items would be heard at the December Commission meeting and that Mr. Kunze would be there to present the items. The respective draft for each topic would be addressed in detail later in the agenda.

Next Mr. Chung noted that Commissioner Joe Tavaglione was appointed to serve as a liaison to TACA.

### **4. Update on State Legislation**

Mr. Crimmins explained that the Legislature's regular session was adjourned until January 4, 2010. SB 481 (Cox), dealing with state and federal law conformity on deprecation, was signed by the Governor. Regarding Federal legislation, he noted that HR 3607 extends the authorization for the aeronautics trust fund to December 31, 2009. Further, Congress does feel the urgency to complete re-authorization. Mr. Crimmins then noted that aeronautics funds from the Federal Recovery Act that California airports received from the Federal Aviation Administration was now up to \$100,693,438.

#### **4b. Year in Review**

Mr. Pfeifer explained that Senate Bill 737 was still in suspense in Senate Appropriations. The Commission on State Mandates found that establishing an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) would create a state mandate if the bill passed. Given the estimated fiscal impact in establishing an ALUC, the Senate Appropriations has placed this bill on suspense until a source of funding is identified. Establishing an ALUC is estimated to cost \$10,000. Since there are 9 counties that would be required to establish an ALUC, the cost

would total \$90,000 which is over the suspense threshold of \$50,000. Mr. Pfeifer hoped to move the bill early next year.

#### **5. Revenue and Expenditure Survey for the Annual Report**

Mr. Kevin Ryan provided a status of the Department's work in updating the information needed. The Division is still having problems in getting the entities in charge of these numbers to provide the necessary numbers. Mr. Ryan agreed to report at the next TACA meeting on whether the information required was obtained. Mr. Pfeifer expressed his concern and stated that this base information is very important to the aeronautics community when it brings funding issues to the Legislature's attention.

#### **6. TACA Annual Report to the Commission – Accomplishments and Upcoming Issues**

Mr. Kunze, Mr. Pfeifer and Mr. Chung explained the two draft documents. Mr. Chung indicated that the document was highlighted with changes so TACA members could see the original text and the proposed changes. Mr. Kunze noted that the draft documents had some internal inconsistencies over capitalization and asked staff to correct those inconsistencies. Mr. Pfeifer indicated he would give staff the final changes he had. Mr. Krug moved and Mr. Mispagel seconded the approval of the documents for transmittal to the Commission.

#### **7. TACA Meeting Schedule for Next Year**

Mr. Chung laid out the proposed meeting schedule for next year. He noted that TACA would have six meetings again. If no changes were warranted, he would have the schedule posted on the Commission's website.

#### **8. Other Business**

Mr. Kunze noted that staff from the Southern California Association of Governments would be willing to attend TACA meetings, if some were held in Southern California. Mr. Chung and Mr. Cathey noted that with the State budget being so tenuous, it would be difficult to have large numbers of staff travel. Mr. Kunze also noted that SCAG's aeronautics advisory committee was sending a letter to FAA pushing for NextGen funding in southern California.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Chair Kunze adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.