

**Technical Advisory Committee for Aeronautics  
Minutes  
Wednesday, August 25, 2010**

**1:00 PM to 3:00PM  
Sacramento International Airport  
Media Conference Room  
6900 Airport Boulevard  
Sacramento, California**

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Tom Weil, TACA Vice-Chair, convened the meeting at 1:05 PM. TACA member attendees made self introductions.

**TACA Members Present:**

Dan Burkhart, Chris Kunze, John Pfeifer; Sandy Waters and Tom Weil

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Joe Tavaglione

**Commission Staff Present:**

Robert Chung

**Caltrans Staff Present:**

Gary Cathey, Terry Barrie, Derek Kantar and Gwyn Reese.

**Interested Attendees:**

James Jenkins, San Bernardino Department of Airports and Barry Rondinella, Sacramento County Airport

**2. Approval of June 16, 2010 Minutes**

TACA members approved the minutes on a motion by Mr. Pfeifer and seconded by Mr. Burkhart. Motion carried 5-0.”

**3. Status Reports and Upcoming Actions**

**3a Caltrans Aeronautics Division**

Mr. Cathey provided a status report on the funding for the Aeronautics Account. He noted the revenues were down by about 30 percent from \$7.2 million annually to \$5

million. He thought a major reason for the drop in revenues was the recession. Since the state had not adopted a budget, Mr. Cathey noted the state was still requiring its employees to take three mandatory furloughs a month. With regard to Next Gen activities, he had nothing new to report.

Mr. Barrie explained the division's outreach on the development of the Land Use Planning Handbook. He noted that workshops were held in Sacramento, Fresno and Ontario. Notices were sent out to the 185 airport managers, 35 Airport Land Use Commissions, 58 county planning directors, and cities. For the Ontario area, notices went out to all the interested parties named earlier. Chair Kunze asked that Mr. Barrie forward the information to him and he would get it to the San Bernardino people who thought they were not notified.

Mr. Krug noted that the lack of a state budget prevented the Division of Aeronautics from allocating funds. Could the local agencies spend their own monies and get reimbursed at a later date for the projects? Ms Gwyn Reese noted that the funds are continuously appropriated. The funding is available without the need for a process that permits the local agencies use their own funds and then be reimbursed at a later date. Several members noted that the Commission's Annual Report advocates that Legislature enact legislation to permit local agencies to use their own monies with later reimbursement on projects. Mr. Chung explained the letter of no prejudice process (LONP) that is available to local agencies for highway and transit projects. He noted that for the LONP process to apply to the aeronautics program, legislation would be needed.

### **3b. CTC**

Mr. Chung noted that the Commission replaced Commissioner Zarian with Commissioner Frommer as the Commission's Vice-Chair. Mr. Chung stated that Commissioner Zarian was replaced by Fran Inman from the Los Angeles area. Commissioner Inman is a Senior Vice President at Majestic Realty.

Mr. Chung stated that Mr. Cathey presented the General Aviation System Needs Assessment to the Commission as an information item. Several Commissioners noted the need for additional funding for aeronautics. The Commission asked that Caltrans discuss how the Aeronautics program is funded.

### **3c. TACA**

Mr. Kunze is continuing to follow through on seeking an air cargo representative such as UPS per the discussion at the last TACA meeting. TACA members nominated Mr. Barry Rondinella, Sacramento County Airport System, to be added to TACA. Mr. Chung asked that Mr. Rondinella provide his resume so that absent TACA members could consider his qualifications. If TACA members supported to the nomination, Commissioner Tavaglione indicated he would take the nomination to the next Commission meeting and recommend that the Commission Chair appoint Mr. Rondinella.

Mr. Kunze stated that Mr. Weil, Vice Chair of TACA, could not serve as Chair next year due to his job constraints as city manager. Mr. Kunze indicated that Mr. Mispagel would like to serve but has prior commitments for the first six months next year. Mr. Kunze noted he could serve as Chair for six months next year. On a motion by Mr. Burkhart and seconded by Mr. Pfeifer, TACA agreed that Mr. Kunze and Mr. Weil should serve respectively as chair and vice-chair for TACA next year, pending other TACA members availability. Motion passed 5-0

#### **4. Revenue/Expenditure Survey Status Report**

Mr. Barrie provided a brief overview of the memo prepared by Aeronautics staff. He then discussed the tri-fold handout that would be used as an educational tool. Mr. Burkhart wanted the tri-fold to have a “hook” for why additional revenues should be returned to general aviation. He suggested that information about emergency response, fire and safety would be useful. Further, other members suggested that information about how general aviation airports need to meet minimum standards, correct deficiencies and economic benefits of general aviation airports would be helpful. Mr. Pfeifer suggested that the Division finalize the tri-fold for the next meeting. Mr. Kanter asked if the tri-fold targeted the appropriate audience. TACA members said the tri-fold should be used for informing legislators, boards of supervisors, city council members and the general public about general aviation funding needs.

#### **5. Legislation**

Mr. Cathey presented the legislative update as Mr. Crimmins was unable to attend. He noted the progress of AB 1660 (Salas), SB 1333 (Yee), and SB 1141 (Negrete McLeod). Mr. Cathey noted that AB 1660 was signed by the Governor and would exempt emergency aircraft and equipment from local noise ordinances and allow them to arrive or depart from those airports after hours. SB 1333 dealing with aviation easements would require the local agency to notify the airport owner or operator when a project permit is approved with the condition of an easement and if the project is no longer viable and the easement is terminated. SB 1333 was enrolled and sent to the governor. SB 1141, dealing airport land use commissions was awaiting a vote on the Assembly floor.

Mr. Pfeifer provided an update for AB 48 (Portantino): Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009. AB 48, chaptered on October 11, 2009, is now the law. The law did not contain an exemption for FAA approved schools as was previously provided, by intention as a result of the 2008 Silver State Helicopters failure. As a result, FAA-approved flight schools are now receiving letters from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) within the Department of Consumer Affairs, informing them that they are no longer exempt, requiring that they obtain state approval to operate, and requiring a \$5,000 filing fee. AOPA is working on a bill that would apply a two year moratorium on implementation. This will provide AOPA the time necessary to push forward a clarifying bill. Mr. Pfeifer noted that AB 1889 was one of two bills dealing with the flight school issue. AB 1889 is

moving along and is headed to the Senate Floor. AB 1140 was the other. AB 1140 was gutted and amended to include the flight school and flight maintenance program one-year exemption and is stalled in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Mr. Pfeifer hoped that one of the bills would go forward. Both bills are only a temporary fix and a bill will be needed next year. State regulations are needed for flight schools. Stake holders need to form a group to come up with standards for all schools, while regulations are deferred. This should be a concern raised by TACA in its annual report.

Mr. Pfeifer also provided a brief summary of Assembly Joint Resolution No. 41 pertaining to the Santa Monica Airport. Some people living in Santa Monica believe that the airport activities are too noisy and polluting. They want FAA to take action to fix this. Amendments were made. The resolution passed the Senate and is awaiting Assembly action.

## **6. TACA Annual Report to the CTC**

Mr. Chung recommended that a subcommittee be formed consisting of Chair Kunze, Mr. Pfeifer and himself to prepare a draft for the next meeting of TACA. He asked that members look at last year's report and get back with comments to the subcommittee.

## **7. Other Business/Adjournment**

No other business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 2:55PM.