

# AGENDA

## Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
TERMINAL A – Media Conference Room  
6900 AIRPORT BOULEVARD  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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1:00 PM	1.	Welcome and Introductions	Chris Kunze
1:05 PM	2.	Approval of August 3, 2011 Minutes	Chris Kunze
1:10 PM	3.	Status Reports	
	3a.	Caltrans Aeronautics Division	Gary Cathey
	3b.	CTC	Maura Twomey
	3c.	TACA	
		• Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair	Chris Kunze
1:30 PM	4.	Annual Reports to the Commission	
	4a.	Issues	
	4b.	Accomplishments	
2:15 PM	5.	Legislation	
	5a.	Legislative Status Report	John Pfeifer
	5b.	State Legislation	
		1. SB 619	
	5c.	Federal Legislation Re-Authorization	Teresa Favila
	5d.	Legislative Briefings	Maura Twomey
2:35 PM	6.	Schedule for 2012 TACA Meetings	Maura Twomey
2:45 PM	7.	Other Business/Adjournment	Chris Kunze

**Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics  
Minutes  
Wednesday, August 3, 2011**

**Sacramento International Airport  
Media 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 member attendees made self introductions.

**TACA Members Present:**

Dan Burkhart, Harry Krug, Chris Kunze, Mark Mispagel, John Pfeifer, Sandy Waters and Tom Weil

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Joe Tavaglione

**Commission Staff Present:**

Bimla Rhinehart, Robert Chung, Maura Twomey, Teresa Favila

**Caltrans Staff Present:**

Gary Cathey, Terry Barrie, Derek Kantar, and Carol Glatfelter

**Others Present:** Jim Lites and Nicolina Hernandez of Schott & Lites representing California Airport Council (CAC) and Steve Bultman of Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Robert Chung introduced Bimla Rhinehart, Executive Director of the CTC.

Ms. Rhinehart expressed gratitude and was very appreciative to the Committee for their work. She looks forward to attending more meetings in the future. She also thanked Mr. Chung for his dedication to the committee and hard work.

Commissioner Tavaglione also thanked Robert and dedication to the Committee and hopes Robert changes his mind about his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Chung thanked all the members; he will continue to work with Maura Twomey and Teresa Favila for a smooth transition

Harry Krung informed the Committee that he will retire as well and a new member will be selected at their upcoming ACA conference.

## **2. Approval of April 13, 2011 Minutes**

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the minutes.

Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

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

### **3a Caltrans Division of Aeronautics**

Mr. Gary Cathey informed the members that he had been in Japan since March 26, 2011 on a deployment for the Sunami relief effort. His deployment concluded on June 27, 2011.

Mr. Cathey provided the following updates:

- The Division of Aeronautics has 3 vacancies: Engineer, Planner and an Aviation Consultant. The current hiring freeze is making it difficult to fill the positions which impact the frequency of inspections the Department can make.
- The Department of General Services (DGS) conducted a survey on the Department's equipment as mandated by the Governor. The two aircrafts the Department owns were categorized as equipment and therefore, included as part of the survey. The initial DGS report determined that the Department only needs one aircraft as the number of hours the aircrafts are used, compared to other agencies (like CHP), does not justify two aircrafts. The Department only has 2 aircrafts to do their inspections and if they are forced to eliminate one, it will impact significantly the number of inspections they are able to do. It's a very disheartening situation because the older aircraft which DGS determined should be eliminated has been recently retrofitted. Mr. Cathey will have a meeting next week with DGS to discuss the issue and try to relay the importance of keeping this equipment.

Ms Rhinehart suggested letters of support. If they need further information, they can contact Mr. Cathey.

- Mr. Cathey informed the members that with the current travel restrictions, his unit has been unable to participate in many of the aviation conferences held. He hopes this will change soon.

### **3b. CTC**

Mr. Chung informed TACA that there is a technical correction on the draft Capital Improvement Project Allocation. The allocation is to the City of San Mateo not the San Mateo Association of Governments.

Mr. Chung also informed TACA that Barry Rondinella resigned as a TACA member. With Mr. Krug also leaving it is a good opportunity for TACA to review its membership and determine if the industry is adequately represented. Mr. Chung suggested when considering new members to keep in mind that the number of members is not as important as the coverage.

### **3c. TACA**

Mr. Kunze discussed the nominations for a new Chair and Vice Chair. He has asked Mark Mispagel and John Pfeifer to head a subcommittee and come up with possible nominees. If anyone is interested in joining the subcommittee, please contact Mr. Mispagel and Mr. Pfeifer. This item will be on the agenda at the October TACA meeting. Mr. Kunze is also amicable to continue acting as Chair until a new one is elected.

### **4. Annual Report to the Commission**

Mr. Chung announced that the annual report deadlines are earlier than they were in the past. The due dates for last year's annual report were mid-September. It's likely that a similar schedule will be followed. Included in the package are the Issues and Accomplishments for everyone to look at as a starting point. He suggested a subcommittee to develop draft Issues and Accomplishments and then the draft can be presented to all the TACA members.

John Pfeifer and Chris Kunze agreed to head the subcommittee. Mr. Kunze will do a first draft and Mr. Pfeifer will draft the legislative portion of the report. Once a draft is completed, it will be presented to the group.

Mr. Chung announced the upcoming CTC retreat where due dates will be finalized for the annual report. Once the dates are released, Ms. Twomey will provide it to the TACA subcommittee.

### **5. Legislation**

#### **5a and 5b. Legislative Status Report.**

Mr. Cathey provided an overview on the status of bills in Philip Crimmins absence.

Mr. Pfeifer discussed SB 194. It is a clean up bill that is still alive, all others may be 2 year bills

#### **5c. Federal Legislation.**

The FAA shut down in July was discussed. Until a new bill is passed only Safety and critical mission activities are allowed. All others are shut down.

#### **5d. Legislative Briefings.**

Mr. Chung suggested having the proposed legislative briefings in January shortly after the new session reconvenes. Mr. Chung proposed a CTC staff member, a TACA member and Commissioners Tavaglione and Dunn meet with the legislators and staff to discuss concerns, issues and accomplishments. The focus of the briefings should be TACA's critical issues. Commissioner Tavaglione suggested to limiting the meetings to 15 minutes or less.

## **6. Center for Environmental Health Notice of Pending Litigation Against AvGas Suppliers**

Mr. Kunze informed TACA that the Federal District Court has scheduled a hearing in October. The State has agreed not to sue.

Mr. Kunze referenced the issue paper he prepared for discussion which is included in the meeting materials. He would like to add an addendum so that it becomes part of the minutes. He pointed out that this lawsuit has no merit and as airport proprietors this litigation can be very damaging.

Mr. Burkhart suggested that TACA should not get involved. TACA members can express an opinion as individuals but not as a group. TACA does not have the legal expertise to get involved. TACA members must be careful as it could be misrepresented.

Mr. Burkhart suggested this item be tabled with no action.

All members present agreed.

## **7. California Aviation System Plan Policy Element**

Terry Barrie presented the California Aviation System Plan Policy, which will be an information item at the September CTC meeting. They expect adoption at the October meeting.

Mr. Kunze suggested a few additional changes, if still possible:

Pg 1-6, include something in support of infrastructure

Pg 2-8, Airspace access issue in Southern Cal.

Pg 2-14, Economics, cannot afford to maintain infrastructure tie to investment and capital projects

Pg 2-20 Education and the need for more funding for aviation infrastructure

John Pfeifer moved to approve the Policy Element with the above noted changes, Mark Mispagel seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

## **8. Airport Land Use Planning Handbook Update**

Mr. Barrie stated that the 2011 Airport Land Use Planning Handbook should be completed in the next two weeks. Once it receives final legal review it will be released to the public which is anticipated to occur in October.

## **Other Business/Adjournment**

Mr. Mispagel suggested TACA should consider drafting a letter to Congress in support of an Aviation bill. Jim Lite of Schott & Lites informed the members of a letter he wrote on behalf of the organization he represents about 10 days ago.

TACA should consider a letter to present to CTC so it is sent on its behalf. No action was taken.

Mr. Mispagel also informed members of proposed legislation regarding helicopter regulations. Mr. Pfeifer was aware and was tracking it. It is of concern. He will have more information at the next TACA meeting.

Mr. Kunze informed that SCAG, in conjunction with AOPA, is working on a GA survey. They have received approximately 80% response. This can be discussed further at the next TACA meeting.

Dan Burkhart reminded the members of the NBAA annual meeting October 10-12. It will be the largest general aviation conference of its type. He would like to extend a complimentary invitation to the Department, if allowed.

John Pfeifer also informed members of the annual ACA conference, September 14-16 in Lake Tahoe.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

**Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics  
2012 Meeting Schedule  
(Proposed)**

**January 11, 2012 – Sacramento International Airport**

January 25-26                      California Transportation Commission Meeting  
(Sacramento Area)

**May 9, 2012 – Sacramento International Airport**

May 23-24                         California Transportation Commission Meeting  
(Sacramento Area)

**July 11, 2012 – Sacramento International Airport**

July 25-26                         California Transportation Commission Meeting  
(Sacramento Area)

**October 17, 2012 – Sacramento International Airport**

October 31 – November 1      California Transportation Commission Meeting  
(Sacramento Area)