

**Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics
Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

**1:00 PM to 3:00PM
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 1:06 PM. TACA member attendees made self introductions.

TACA Members Present:

Dan Burkhart, Harry Krug, Chris Kunze, Bruce MacRae, Mark Mispagel, John Pfeifer, Barry Rondinella and Tom Weil

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Joe Tavaglione
Commissioner Lucetta Dunn

Commission Staff Present:

Robert Chung

Caltrans Staff Present:

Jeff Brown, Terry Barrie, Philip Crimmins and Derek Kantar.

Others Present: Jim Lites of Schott & Lites representing California Airport Council (CAC).

2. Approval of March 2, 2011 Minutes

Mr.Kunze requested that the minutes be clarified regarding Agenda Item 3a. be clarified that it was the Central Valley/Statewide ad hoc forum on airport land use planning. Further the Division of Aeronautics was invited to participate in the February 9th teleconference.

For Agenda Item 4. SCAG Aviation Planning Update, Mr. Kunze asked that the first paragraph describing the work at Chino Airport be clarified as work on an airport smart growth program. In the second paragraph on the same topic, he asked that the minutes reflect that rather than "Growth" that "Airline activity has been stagnant since 1997 ..."

Lastly on Agenda Item 7. Legislation, Mr. Kunze asked that the national bill dealing with a noise curfew was specifically for Burbank and Van Nuys airports. TACA members approved the amended minutes on a motion by Mr. Pfeifer and seconded by Mr. MacRae. Motion carried 8-0.

3. Status Reports and Upcoming Actions

3a Caltrans Division of Aeronautics

Mr. Jeff Brown reported that Division Chief Gary Cathey was in Japan in his role as a reserve USAF officer. Mr. Cathey could be gone for up to 90 days from his March 28th departure date. Mr. Brown reported the hearings on the proposed FY 11/12 budget still did not have any cuts on the Aeronautics Account. The airport land use planning handbook was almost a final draft. The consultant and Aeronautics staff have been working on the handbook with the goal of finishing it up by late May. TACA would then see the final draft for comment in June.

Mr. Kantar, Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, noted that the work on the Policy Element was coming along through the internal review process. The Policy Element needs to be completed this year. He hoped to bring the document to TACA at its June meeting. Mr. MacRae suggested looking at high efficiency lighting to help reduce operational costs. Mr. Mispagel mentioned that the cities and counties are doing the same thing to reduce operational costs. Mr. Barrie mentioned that Caltrans does it on its lighting for highways.

3b. CTC

Mr. Chung informed TACA that the Governor nominated Commissioners Earp and Guardino for re-appointment to the Commission. Commissioner Chalker was not nominated.

3c. TACA

Mr. Kunze discussed the proposal from the last meeting of adding the California Airports Council (CAC) as a member of TACA. He suggested that Mr. Lites of Shotts and Lites, executive director for CAC serve as the member. Mr. Chung recommended that a board member be added rather than staff. After consideration, TACA decided that the nominee should come from the CAC Board of Directors and that designee from the Board of Directors could appoint an alternate to attend, when needed. Some TACA members recommended that Sacramento County be the nominated CAC representative. Chair Kunze indicated he would discuss with CAC who they wished to nominate.

4. Legislation

4a and 4b. Legislative Status Report.

Mr. Crimmins provided an overview on the status of bills (AB 81, AB 511, AB 668, SB 194, SB 295, SB 446, and SB 619) before the Legislature. He noted that AB 81 (Beall) was suspended in committee as too costly for the state. He noted that Sacramento Bee political columnist Dan Walters wrote that the bill could result in a \$120 million hit on the annual revenues collected. Mr. Crimmins then discussed AB 511 (Yamada) dealing with marking and lighting towers for meteorological and wind energy projects to improve the safety for low flying aircraft. Next he discussed AB 668 (Heuso) that would exempt a military airport in San Diego from complying with requirement that an airport land use compatibility plan be prepared for the city of Coronado. Mr. Crimmins then covered SB 194, an omnibus bill on governance and finance, clarifies how aviation easements should be terminated when a development project falls through and that it is the airport operator that pays for the notice. The bill is a follow up to SB 1333 (Yee) from 2010 that set up the termination process but did not clarify how the process worked. Next Mr. Crimmins discussed SB 295 (Price) that would delete the requirement that a community college district would consult with the Division of Aeronautics

about properties that are located within two miles of an airport. The bill's author cancelled the hearing on the bill. Mr. Crimmins then discussed SB 446 that would cede Ontario Airport from the Los Angeles World Airways to the city of Ontario. Mr. Rondinella noted on SB 446 that it seemed the city of Ontario wanted the revenues but not the debts. He thought the proposal was a taking without compensation. Mr. Lites noted that the CAC would oppose the bill, but was waiting for the city of Los Angeles to take a position.

SB 619 (Fuller) is a bill dealing with private post-secondary education and would provide exemptions for flight schools and instructors who do not accept payment for service in advance. The bill is in the early part of the Legislative cycle and does not address the concerns raised last year by the Commission, based upon TACA's advice and recommendations.

Mr. Pfeifer noted that AOPA is seeking to change the proposed legislation to exempt the flight schools and instructors. The sticking point is determining how to write the exemption to satisfy everyone.

4c. Proposed Meeting with Key State Legislators on Aeronautics Issues. Mr. MacRae and Commissioner Tavaglione discussed setting up a meeting with the leadership of both sides of the Legislature. They suggested August, since the Legislature is on recess and it would be a little easier to set up meetings with the members. The details would be worked on when time got closer for setting the meeting.

4d. Federal Legislation. The federal legislation was noted without discussion.

5. Proposed Airport Improvement Program Match Set Aside

Mr. Jeff Brown recommended no change to the current match aside of 2.5% for the federal Airport Improvement Program. The match rate would provide one-half of the 5% needed to match the federal funding by an eligible general aviation airport. On a motion by Commissioner Tavaglione and seconded by Mr. MacRae, TACA moved to keep the match rate stay at 2.5%. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

6. Proposed Acquisition and Development Match

Mr. Brown noted that the Acquisition and Match item would be heard as an informational item by the Commission at its May meeting. He recommended no change to the current match requirement of 10% by local agencies seeking funding from the California Aid to Airports Program. On a motion by Commissioner Tavaglione and seconded by Mr. MacRae, TACA moved to recommend that the match rate stay at 10%. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

7. SCAG Regional Aviation Policy Issues

Mr. Kunze presented on behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) draft policy issues that are being considered for further analysis and policy development by SCAG staff/consultants as part of updating regional aviation strategy for the 2012 SCAG Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Kunze noted that he was serving on the SCAG technical advisory committee that was reviewing the draft policy issues. He noted that the regional aviation strategy (RAS) represents the policy document with recommended actions to implement the strategy. The five categories are: regional aviation demand forecasts; airport economics and finance; airport land use compatibility/environmental impacts; airspace/new technologies; and adopted regional aviation policies in SCAG's 2008 Regional Transportation

Plan. Mr. Kunze discussed the five categories by covering each issue under the specific category and provided his understanding of the relative importance of each issue. TACA members did not add to Mr. Kunze's comments.

8. Other Business/Adjournment

No other business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.