



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - NEW TERMINAL B, TAHOE ROOM  
10 am, Wednesday, July 18, 2012

### Board Members Present:

Mark Bautista, President  
Ron Elliott, Vice President (by phone)  
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer  
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director (by phone)  
Greg Marshall, Board Director  
John Pfeifer, Board Director  
Martin Pehl, Board Director (by phone)  
Steve Birdsall, Board Director (by phone)  
Tom Weil, Board Director (by phone)

### Board Members Absent:

Rod Probst, Board Director  
James Jenkins, Past President  
Chuck McCormick, Board Director  
Peter Drinkwater, Board Director

### Guests Present:

Austin Wiswell, Wiswell Aviation Consulting

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am by President Mark Bautista. Introductions were made with several board members participating in the meeting through conference call.

### Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approved the agenda was made by Greg Marshall and seconded by John Pfeifer. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Approval of Minutes

*A motion to approved the minutes of the May 9, 2012, Board meeting was made by Greg Marshall and seconded by Tom Weil. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$24,235.27. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

### Reports/Action Items

#### *Conference Committee Update*

Cory walked the Board through a draft program and lead a discussion of the remaining topics to set in place and speakers for the September 12-14, 2012 ACA conference.

The contest for a new tag discussed continued from last meeting. Mary was asked to send out the contest information to the members. Cory will work with Mary to finalize the information to be emailed. The entries submitted will be reviewed for the top five to be presented to the membership during the conference for everyone to vote on. Mary will purchase the I-pad that will be presented to the winner.

The sponsors to date were reviewed. Revenue for the conference is on track and sponsors continue to come on Board.

#### *Legislative Committee Update*

John Pfeifer provided a legislative review of bills to the Board. There was nothing that required immediate attention for the Board's action. The report is made a part of these minutes.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

It was reported that Dan Burkhart had recently retired from the National Aviation Business Association. Dan has been extremely instrumental in a number of issues in aviation. The Board decided to find an appropriate gift to be presented to him at the earliest opportunity.

### Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting

None.

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The next meeting will be on August 15, 2012, at 11:00 am in Terminal B, Room 4302. The meeting is one hour later as there is no TACA meeting scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Legislation Report 7/9/12**

### **AB 511 (Yamada): Aeronautics: meteorological towers**

The bill requires meteorological towers, used in siting wind farms, between 50 and 200 feet in height to be marked and lighted as specified in the bill. The bill passed in the Assembly 78-0 on May 19. It was heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing on July 5, where it failed on a 2-7 vote. Reconsideration was granted and it will be taken up again in January 2012. The bill was amended on June 4, 2012, to apply to meteorological towers on or near prime farmland. It passed in the Senate July 6 (36-0) and was sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

### **AB 662 (Hueso): San Diego County Regional Airport Authority**

This bill would exempt from the requirement to include the area surrounding a military airport in the Authority's compatible land use plan for the City of Coronado. The bill is assigned to the Assembly Committee on Local Government. The bill did not pass out of the house of origin by the June 3 deadline and becomes a two year bill. The bill has been amended to make it generally applicable to any airport land use compatibility plan update. It would require that an airport land use compatibility plan adopted by a county airport land use commission be consistent with the safety and noise standards in an AICUZ if the AICUZ was adopted on or after January 1, 2012, pursuant to a public process that resulted in the adoption of an environmental impact statement pursuant to the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The bill passed the Assembly Committee on Local Government on January 12 (6-2) and was ordered to third reading. On January 17, the bill was ordered to the inactive file at the request of the author. The bill died on the inactive file on February 2.

### **AB 2540 (Gatto): Sales and use taxes: services: income taxes: exclusion: Veterans' Home of California**

As originally written, this bill would have imposed sales tax on a wide variety of services. Of concern to aviation interests were the application of sales tax to the following: "Private aircraft pilot or private jet services;" "The provision of personal, private lessons on any topic, excluding tutoring services for K-12 or college academic courses;" "Access to storage facilities, not including storage facilities used for the storage of food or self-service storage facilities, through the imposition of a charge of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) a month or more." Amendments of April 16 eliminated the tax on private lessons provision. Amendments of April 25 removed all taxing provisions and limited the bill to the funding of California Veterans' Homes from the general fund. The bill was re-referred to the Assembly Rules Committee on May 14 and there has been no further action as of July 9.

### **SB 1005/AB 1465 (Committees on Budget): Transportation**

These identical budget trailer bills were amended on June 13 to include a wide variety of FY 2012-2013 budget items. As written, the amendments appeared to eliminate the State's airport

grant programs and transfer the aviation gasoline excise tax from the aeronautics account to the general fund through 2015. The bills were opposed by aviation interests. AB 1465 passed the Assembly on June 15, was concurred in by the Senate and enrolled on June 18. The language in the enrolled bill clarified that the bill did not impact the aeronautics account as currently managed and applied only to excise taxes imposed in the 2010 gasoline tax transfer from sales tax to excise tax. SB 1005 was held in committee pending the Governor's action on AB 1465, which he signed on June 27.

### **SB 1006/AB 1466 (Committees on Budget): Transportation**

With regard to the aeronautics account, these companion budget trailer bills contained language identical to SB 1005/AB 1465.

**Budget Proposals to Eliminate State Mandates:** In February the Governor directed the Department of Finance to draft legislation to eliminate state funded mandates. Approximately 50 state funded mandates were included in the list proposed for elimination. In early March aviation interests learned that the Public Utilities Code sections requiring the formation of Airport Land Use Commissions, but not operation of the commissions, were included in the list. Since learning to the proposal, a number of organizations, including the Association of California Airports, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the California Airports Council, actively opposed the proposal. The ALUC elimination proposal was included in a bundle of five mandates marked for elimination that was heard by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee #2 on April 11. The entire package was rejected unanimously. The package was re-referred to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee #4, where it was not taken up.

During meetings with Department of Finance staff, it was learned that the PUC code provisions regarding ALUCs have been suspended for the past five years because of claims by counties for payment of startup costs totaling \$1.6 million. Four FY 2012-2013 budget trailer bills, AB 1463, AB 1464, SB 71, and SB 957 proposed to continue this suspension. AB 1464 passed and was chaptered on June 27.

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