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## AGENDA & SPEAKER BIOS



# Association of California Airports Fall Conference

## September 12 – 14, 2018

Beach Retreat & Lodge, South Lake Tahoe, California

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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:30 pm

#### **Welcome Reception:**

Come enjoy some connection time with peers, professionals, and State aviation enthusiast as you arrive in South Lake Tahoe. This will be located in the main lobby restaurant. ACA will have some hosted munchies for all that are interested. (Dress South Lake or Mountain Casual)

#### *Platinum Sponsors*



### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Open Registration

9:00 am - 9:10 am

**Open Remarks ACA President:** Scott Malta, Airport Manager, Castle Airport

9:10 am - 10:15 am

#### **Educational Session 1:**

#### **Is the Grass Greener on the Other Side of the Fence?**

A case study on an existing through the fence operation and a proposal to expand the size and types of use. Discussion will cover tools available to evaluate through the fence "opportunities" as a way to generate activity at your airport, and what planning should take place prior to evaluating this type of proposal.

**Moderator:** Cory Hazlewood, C & S Companies

**Presenter:** Chris Hastert, Airport Manager, Santa Maria Public Airport District

10:15 am - 11:15 am

**Educational Session 2:  
How to Write and Enforce your DBE Program**

Learn how to customize the FAA's Part 26 template, goal-setting, and techniques to ensure contractors show good faith efforts. A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program is a requirement, and this overview will make sure that you have the building blocks to show compliance. Don't put your funding at risk, and encourage local, DBE participation with your airport's Part 26 program.

**Moderator:** Chuck McCormick, Mead & Hunt

**Presenter:** Dorota Skrzypek, Consultant, JAC Airport Consulting

11:15 am

***Raffle Item #1:***

11:15 am - 1:00 pm

**Lunch on your own and/or Consultants, FAA Roundtable Discussion (lobby)**  
Topics: ACIP Coordination/Communication; MOS Expectations/Coordination

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

**Main Session # 1  
Proactive Planning, ACIP Discussions, and Environmental Approaches with  
Your FAA ADO Offices**

Coordination and communicating with your FAA ADO early for ACIP projects is becoming more important. The FAA has some guidance to offer in terms of key items that can help sponsors stay focused on specific early coordinated items. This allows the funding coordination conversation to be more organized. Effectively developing a CATEX, AC 150/5200-38, Protocol for the Conduct and Review of Wildlife Hazard Site Visits, Wildlife Hazard Assessments, and Wildlife Hazard Management Plans

**Moderator:** Scotty Malta, Airport Manager, Castle Airport

**Presenter:** Laurie Suttmeier, Assistant Manager, SF Airport District Office  
Gail Campos, Environmental Protection Specialist

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

**Main Session #2:  
Sustainable Aviation and Evolution**

Where are we with the evolution of sustainable aviation? How will it work, how expensive will it be? What will charging look like at airports? The first deployment of production for an electrical aircraft in commercial flight training service in the United States. A joint effort between the City of Reedley, City of Mendota, Reedley College, Mazzei Flying Service, the Fresno Business Council, and CA

**Moderator:** Andrew Swanson, Airport Manager, Palo Alto Airport

**Presenter:** Joseph Oldham, Director, San Joaquin Valley Clean Transportation Center

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

**Break/Networking time**

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

**Main Session #3:  
Better Ways to Brand and Market Your Airport**

General aviation facilities often struggle to define their airport's brand identity and get the word out to their community and travelers about what benefits they have to offer. Starting small, with a logo design or re-design, development of a tagline or value statement, creation of an effective website, and creating a plan for branding, an airport can start to effectively market themselves.

For the local community, it is critical to help residents, businesses, and elected officials understand the value that the airport brings to the community so that they are supportive of funding allocations and future development projects. Establishing a close relationship with community organizations such as chambers of commerce, business groups, higher education and k-12 schools, not for profits, and other community groups is an excellent way to increase the visibility of the airport, encourage interest and visits to your facility, and increase awareness of the airport's value to the community. To attract interest from local and transient pilots, information about your facility must be easily accessible online, up to date, and clearly demonstrate the reasons your facility is the right option for them

**Moderator:** John Pfeifer, Retired FAA

**Presenters:** Courtney Armbruster, Senior Communications Specialist, C&S Companies  
Eric Peterson, Director of County Airports, Santa Clara County Airports

4:45 pm

***Raffle Item #2***

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Harry's Reception**

As one of the original founders of ACA, Harry Krugg had always urged for the ACA membership to have a reception time for networking and sharing stories with industry professionals, funding agencies, and airport sponsors. This has been a staple for many years at the ACA conference. Harry's reception will be located out on the Lake Tahoe beach in front of the Beach Retreat & Lodge.

Please come join your fellow aviation professionals for some drinks, munchies and a gorgeous sunset. All attendees will receive two drink tickets.

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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am - 4:30 pm Open Registration

8:15 am - 8:30 am **Welcome and Introductions:** President Scott Malta, Castle Airport

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Main Session #4:  
Dealing with Reversionary Rights**

You (or usually your predecessor) developed an airport land lease agreement whereby the millions of dollars of improvements invested by a lessee will revert to the airport sponsor at the end of the original lease term - and now that lease is set to expire. Continued compliance with Assurance 5 (Preserving Rights and Powers) and 24 (Fee and Rental Structure) is just within your grasp. When out of the blue, you get a call from an elected official asking why you are trying to run a respectable business out of town? And so it begins, the battle over reversionary rights (*it's clearly spelled out in the lease!*) that you thought would never happen is about to begin.

This session will address the subtle, complex, and controversial world of reversionary rights head-on. Learn from industry experts and experienced colleagues about the origin of reversion (i.e., FAA guidance and the applicable airport sponsor assurances), recent case studies, and industry best practices (e.g. reversion deferral fees, amortization of improvements beyond term, etc.) to ensure an effective reversion strategy at your airport.

**Moderator:** Brenden O'Reilly, Airport Manager, Fullerton Municipal Airport

**Presenters:** Bob Trimborn, Consultant, Aviation Management Consulting Group  
Sherry Miller, Airport Manager, Chico Municipal Airport

9:30 am – 10:30 am **Main Session #5:  
Special Use Airspace at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center**

MCAGCC will update on a new CFA establishment, Temporary and Permanent SUA proposals, and a unique approach to outreach efforts.

**Moderator:** Chuck McCormick, Mead & Hunt

**Presenters:** Kristina Becker, Deputy Director of Government & External Affairs of the U.S. Marine Corps  
Terry Hansen, Airspace & Engagement Specialist, Cardno

10:30 am **Raffle Item #3**

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break/Networking time**

10:45 am – 11:10 am **Platinum Sponsor Presentations:**

Each Platinum Sponsor that chooses to present will have 8 minutes at this time.



11:10 am – 12:00 pm **ACA General Membership Meeting**

The General Membership Meeting is open to all conference attendees and members of ACA. This membership meeting will address our standard monthly agenda including:

- Michael A. Shutt Award
- Election of Board Members
- Review of Regions
- Call to Order Minutes
- Bylaw's Discussion
- Legislative Update for California
- California Aerospace & Aviation Days 2018/2019

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **ACA Lunch provided**

ACA hosted lunch at the Beach Retreat & Lodge Main Area

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**California State Assembly 23<sup>rd</sup> District Jim Patterson**



Assembly Member Patterson represents the eastern Fresno County and a slice of Tulare County. Prior to being elected to the state assembly, he was a business executive, broadcaster, public speaker, and is the former mayor of Fresno, California. Jim is a large supporter of the California Aviation System and has been actively engaged in the aviation community for several years.

Moderator: John Pfeifer, Retired FAA

2:15 pm - 2:50 pm

**Main Session #6:  
What's Trending in Airport Planning?**

The answer – A lot! At a time when aviation is trending upwards, airport development is strong, and funding is tight, it is important that airport sponsors consider the foundation to their future success. This session will visit hot topics in planning that play a role in the overall growth and development of airports. A unique sponsor perspective will also be given that details proper planning in order to accommodate a variety of aviation demand segments and standards.

**Moderator:** Rayvon Williams, Airport Director, Watsonville Municipal Airport

**Presenters:** Matt Quick, Associate, Coffman & Associates  
Benedict Stuth, Airports Manager, Tuolumne County Airports Dept.

2:50 pm

***Raffle Item #4***

2:50 pm – 3:00 pm

**Short Break**

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

**Main Session #7:  
Airport Uses during Emergencies**

During significant incidents or events, airports are often called on to expand their role beyond routine aviation. Communities and first responders often rely on airports to serve as staging areas, points of distribution, shelters, command posts, just to name a few. This session will touch on some of the various uses through the lens of emergency managers and will present a recent case study.

**Moderator:** Derek Kantar, Caltrans, Office of Emergency Management & Infrastructure Protection

**Presenters:** Chris Hacker, Disaster Logistics Unit Leader, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
Sherry Miller, Airport Manager, Chico Municipal Airport  
Bryant Garrett, Airports Manager, City of Redding – Airports Division

4:15 pm– 4:45 pm

**Main Session #8:  
Emerging Solar Airfield Lighting Technology**

- The evolution of solar LED technology as it applies to airfield lighting: a brief history
- Vast array of present-day solar airfield lighting products: edge/threshold/taxi lights, PAPIs, MALSR, REILs, etc.
- Case Studies: General Aviation, Commercial Aviation, Defense Markets
- Future developments: LED technology and the future
- The FAA and perception of solar airfield lighting applications

**Moderator:** Brendan O'Reilly, Airport Manager, Fullerton Municipal Airport

**Presenter:** Jeffrey Trottier, Business Development Manager, Avlite

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

**Industry Update Session:**

National Business Aviation Association - Phil Derner recently accepted Stacy Howard's role at the NBAA as Regional Representative, Western Region. He will take this opportunity to introduce himself and provide a brief NBAA industry update.

Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association – Melissa McCaffrey, Western Pacific Regional Manager, will provide a brief AOPA industry update.

**Moderator:** Scott Malta, Airport Manager, Castle Airport

**Presenters:** Phil Derner, Western Regional Representative, NBAA  
Melissa McCaffrey, Western Pacific Regional Manager, AOPA

5:00 pm

***Raffle Item #5***

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Harrah's Forest Room Buffet**

Buffett Zar: **Brenden O'Reilly**

Sign up Required, \$10 fee



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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### ACA LOGO DAY

Wear a logo

*ACA logo shirt; ACA pin; or another item with a logo of your choice*

8:30 am - 9:45 am

**Main Session #9:  
FAA and State Organization Updates**

Airport Capital Improvement Plans, Environmental, and Future Development Project Timeline expectations for the FAA ADO; areas in which both FAA, State, and Sponsors can improve on.

**Moderator:** Gary Gosliga, Airport Director, March Inland Port Airport Authority

**Presenters:** Al Richardson, Assistant Manager, Los Angeles ADO  
Laurie Suttmeier, Assistant Manager, San Francisco ADO  
Tarek Tabshouri, Office Chief, California Division of Aeronautics

9:45 am

***Raffle Item #6***

9:45 am – 10:30 am

**Main Session #10:  
The Airport's Role in Accident Investigations**

An informative presentation on how the NTSB engages with GA airports during accident investigations. Michael will offer steps airports should take to be adequately prepared to respond to incidents and effectively communicate with NTSB officials. Being prepared is crucial. This Session will help you recognize what the NTSB needs from airport staff during an investigation and provides us with proactive steps which help facilitate the investigative process.

**Moderator:** Rayvon Williams, Airport Director, Watsonville Airport Director

**Presenter:** Michael Huhn, Air Safety Investigator, NTSB

10:30 am - 11:30 am **Conference Wrap up Discussion**

## **COURNEY ARMBRUSTER**

Senior Communications Specialist  
C & S COMPANIES

Courtney is the senior communication specialist for the C&S Companies. She has nearly 20 years of experience with public relations and outreach, with more than 15 years working with the aviation industry. Her recent work includes marketing and technical documents for hub and general aviation airports across the country, including master plans, sustainability plans, real estate promotion, logo development, annual reports, public outreach, and more.

Courtney is experienced in developing outreach and marketing campaigns and materials to disseminate information to the public, including brochures, newsletters, websites, videos, and graphics. She is also experienced with developing and administering opinion-gathering, including surveys and in-depth interviews, both in person and through interactive media. She is responsible for developing marketing initiatives and materials for a wide variety of internal and external clients. In her career, she has managed public relations for public, private, and non-profit clients, including airports, educational facilities, and municipalities. She has written and edited articles for national and local publications. Courtney has a degree in communications from Cornell University.

## **KRISTINA BECKER**

Deputy Director, Government & External Affairs  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Kristina serves as the Deputy Director for Government and External Affairs (GEA) at the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, in Twentynine Palms, California.

Kristina enlisted in the Marine Corps in March of 1999 and completed active duty service in April of 2008. Following active duty service, she was hired into federal service at the Combat Center to work in the GEA office. During her time with the GEA, she was promoted to the Deputy Director.

As the Deputy Director, Kristina manages the Land Expansion/ Airspace Establishment project. As such, she facilitates and coordinates outreach opportunities to educate the community on land use and airspace changes at the Combat Center. Additionally, she articulates Marine Corps policies, educates the public on the mission of the Combat Center and works with the FAA, Bureau of Land Management and other government agencies to manage the installation's expansion and Shared Use Area in Johnson Valley.

In 2015, Kristina completed her Master's Degree in Strategic Communications from National University, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. She currently resides in Yucca Valley, CA.

## **PHIL DERNER**

Western Regional Representative  
NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Phil joins NBAA after 12 years in aviation operations in the roles of Loadmaster, Dispatcher, Duty Manager and Director in the sectors of Part 121, Part 121 Supplemental, Part 135 and Part 91 operators. He also owned and operated a New York City-based aviation news and consulting company for 14 years before moving to the Temecula, California area. Phil now serves as NBAA's Western Regional Representative, assisting and advocating for anyone involved in or relying on business aviation in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Hawaii.

## **CAROL FORD**

Consultant  
FORD AVIATION CONSULTANTS

Carol took her first ride in a small plane when she was 12 years old and has been hooked on flying ever since. She originally took lessons at Phoenix Field in Fair Oaks, California, and earned her Private Pilot Certificate. Phoenix Field is now a housing development. Carol later moved to Fremont and flew out of the small Airport along the bay which is also now closed. When she moved to Redwood Shores, under the pattern of San Carlos Airport, she was determined that would not happen to other airports.

Carol continues work to work with airports. She was awarded Airport Defender of the Year by the California Pilots Association in 1997. She now serves as Vice President of Region 3 of CalPilots; a Director of the CalPilots/ACA PAC; AOPA representative for San Carlos Airport; President of the San Carlos Airport Pilots Association; and Past Chapter Chairperson, International Organization of Licensed Women Pilots. Carol has also founded Ford Aviation Consultants dedicated to ensuring airports receive funding they deserve. Carol has been a member of ACA for a number of years and has been instrumental in the development of the annual California Aviation Day event.

## **BRYANT GARRETT**

Airports Manager  
CITY OF REDDING – AIRPORTS DIVISION

Bryant was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has spent over 35 years in aviation and over 30 years in Airports. He started aviation doing aerial photography in 1979 and became a licensed pilot in 1983.

After interning with a small airline, Centennial Airlines, at the Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) in 1986, he began work for the Salt Lake City Airport Authority while still attending college. Over the next 12 years in Airport Operations, he filled the positions of an Airport Operations Officer, Ground Transportation Supervisor,

Airfield Manager, Security Manager and was last promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Airport Police Department.

Bryant graduated with a Bachelor Degree from Westminster College in Salt Lake City in 1987. He acquired a Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Brigham Young University in 1990. In 1999, he moved to Florida to work for the Sanford Airport Authority at the Orlando-Sanford International Airport (SFB) as the Chief Financial Officer. While at SFB for 15 years, he managed four departments, Finance, Information Technology, the Airport Communications Center, and the Airport Police Department.

Bryant is in his fifth year as the Airports Manger for the City of Redding where he is responsible for all aspects of the City's two Airports: Redding Municipal Airport (RDD) and Benton Air Park (Oscar 85). Lastly, he was recently asked to fill the position as representative of Northern California for the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE).

## GARY GOSLIGA

Airport Director  
MARCH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Since 2006, Gary has held the Airport Director position at the March Joint Powers Authority. He is responsible for the development and management of March Inland Port, a joint use military and commercial airport in Riverside, California. Prior to accepting his position with the March Joint Powers Authority in 2006, Gary enjoyed 23 years in the aviation industry. During those years, he held a respected assortment of aviation managerial and business development positions.

Gary started his aviation career in 1983 at the Ontario International Airport. Several years into his career, he became Service Manager of the UPS air operations at ONT. In 1990, he accepted a General Manager position with an aviation service firm and undertook a thirteen-year business development challenge at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). During his business development efforts at LAX, Gary's leadership role expanded as the Regional General Manager for the business development and management of aircraft service operations at San Diego, John Wayne, Long Beach, Burbank, Oakland, Ontario and Los Angeles airports.

Gary resides in Corona, California, with his wife Liz of 30 years. They have two adult children. Their son is a civil engineer and graduate of Cal Poly Pomona while their daughter is a graduate of Coba Cosmetology College and now works as a professional cosmetologist in Costa Mesa, California. Gary is also a professional race boat driver licensed by the American Power Boat Association (APBA) and an accomplished drummer.

## SANDRA GUTIERREZ-CARVER

Airport Manager  
IMPERIAL COUNTY AIRPORTS

Sandra Gutierrez-Carver started her aviation career November 1980 at SkyWest Airlines. Steady promotions landed her the position of Imperial Station Manager. Sandra retired as the SkyWest manager in 2005.

Now Sandra Gutierrez-Carver is the manager of both Holtville and Imperial County Airports. She started her professional endeavor with the Imperial County Airport in September 2004, during her time at Imperial she has also performed in the capacity of Airport Analyst / Lead Operations Supervisor. She found herself doing research into various aspects of Federal and State requirements; she went to any airport related class the Imperial County Airport would send her to. She currently serves on the Aviation Day and Airport Land Use Committees. Her current memberships include Vice President ACA. She elevated to the position of Airport Manager in March of 2012.

Over the years Sandra has taken various college courses; she plans on getting her degree before her eventual retirement. She enjoys taking airport oriented classes which give her further insight and knowledge which support her as airport manager.

## CHRIS HACKER

Disaster Logistics Unit Leader  
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Chris has been with Cal OES for six years, joining the organization as an intern in the Information Technology division in 2012. After working for three years in the Office of Legislative and External Affairs, Chris was selected to join the Cal OES Incident Support Team in the Logistics Section. In this role, Chris has supported Response and Recovery efforts on some of the biggest disasters in recent California history. Chris served as the Logistics Section Chief in the State Operations Center during the 2015 Valley and Butte Fires, the 2017 Winter Storms/Oroville Dam Incident, the 2017 October Wildfires, and the 2017 December Wildfires.

Chris is currently the Lead on the Cal OES Disaster Logistics Unit, which is a new team recently assembled in January 2017, and is charged with providing logistical support during all phases of emergency management. The Disaster Logistics Unit successfully operated a Logistics State Staging Area three times in 2017, and once again in 2018, while also providing external support during the 2018 January Mudslides.

Prior to entering the field of emergency management, Chris worked in the private sector in Retail Management for 15 years. In 2012 he graduated from the California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rhetorical Criticism.

## TERRY HANSEN

Airspace and Engagement Specialist  
CARDNO

Terry works primarily in support of the Marine Corps to create sufficient airspace to support sustained, combined-arms, live-fire maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

After he retired from the Air Force, Terry started his second career as a range and airspace manager. Terry worked as the airspace manager and Native American liaison for the 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Luke AFB. His responsibilities at the 56<sup>th</sup> ranged from day to day interaction with the FAA and with local flying groups.

Terry represented the wing at city, county, and state meetings regarding encroachment and other issues that could impact the mission. He established airspace working groups within the state to address airspace issues impacting the DoD and general aviation. He helped to establish the Arizona Commanders Summit (ACS), which is a bi-annual meeting of all the commanders in the state. The ACS addresses encroachment and sustainability issues that may impact current and future mission needs.

Terry worked at Marine Corps Installation West (MCIWEST)/G3 as the range & airspace encroachment and sustainment manager for all Marine Corps ranges and Special Use Airspace in the west. As the manager, he worked all sustainment issues from alternative energy development to airspace encroachment for general aviation. He was a member of the 29 Palms land expansion project coordinating all airspace proposals with the FAA and local aviation groups. He established a flight safety group between Cal-Fire and the DoD to review safety procedures around wildland fires. Terry also chaired airspace groups within the region and acted as the MCIWEST aviation single point of contact for all airport managers within the region. When it came to issues concerning Marine Corps aviation, he represented MCIWEST at alternative energy meetings at the local, state and federal level.

## CHRIS HASTERT

General Manager  
SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT

Chris is a California native (born in Granada Hills), raised in Simi Valley. He has been married nineteen years to his wife Kathy. They have two sons Riley (14) and Colin (11).

Chris served the US Army from 1991–1996 as an aviation operations specialist. He has been actively responsible for developing and managing airport properties for more than twenty years. Prior to his current position he served as Deputy Director with Ventura County Airports. In his current role as General Manager of the Santa Maria Public Airport, a position he has held since 2008, he oversees the daily operations, budget, and capital improvements of the more than 2,500-acre facility. The

District leases more than 200 small hangars, 85-unit mobile home park, and several agriculture and commercial leases. Near term projects include further airport development, an airport business park and continued marketing to attract better airline service.

Chris is also an active member in many professional organizations and is Past President of the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary Club

## CORY HAZLEWOOD

Western Region Aviation Manager  
Design + Construction  
C&S COMPANIES, INC.

Cory has more than two decades of experience in the aviation industry specific to planning, design and construction. Cory's expertise are in AIP project management, alternative project delivery such as P3, Design Build, and CMAR. He was the pioneer for one the first P3 projects of an airport special use facility in the North America. Cory has a long history of working with FAA, State and airport sponsors to align projects properly for AIP funding. He has worked on the airport sponsor side at San Diego International Airport and understands the sponsor's expectations for consultant delivery. Cory is currently the Western Region Group Manager for Design + Construction at the C&S Companies. He enjoys working closely with airport sponsors, private aviation businesses, and the funding agencies to resolve problems and improve public safety.

Cory received a Bachelor's degree in aviation management from Southern Illinois University and a second certification at San Diego State University for Construction Engineering. He is a 19-year pilot with over 1800 hours in several general aviation type aircraft and a 16-year active member of AOPA. Cory enjoys flying his a Beechcraft Bonanza out of Gillespie Field where his family has owned and operated a Fixed Base Operation (FBO) for 41 years. Cory has served on the ACA Board of Directors since 2009.

## MICHAEL HUHN

Air Safety Investigator  
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Michael has 24 years in aviation safety/accident investigation. He is currently an Air Safety Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). He also spent 13 years as an Air Safety Investigator for the Air Line Pilots Association.

Michael spent 15 years in engineering design aerodynamics, and flight test positions, including Douglas Aircraft (commercial airliners), Northrop Aircraft (F-18), and Rockwell International (Space Shuttle). Michael has a BS in Aeronautical Engineering. He is a private pilot and holds an instrument rating. Michael owns and operates a Cessna 182.

## **DEREK KANTAR**

Aviation Planner  
CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT

Derek has been with Caltrans for over 10 years and is an emergency operations planner with the Office of Emergency Management + Infrastructure Protection. During emergencies he regularly reports to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) supporting Caltrans' infrastructure response activities. Additionally, he serves as Cal OES' co-lead for the Air Coordination Group, the program that coordinates interagency aviation response efforts during significant incidents and events. He also teaches emergency management and Incident Command System courses, and leads related exercises within the State.

## **MELISSA MCCAFFREY**

Western Pacific Regional Manager  
AIRCRAFT OWNERS & PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Melissa is the Western Pacific Regional Manager for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest aviation membership association. She is responsible for general aviation state advocacy, policy and other related issues in Arizona, California, Hawai'i, and Nevada. She has been with AOPA since 2012, initially serving as a Senior Analyst responsible for air traffic and airspace related policies within the Government Affairs Division.

Melissa became involved in aviation at a young age and attended her high school aviation program which led her to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University where she graduated with a B.S. in Air Traffic Management. She has been a licensed pilot since 2002.

## **CHUCK McCORMICK**

Senior Project Manager  
MEAD & HUNT

Chuck has 30 years of diverse aviation experience, primarily for California airports. He has experience designing airport electrical systems for both civilian and military airfields. He is responsible for preliminary and final designs as well as construction administration of airfield lighting systems, navigational aids (NAVAIDs), security systems, and other special systems associated with airfield improvement projects for both commercial service and general aviation airports.

With his 30 years of flying experience and over 20 years with the FAA, Chuck brings both the pilots and FAA perspective to a project. He has the ability to effectively communicate complex technical issues with key airport and agency personnel. Recently, Chuck has been involved operating UAS aircraft.

## **SCOTT MALTA**

Airport Manager  
CASTLE AIRPORT

Scott has over 15 years in general aviation management, another 1.5 years at hub regional airport operations, and 10 years of military airport management experience. He worked at Langley Air Force Base beginning in 1995, managing the air traffic control and field operations. He did a few years with Prudential Insurance Company before taking on the Airport Operations Manager position at Roanoke Regional Airport in 2000. Since 2002, he has served as Airport Manager at Castle Airport.

Scott is a member of various aviation organizations, including the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives, the National Business Aviation Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Scott received his MS degree in Aeronautical Operations & Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) received from the American Association of Airport Executives.

## **SHERRY MILLER**

Airport Manager  
CHICO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Sherry Miller is the Airport Manager of Chico Municipal Airport (CIC), a Part 139 Commercial Service Airport serving Chico, Oroville, Red Bluff and Butte County. Chico is home to California State University, Chico; the second oldest State University campus in California with an enrollment of over 17,000 students. She currently serves as President of the Association of California Airports (ACA) and represents the Northeast Region of the state. In her position, Sherry is responsible for all aspects of airport operations, including safety and security, airfield and facility maintenance, obstruction removal and, the safe and efficient operation of the airport. She also oversees the ACIP program with regards to Plan Checks, Construction Safety Management compliance, SWPPP compliance and other agency Code and Regulatory compliance.

Before coming to Chico, Sherry was the Airport Director at Lake Tahoe Airport for eight years and worked for the County of San Diego Airports System for eight years. She started her career as a pilot supplies sales person and has worked fueling, selling, ferrying and dispatching aircraft. She worked for Alaska Airlines for seven years in the operations department performing weight and balance calculations and load planning. For a period of time she was acting County of San Diego Airports Director with a budget of over \$10 million and a 32-member staff. Sherry has a Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from National University. She is a private pilot with over 300 hours.

## BRENDAN O'REILLY

Airport Manager  
FULLERTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Brendan O'Reilly was born and raised in Southern California, and has earned both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Aviation Studies from California State University Los Angeles. He is a licensed Private Pilot, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, and lifelong supporter of General Aviation.

Brendan's present position is Airport Manager for Fullerton Municipal Airport in Orange County, CA, and he has worked previously as the Airport Operations Manager for Hayward Executive Airport in the Bay Area, and Airport Project Manager for the County of Los Angeles Airports. He is a Certified Airport Executive and a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives. Brendan has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of California Airports for the last three years.

## JOSEPH OLDHAM

Director of San Joaquin Valley Clean Transp. Center  
CALSTART

A native of the San Joaquin Valley and a private pilot since 1974, Joseph has had a passion for aviation since early childhood. A graduate of California State University, Fresno, he has spent most of his professional life working to improve air quality in the region through deployment of clean energy and clean vehicle technology.

When the opportunity to develop a plan to deploy production electric aircraft for the first time in the United States in a practical way to support lower cost flight training operations presented itself, Joseph seized the chance, developed the plan, and helped organize an amazing team of people from local government, business, and education to make the plan a reality, and wrote the successful grant proposal that secured the funding for the project. The Sustainable Aviation Project is not just the vision of one person; it is a vision of a region designed to change the way outsiders view the San Joaquin Valley and open doors for veterans and youth from the area to enter into an aviation career. The project also will begin the process of getting the public familiar and comfortable with electric propulsion in aircraft as a step toward the advanced electric powered aerial sky taxi vehicles of the future and larger commercial electrically powered aircraft. Joseph lives in Fresno with his wife Donna and two adult children. He has over 900 hours flying light sport aircraft, gliders, and even some time in a Ford Tri-Motor and P-51 Mustang. He has owned three aircraft and is currently working on acquiring a fourth to be used to help support the flight training operations for the Sustainable Aviation Project. He has started working on getting his Sport Pilot CFI rating and is co-teaching the first private pilot ground school in the region to offer instruction on electric aircraft.

## JIM PATTERSON

Member of the Assembly  
State of California – District 23

Jim earned his private pilot's license in 1968, and a multi-engine rating in 1969. Since then, he has logged nearly 2,500 hours of flight time for business purposes, as well as just for fun. He has flown a wide range of airplanes including the Cessna 210, the Twin Bonanza B50, and the Citabria aerobatic 7GCAA. Jim serves as the Chair of the Aviation Caucus of the California Legislature. Because he has experienced the enjoyment of flying first-hand, he seeks to use his role within the Aviation Caucus to remind policy-makers and the general public of the many ways General Aviation has contributed to California's economic and recreational well-being.

## ERIC PETERSON

Director County Airports  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY AIRPORTS

Eric is the Director of Santa Clara County Airports where he oversees operations of the Reid-Hillview and San Martin airports. He started as an Airport Operations Worker twenty years ago and has since been involved in all aspects of managing a busy general aviation airport. A graduate of San Jose State University's aviation program, Eric is also a part-time adjunct faculty member there where he helps to guide future aviation leaders. A pilot and aircraft owner, Eric can frequently be found hopping around California airports with his wife and two sons.

## JOHN L. PFEIFER

Retired FAA

John Pfeifer currently serves as the Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the California Transportation Commission's Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of California Airports (ACA), the Board of Directors of the Nevada Airports Association (NVAA), and is the Chair of ACA's Legislative Committee and the Chair of the Southwest Chapter American Association of Airport Executives Legislative Committee. John was Manager of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Western-Pacific Region from January, 2012, through February, 2015. He was responsible for AOPA government affairs activities in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. Prior to serving as Western Pacific Regional Manager, he was AOPA's California Regional Representative for ten years.

John has over 35 years of professional experience in the Federal Government, including 29 years in various engineering, planning, safety, and management positions in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). John received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of

California. He served on active duty in the United States Navy, Civil Engineer Corps, from 1969 through 1972, during which he was assigned to the staff of the Armed Forces Aide to the President.

## MATT QUICK

Associate  
COFFMAN ASSOCIATES

Matt has over 15 years of experience in the aviation industry dealing with airport management, operations, and consulting. For the past 12 years Matt has worked with Coffman Associates where he is involved in all elements of airport planning. He has managed a wide array of assignments at airports across the country ranging from master plans, ALP updates, capacity studies, wildlife hazard management, safety area improvements, and airport guidance documents.

Matt is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri and holds a B.S. degree in Aviation Technology and a M.S. degree in Aviation Safety. He is a licensed commercial pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings. He is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Arizona Airports Association, Association of California Airports, and Southwest and South-Central Chapters of the American Association of Airport Executives. Away from work, Matt enjoys hanging out with his family, watching his kids play sports, and spending time outdoors.

## DOROTA SKRZYPEX

Consultant  
JAC AIRPORT CONSULTING

**Dorota** began her aviation career as a commercial pilot ferrying aircraft for small businesses and individuals. After earning her BSc in Aviation Management, she moved to solving airport problems. Her airport work includes analysis for large master planning efforts at Los Angeles International Airport, land use analysis for Southern California Airports, like San Luis Obispo and Perris Valley, airspace analysis for Syracuse Hancock International Airport, and regulatory evaluation of Part 150 noise studies and environmental reports. Recently, Dorota was part of the team that successfully transferred ownership of Ontario International Airport to the OIAA from LAWA.

## ANDREW SWANSON

Airport Manager  
PALO ALTO AIRPORT

Andy is the Airport Manager at the Palo Alto Airport where he leads efforts to develop a strategic plan for millions of dollars of reconstruction projects which will enhance safety and replace outdated infrastructure. Andy has 35 years of management experience, with over 19 years in the aviation industry. He has been a member of ACA and actively involved in the organization since 2001. Andy has attended and supported the California Aviation and Aerospace Days, and most recently this summer, spent time with other board members delivering maps/charts that illustrate the location of all of the airports in California to our representatives in the State Capitol.

Andy has served as one of the Board of Directors for the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE) and as member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) General Aviation Airports Committee.

## BENNY STUTH

Airports Manager, Tuolumne County  
TUOLUMNE COUNTY AIRPORT

Benny has over 10 years of experience in the field of airports. Currently Benny is the Airports Manager for Tuolumne County where he oversees two general aviation airports. In every capacity in aviation, Benny has served both indirect and direct rolls in airport planning. He has undertaken many assignments over the years. Some of these efforts include Runway Safety Area Studies, Master Plans, Airport Capital Improvement Plans, best use area studies, airline route planning, runway length analysis, facility redevelopment studies, and environmental planning.

Benny is a graduate of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona where he received a B.S. degree in Political Science with an emphasis in international law, public law, and comparative politics. Benny also holds a Masters in Public Administration from the University of California. He is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives and the Association and California Airports. Benny is also a member of the CalPoly Professional mentoring group, mentoring young professionals as they begin to transition from University into their career life. Outside of saving the aviation universe one wildfire at a time, Benny enjoys spending every minute with his family who recently welcomed a daughter to the world in June, and fishing the unburnt portions of the Sierra Nevada.

## LAURIE SUTTMEIER

Assistant Manager, San Francisco Airports District Office  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

## TAREK TABSHOURI

Chief, Office of Technical Services and Programs  
CALTRANS DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS

Tarek is the Chief of the Office of Technical Services and Programs (OTSP) with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Aeronautics. The OTSP administers grants and loans to eligible California public airports. The OTSP also provides engineering expertise and drafting services to support airports and other Division of Aeronautics activities. Additional OTSP responsibilities include the preparation of the statewide Airport Capital Improvement Plan and the administration of the California Airport Noise Program.

Tarek is a CSU Sacramento graduate and licensed Civil Engineer with 18 years' experience in transportation engineering, including highway and highway drainage design. He joined the Division of Aeronautics in 2015 and since then has worked on multiple initiatives, including the Airport Pavement Management System (Statewide PMMP) effort toward an ongoing and sustainable pavement management program and the development of standards and guidelines for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems on California's state highways.

## BOB TRIMBORN

Consultant  
AVIATION MANAGEMENT CONSULTING GROUP

Robert (Bob) has approximately 36 years of aviation, airport management, operations, planning, leadership and consulting experience including approximately 30 years of experience as airport manager at several high profile general aviation reliever airports including Santa Monica Airport, Reno Stead Airport, and Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

He is past president and Certified Airport Executive of the Southwest Chapter American Association of Airport Executives and is a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives

Bob has a commercial pilot license with instrument ratings and is a Certified Flight Instructor. He has been actively involved in aviation since 1965. Bob is currently employed as a Consultant for Aviation Management Consulting Group based in Centennial Colorado. AMCG provides a wide range of aviation management consulting services to airports, aviation businesses, aircraft operators, and others – having an interest in the general aviation segment of the industry.

## JEFFREY TOTTIER

Business Development Manager  
AVLITE SYSTEMS

Jeffrey is Avlite's Business Development Manager for the US civil and DOD markets. Avlite is a global manufacturer of advanced airfield and approach lighting solutions.

In his current position, Jeffrey oversees the sales of expeditionary airfield and approach lighting systems to the USDOD, including Air Force, Army and Navy, to support fixed base and rapid deployment units. He also oversees the technology transition from military to civil markets for Avlite's lighting products.

An industry veteran, Jeffrey has been working in the aviation and aerospace industries for 20+ years, focusing on lighting products for airfields and aircraft. He is a member and conference moderator for the Illuminating Engineering Society (Aviation Lighting Committee) and an industry representative to Southeast Airport Disaster Operations Group (SEADOG) and the Western Airports Disaster Operations Group (WESTDOG).

## RAYVON WILLIAMS

Airport Director  
WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Rayvon served in various management positions until he took on the General Manager role at Watsonville Airport in 2011. In this capacity, he manages a \$3.5 million operational budget and has returned the airport to profitability over the last three years. Rayvon was recently elevated to Airport Director as the Airport was changed from a division to a department level.

Rayvon holds a BA in Communications from the University of North Carolina, MA in Business Administration from Webster University, St. Louis, and an MS in Aerospace Safety/Systems Management from Embry-Riddle University. He has received the designation of Certified Member (CM) from the American Association of Airport Executives. Rayvon is also an FAA certified commercial pilot and flight instructor.