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Camarillo Airport Authority
Oxnard Airport Authority
555 Airport Way
Camarillo, CA 93010

Subject: REVIEW OF COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Recommended Actions:

Staff recommends that your authorities:

1. direct staff to arrange a meeting to discuss the ALUC membership with both supervisors appointed to the airport authorities, as well as the mayors of the three cities having public airports, to consider the membership of the ALUC; and
2. recommend to the Board of Supervisors and the Committee of Mayors that they designate the Oxnard and Camarillo airport authorities to act as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Discussion:

On May 16 and June 13, 1998 the Camarillo and Oxnard airport authorities held workshops to help provide policy direction to the Department of Airports. One of the areas identified for further review was the membership of the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). The concern was whether the membership (made up of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)) *did - or did not -* represent the aviation users and the communities around the public airports regarding land uses.

The California Public Utilities Code (included) establishes the requirements to be followed when county supervisors establish an ALUC. Two options are outlined in the code. The first allows the board to select a seven-member commission comprised of:

- two members appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- two members appointed by the cities
- two members having aviation expertise
- one public member

Or:

If the Board of Supervisors of a county, plus a committee of mayors from each affected city, make a determination that proper land-use planning may be accomplished through the actions of an appropriately designated body, then *that designated body shall assume the planning responsibilities of an ALUC.*

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Counties throughout the state have used both types of ALUC membership. However, in southern California the majority of the counties have used the specifically appointed membership approach. Rather than using an existing body, the counties of Riverside, Orange, Imperial and Santa Barbara have appointed the seven representatives.

The Ventura County Transportation Commission sits as the ALUC for the County of Ventura. Among the members of this commission are county board members and city council representatives. However, several members have little or no personal stake in land-use planning around the airports, and there is no assurance that there will be aviation representation.

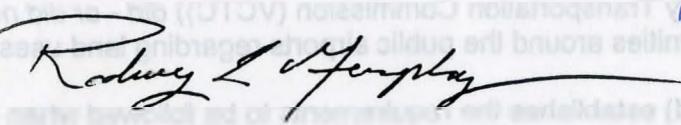
The Camarillo and Oxnard airport authorities do have city and county members with an interest in land-use and aviation at two of the airports. Through a joint-use agreement, both authorities are required to review land-use issues surrounding their respective airports. This adds a second review to the already lengthy approval process for applicants.

Since the original designation of the VCTC as the ALUC, the aviation users have expressed great concern about the composition of the membership. They felt that the VCTC did not have someone with true aviation expertise on its board. Each airport authority has one public member who is an aviation expert, and the Board of Supervisors, as owner of Camarillo and Oxnard airports is considered to have the same expertise. In addition, each of those two airports has two city council members represented on their airport authority.

It is the opinion of staff that the authorities clearly have the aviation expertise and a stakeholder's position in the use of land surrounding the airports. It is my recommendation that your authorities ask the Board of Supervisors and the mayors from Santa Paula, Camarillo and Oxnard to designate the combined airport authorities as the County of Ventura Airport Land Use Commission.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, please contact me at 388-4200.

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