



**MODESTO CITY-
COUNTY AIRPORT**

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DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: Chairman Jeff Grover,
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, and
Stanislaus County CEO

FROM: Airport Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Airport Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2009

In accordance with Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) bylaws, the attached Airport Advisory Committee 2009 Annual Report was submitted to the City Manager under signature of AAC Chairman Joseph Trevena earlier this year. The City Manager approved the report and, as in years past, endorsed sharing it with City and County representatives. We appreciate the opportunity to bring this report before your group again this year.

CITY OF MODESTO

Modesto City-County Airport

MEMORANDUM

March 17, 2010

TO: Greg Nyhoff, City Manager
FROM: Airport Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: Airport Advisory Committee 2009 Annual Report

This is the 27th Annual Report prepared by the Airport Advisory Committee, and covers activities from January 1 to December 31, 2009.

The Committee's regular meetings are usually scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month. All meeting agendas were posted and the meetings were open to the public. The Airport Advisory Committee met nine times during 2009, all meetings were considered official, as a quorum was present at each. Rev. Joseph Trevena was the Committee Chair for the entire year, with Kevin Young serving as Vice Chair. Keith Howes, representing the City of Ceres, resigned his AAC appointment on June 9, 2009. Bryan Briggs was subsequently appointed to this position for a four-year term on August 10, 2009. Vacant positions for the City of Turlock (Public at Large) and City of Modesto (Service Provider/General Aviation) have remained vacant throughout 2009. A roster of current 2010 Airport Advisory Committee members is attached to this report.

Airport highlights from 2009 are noted below.

Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Airport

On the evening of March 19, 2009 the Airport hosted an estimated 200-250 Chamber members and guests who attended a Chamber Mixer, the first time for this type of public outreach event at Modesto Airport. The Commemorative Air Force assisted with set-up and displays in their historic Hangar #1 and aircraft displays were staged on the ramp outside. Sky Trek Aviation hosted the bar and refreshments were provided by the airport. Local travel agencies and several other businesses had exhibits and distributed information. SkyWest Airline was represented by Ms. Brandi Honey who flew in from St. George, Utah to attend. A good time was had by all, and the public left with an increased awareness of what Modesto Airport has to offer to our citizens.

Airport Appreciation Day:

The Committee endorsed the use of the airport in support of Airport Appreciation Day, which was held on Saturday, May 16, 2009. Over 1,000 people attended the day's festivities, organized by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) with assistance by Modesto Area Pilots Association (MAPA). The theme of the event was *A Tribute to Our Armed Forces*, complete with aircraft fly-overs and military and civilian aircraft on display, in addition to a military color guard and dedications to the Honor Wall for local

veterans of war. Visitors also enjoyed seeing equipment from Police, Fire and AMR ambulance, as well as classic car displays, radio controlled model plane demonstrations, kiddy rides, airplane and helicopter rides, a food court, souvenirs and raffles.

Passenger Services:

In 2009 MOD had 26,783 passengers flying from Modesto to San Francisco International Airport (SFO) on the five round-trip daily flights provided by SkyWest Airline. In an attempt to garner additional airline service, the airport applied for a federally funded Small Communities Air Service Development Program grant in May 2009. It was through the award of this same grant in 2005 that Modesto was able to attract LAX flights.

Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study:

The 2007 Aircraft Noise Study, a proactive local planning effort, is nearing completion. Final approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is anticipated in June 2010.

County Revenue from Aircraft Possessory Taxes

The airport receives 1/3 of aircraft taxes received from aircraft "based" at MOD. Those revenues are used for airport operating expenses. In addition to the airport's 1/3, a separate check for \$198,420, representing the County's 1/3 of airport property taxes, was given to the airport in March 2009. These County funds are dedicated for use on General Aviation capital improvements at the airport. The funds deposited in this separate, interest-bearing account have been committed for several years to the development of a new ten-plex row of aircraft storage T-hangars which will provide new homes for more aircraft, leading to increased aircraft tax revenues, additional fuel sales and business for airport based maintenance operations, all of which benefit the airport and our community.

New Aircraft Storage T-hangars:

After several years of financial planning and preparation, a ground-breaking ceremony was held on May 27, 2009 for construction of a new ten-unit T-hangar. Construction of the new T-hangars was complete and was being forwarded to City Council for final approval in February 2010.

Airport Rates and Fees Adjustments:

The airport did not increase rates and fees for General Aviation facilities in 2009. An adjustment was made to aircraft landing fees, going from \$0.68 to \$0.88 per thousand pounds of gross weight, which is still far below the rate charged by comparable airports for commercial or revenue producing flights.

Flight School Changes:

In January 2009 Modesto Flight School, Inc. (MFC), the sole provider of pilot instruction and training, abruptly discontinued operations at Modesto. After review of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals, Modesto Aviation, Inc. was chosen to provide flight instruction and other general aviation services at Modesto Airport. Opening their doors on August 18, 2009, Modesto Aviation has become a very welcome addition to the airport, providing discovery flights, flight training, and sale of pilot supplies, as well as aircraft rentals, maintenance and management.

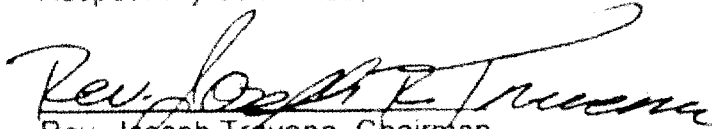
Forward Looking:

Identified as significant to the airport's future, the following projects are on the agenda for 2010:

- Complete airline terminal complex expansion study
- Irrigation and landscape improvements
- Airport Layout Plan update and Program Narrative Summary (5-year development plan)
- Obtain new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting vehicle to replace a mid-1960's fire truck
- Pursue new revenue sources and customer service opportunities for development
- Harrah's resort, Laughlin, NV leisure charter flights coming in 2010!

This report is a summary of activities involving the Airport Advisory Committee during 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rev. Joseph Trevena, Chairman
Airport Advisory Committee

Attachment

2010 Airport Advisory Committee Members

PUBLIC-AT-LARGE	APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES
Robert Adkison, Ph. D. <i>(Appointed by County Board of Supervisors)</i>	9/24/02 County	12/31/06 (reappointed) 12/31/10
Jason McCoy <i>(Appointed by Modesto City Council)</i>	9/23/08 (2008-522) Modesto	1/1/11
VACANT – City of Turlock		
Bryan Briggs <i>(Appointed by Ceres City Council)</i>	8/10/09 Ceres	8/9/13
Ron Jeske <i>(Appointed by Modesto City Council)</i>	11/27/07 (2007-691) Modesto	1/1/11
NON-PROVIDER USER/GENERAL AVIATION	APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES
James McKay <i>(Appointed by Board of Supervisors)</i>	1/6/09 County	12/31/12
Joseph Trevena <i>(Appointed by Modesto City Council)</i>	6/13/06 (2006-353) Modesto, Reappointed (2008-108)	1/1/08 1/1/12
SERVICE PROVIDER/GENERAL AVIATION	APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES
VACANT – City of Modesto		
SERVICE PROVIDER/COMMERCIAL	APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES
Kevin Young <i>(Appointed by Modesto City Council)</i>	(2008-119) Modesto	1/1/12

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT
by
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chamber Mixer at Airport

March 19, 2009 at historic Hangar #1

Visitors enjoyed aircraft and other historic military displays while mixing and mingling as the Airport hosted it's first Chamber Mixer. Local travel agencies and area businesses, as well as SkyWest Airlines, also participated in the event's success.



Airport Appreciation Day

"A Tribute to Our Armed Forces"

May 16, 2009



A day to honor our Armed Forces and to enjoy our Airport. Over 1,000 visitors enjoyed the many displays, rides, vendors and military fly-overs.

Passenger Service



5 round-trip flights daily
between Modesto and
San Francisco on
United Express/
SkyWest Airline



New Aircraft Storage Hangars

built with County Revenue from Aircraft Possessory Taxes



A new ten-unit T-hangar, built with County funds derived from aircraft possessory taxes, was completed in late 2009. These T-hangars, the first at Modesto Airport to be equipped with an independent fire suppression system, provide new homes for more aircraft and a new source of revenue for Airport operations.

The Future at Modesto Airport

Leisure Charter Flights Begin in 2010



Allegiant Air's 130-seat MD80 jet aircraft provides flights between Modesto and Laughlin, Nevada.



XTRA Airlines' offers flights on their 150-seat Boeing 737-400 jet aircraft between Modesto and Wendover, Nevada

The Future at Modesto Airport

Leisure Charter Flights to Laughlin, Nevada

The first scheduled flights began in March 2010, with Allegiant Air carrying passengers to Harrah's resort in Laughlin.

These low-cost packages are being scheduled approximately every 2 months.



Package includes:

- **Round-trip flights** provided by Allegiant Air, LLC MD-80 series jet aircraft with 130 seats available.

- **Ground transportation** to/from Laughlin, NV/Bullhead City, AZ, airport to resort.

- **Overnight accommodations & baggage handling** (based on double-occupancy).

- **RESERVATIONS, 800-315-9113**

The Future at Modesto Airport

Leisure Charter Flights to Wendover, Nevada

Wendover Resorts in West Wendover, NV will begin offering periodic leisure charter flights from Modesto Airport starting September 25, 2010. The introductory three-night flight package from Modesto Airport includes: round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations, bus transfers and luggage handling for \$149.00 per person. For more information:

www.wendoverfun.com

**Reservations: 866- 359- 9363 or
800- 217- 0049**

