

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES
OAKLAND AIRPORT-COMMUNITY NOISE MANAGEMENT FORUM**

October 15, 2014

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

The October 15, 2014 meeting of the Oakland Airport-Community Noise Management Forum was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by the Forum’s Facilitator, Michael McClintock. Mr. McClintock welcomed the Forum members and guests. He asked the Forum members and advisors to introduce themselves for the benefit of the audience:

Forum Members/Alternates Present:

Benny Lee, Co-Chair, Elected Representative, City of San Leandro
Barbara Tuleja Walt Jacobs, Co-Chair, Citizen Representative, Alameda
Tony Daysog, Elected Representative, City of Alameda
James Nelson, Citizen Representative, Berkeley
Greg Jones, Elected Representative, City of Hayward
Edward Bogue, Citizen Representative, Hayward
Kathy Ornelas, Alt. Citizen Representative, San Leandro
Ernie DelliGatti, Citizen Representative, Alameda County
Deborah Ale Flint, Director of Aviation, Port of Oakland

Staff Members/Advisors/Guests:

Kristi McKenney, Assistant Director of Aviation, Port of Oakland
Matt Davis, Airside Operations Manager, Port of Oakland
Jesse Richardson, Noise Office, Port of Oakland
Joan Zatopek, Planning and Development Manager, Port of Oakland
Vince Mestre, Acoustical Consultant, Landrum & Brown
Harvey Hartmann, Consultant to the Port
Capt. Jeff Dickinson, Asst. Chief Pilot, Southwest Airlines
Carole Lozito, Air Traffic Control Mgr., Oakland Tower
Rhea Gundry, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson
Capt. Jim Baas, Sr. Manager/Flight Officer, Federal Express
Capt. Dan Delane, Federal Express Flight Operations
Sean Moran, Noise Analyst, Hayward Executive Airport
Bert Ganoung, Aircraft Noise Abatement Manager, San Francisco International Airport
Valerie E. Jensen Harris, CSR, Stenographer
Mike McClintock, Forum Facilitator

Aviation Director Deborah Ale Flint introduced Joan Zatopek, as the Port's new Airport Planning and Development Manager. Director Ale Flint said Ms. Zatopek has been a member of the Airport team for a long while and has extensive airport and aviation experience in both the private and public sectors. Facilitator McClintock introduced Hayward City Councilmember Greg Jones as the newly appointed elected representative from the City of Hayward. Mr. Jones was appointed to replace Barbara Halliday, who is the newly elected Mayor of Hayward. McClintock noted that Marin County had appointed Mr. Richard McCombs as its citizen representative to the Forum. Mr. McCombs was unable to attend the meeting because he was traveling. The facilitator introduced Mr. Clifford Lentz, President, San Francisco Airport/Community Roundtable and Brisbane City Councilmember. Also in attendance were three representatives from CLASS: President Red Wetherill, Vice President Brian Schumacher and Matt Pourfarzaneh. Bert Ganoung, SFO Aircraft Noise Abatement Manager and Allen Tai, Alameda's Supervising Planner were also in attendance. Facilitator McClintock showed the Forum a plaque prepared for Will Fernandez commending him for his service

to the Forum. McClintock said he would forward the plaque and a letter thanking Will for his contributions to the Forum.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Quarterly Noise Report 2Q 2014

[From this point on the electronic equipment used to record and transcribe the meeting failed and meeting notes had to be taken manually]

The facilitator said the 2nd Quarter 2014 noise report was distributed with the agenda packages and was ready to be received and filed unless there were any questions or discussion. The noise report was reviewed and discussed. A motion to receive and file was approved.

B. Annual Membership Dues

Facilitator McClintock reminded the Forum that membership dues from each of the participating communities, in the amount of \$1,000 a year, were due to the Port in August. He said that Jesse Richardson had sent out notices in July. He said he would be in contact with any Forum member communities that had not paid their annual dues.

C. 2015 Work Plan Heads Up

The facilitator said that the Forum's annual Work Plan would be updated at the January 2015 meeting. He said Forum members had received copies of the 2014 Work Plan with their agenda materials. Anyone with suggested topics for Work Plan should contact him prior to the January 2015 meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The facilitator said that he had been provided with copies of correspondence including a letter to the FAA signed by twenty-four members of Congress, including Anna Eshoo and Mike Honda from the Peninsula. The letter urges the FAA to reduce the current noise standard of DNL (CNEL) 65 dB to 55 dB. After discussion, the facilitator said he would track the status of this letter and report back at the January meeting. Copies of correspondence from the Mayor of Alameda were also received. Three letters were prepared by the Mayor and sent to jet operators on the North Field citing instances of violations of airport takeoff noise abatement protocols. When asked if the letters represented the position of the Alameda City Council, the City's representative to the Forum said that the Mayor had not consulted the Council at this time. McClintock asked Councilmember Daysog to advise the Forum of any new events in this regard. *[Editor's Note: Mayor Gilmore was not re-elected to the Alameda City Council in the November 2014 general election].*

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (JULY 16, 2014)

Facilitator McClintock noted that this item was for the approval of the draft minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting. He said he would entertain any changes or corrections to the draft

minutes. Co-Chair Jacobs moved approval of the draft minutes. Co-Chair Lee seconded. There being no discussion the question was called. Motion approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

The facilitator announced that this was the time for members of the public to speak on issues not on the agenda but relevant to airport noise and air quality at Oakland International Airport. Mr. Kurt Peterson expressed his concerns that even with the warmer weather, and the fact that aircraft are rising higher sooner, there are still at least two to four flights per day that still turn over his neighborhood. Mr. Petersen also asked about the status of a permanent noise monitor site at Encinal High School. Matt Davis replied that Port staff is working with the school and CLASS to set priorities for any potential new monitoring sites. *Davis said that "it is a financial commitment for the permanent monitoring," and that "a formal [request should come] from CLASS regarding the locations needed." Mr. Peterson offered that if the Port could not install a permanent noise monitor at Encinal High School, then a temporary monitor may be in order. The facilitator asked Mr. Peterson to Work with CLASS to put this into a formal request to the Forum to be submitted through the Alameda representatives so that the Forum could deal with it on a more formal basis. [revised 4/4/15]*

Linda Lipscomb and Karen Day of Kensington both spoke to the matter of a large number of planes flying over Kensington. They said Kensington was very small and asked why the planes flying over their neighborhood couldn't be spread out more. Ms. Day complained that there were 500 jets and helicopters overhead in one 24 hour period. James Nelson asked if there was any information on the flight paths. McClintock said that Matt Davis would address this under an upcoming item. There being no others wishing to speak, the facilitator closed the public comment period.

6. NOISE NEWS UPDATE

Vince Mestre provided an update on current noise and regulatory issues. He said the FAA has categorically exempted certain projects for NEPA review, including implementation of the NextGen air traffic control system. He noted that the LAX Part 161 study was accepted by the FAA in June, but there is industry pushback to the contraflow traffic procedure. Supersonic business jets are being proposed for those who can afford them--\$100 million. The selling point is that the old technology sonic boom will become the "sonic bump." The Towns of Portola and Woodside have filed a petition in federal court concerning noise from SFO and challenging the adequacy of the FAA's OAPM environmental assessment.

The Santa Monica Airport closure is still up in the air with the issue of when federal grant commitments expire. The UK has allocated £550 million to mitigate potential adverse impacts from new runway at either Heathrow or Gatwick. Mestre also discussed new electrically powered aircraft being developed and the conversion from low-lead aviation fuel to unleaded fuel. Boeing is working with South Africa to develop biofuel from tobacco plants. Aircraft engine manufacturers are looking at developing quieter, cleaner burning engines at the same time they are exploring hydrogen fueled engines. Lastly, he noted that California is looking at banning the use of drones by paparazzi. The FAA has approved the limited use of drones on some TV and movie shoots.

7. FAA OAPM UPDATE

Harvey Hartmann announced that the FAA had changed the name OAPM to “Metroplex.” Implementation is proceeding but is not yet fully operational. Some procedures will be published in November and the rest in January.

8. NOISE OFFICE REPORT

A. Noise Office Staffing

Matt Davis noted that Wayne Bryant had retired and that Jesse Richardson was promoted to fill Wayne’s position. They are recruiting for Jessie’s old position. He added that Larry Galindo would return in November.

B. Fleet Week Report

The Blue Angels were based at North Field and arrived and departed Runway 28. There were 29 noise complaints, primarily from Bay Farm Island and San Leandro. They are anticipated to return in 2015.

C. Alameda Noise Monitoring

Mr. Davis discussed the status of the new OAPM procedure called “Hushh.” He said they were monitoring activity associated with this procedure and would report findings to Forum in January. Questions asked concerning status of Silent 1 to 9 procedures.

9. NF/SF GROUPS STATUS REPORTS

A. OAK Runway Safety Area Project Update

Matt Davis gave an update on the Runway Safety Area Project. He said the RSA project was almost complete. North Field RSAs will take about a year to complete and require some shifts in traffic.

B. Technical Working Groups - NFG/SFG

Issues discussed at the last North Field/South Field Working Group meeting included noise office staffing, Metroplex, and pilot letter re North Field jet departure restriction. BART extension was completed and due to open on December 15. James Nelson asked if OAPM procedures were applicable to general aviation. Davis replied “Yes, if they have the capabilities.” The new procedures rely on GPS

10. NEXT MEETING – January 21, 2015

11. NEW BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

The facilitator announced that he needed to update the Forum membership roster for 2015 and would be sending out requests for updated contact information from Forum members. He also asked the Forum to think about the 2015 Work Plan, and let him know of any proposed additions or changes. There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.