



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

October 20, 2025

A. 3:10 PM Called to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Aitor Loymendy	Cat. A	Y	
Roy Anderson - Chair	Cat. A	N	
Vacant	Cat. A		Vacant
Joe Coho	Cat. B	Y	
Vacant	Cat. B		Vacant
Rick Leinheuser	Cat. C	Y	
Patricia Skogen	Cat. C	Y	
Andy Ferris	Alt. 1	Y	
Ron Rohde	Alt. 2	Y	
Supervisor Miles Menetrey	BOS Liaison	N	
Deputy Director Sam Cerveney	Public Works	Y	
Executive Assistant Tennille Holt	Public Works	Y	
Tim Wennberg	Community Member	Y	

B. Introductions *(recording time marker 0:0:28)*

C. Public Comment (non-agenda items) *(recording time marker 0:00:47)*

- Tim Wennberg - Committee lacks enthusiasm for tasks at hand. Need a plan in place to get what was lost with FBO
- Aitor Loymendy – suggested Tim become a member, as there is a vacancy available.
- Joe – states he spoke to the BOS that the Airport functioned the best with Tony. Takes offense that Tim says the AAC has done nothing.
- Ron Rohde – What is the status of the SO Helicopter & Hangar
- Sam – SO is in a lease for Hangar #52, started in July. They are working on getting a Helicopter.
 - Ron – Will the Helicopter fit in the hangar?
 - Sam – SO was given the hangar size.
- Joe – Ruth Sellers was a member of the committee for a long time. She is missed, and the committee shows its thanks and keeps her memory in mind.

- Tennille – COB – Ruth Sellars will be mentioned at the Board meeting, and plan to mention all the committees she was a part of, given the approval of the Board Chair.

D. Approval of Minutes *(recording time marker 0:10:10)*

- Approval of Minutes June 9, 2025
 - Motion to approve with corrections - Aitor (M), Joe (S)
 - Motion carried

E. Updates & Reports Items *(recording time marker 0:11:50)*

- Safety Report
 - Andy – The drive-thru gate sometimes doesn't close
 - Sam - Replacement parts have been ordered
 - Tim – Broke down airplane on runway; if not for Stan, they would not have been able to get off the runway.
 - Andy – could be catastrophic
 - Tim – Public works could invest in something like a floor jack to help with this type of situation.
 - Airport Hours – currently 10-4 Mon-Friday
- Public Works Report *(recording time marker 0:15:59)*
 - In Sept., Sam attended the Association of CA Airports Conference in Tahoe
 - Attended the leasing workshop, which was very well-received at the conference
 - Reversion Clause was a hot topic – more airports are adding these to their leases.
 - Not adding them to any existing, not in the plan
 - Caltrans is big on moving forward with V-Tol, but we don't think we are big enough for that here.
 - Changes/Policy will be brought to AAC
 - Insurance – Coverage in California is a real concern for flight instruction, as people can't get coverage. Many groups are presenting their concerns to Caltrans
 - Tehachapi – Learned a hard lesson. Contracts need to have additional verbiage regarding insurance
 - Lessee (1), sublet, then the sub-lessee (2), sublet it to a 3rd. The second party's fire burnt down the hangar along with 3rd sub-lessee's plane. Insurance won't cover. Airport out of a Hangar, and no one's insurance will cover the hangar.
 - Need to add language to the lease that states that anyone's aircraft that is stored in the hangar is subject to the lease agreement/policy.

- Ron – Concerned about reversion clause even for large commercial hangars.
How does that benefit the airport
 - Sam - We have to meet our grant assurances
 - Discussion between Sam & Ron
- Lead Fuel – we will have to transition to unleaded, but must keep both; the transition deadline is 2030
 - Plan to buy a trailer, or a fuel truck for the unleaded
- All hangars are leased with the exception of the storage hangar
- Airport Terminal Hours (*recording time marker 0:37:17*)
 - Change to W-F 11-30, Sat & Sun 9-3, Closed Mon & Tuesday
 - Will work with CAP to hold meetings at the Airport.
 - Ron – Will the County work with CAP for disaster relief?
 - Sam, that is up to the County. I believe there is no charge related to a disaster.
- EAA – Events, no fee if Terminal is open.
- Sam – hope to have the hours ordinance through the board by the end of the year.
- Landing Fees – What are your thoughts about charging non-tenants a landing fee
 - Andy – opposed to recreational landing fees, thinks we will run off visitors who could potentially buy fuel. He stopped going to Tahoe due to landing fees.
 - Ron – won't stop at Palo Alto to fuel because they add a landing fee.
 - Joe – flight schools, touch & go, would they be charged a landing fee
 - Andy – any other ideas to generate revenue
 - Joe – What are Tim's comments on the Landing Fees?
 - Tim - Mammoth \$15, if you bought a certain amount of fuel, the landing fee would be waived
 - Tim - Training flights would not touch wheels, and that is not safe.
 - Tim - Totally against landing fees
 - Tim - It would discourage people from stopping here.
- Tim – What is the current Airport Revenue
 - Sam will bring the budget to the next meeting.
- Aitor – We need to put into it if we want to get anything out of it. Make it fun, someone here more often, etc.
- Joe – In 2010, the airport was a ghost town. The difference was made when we had a proactive FBO. It was fun; people wanted to come here.
- Sam – Reached out to the chamber for events to promote events.
- Joe – Remembers when the airport closed its doors and used volunteers to keep the doors open.
- Ron – Facility should be run by FBO

- Aitor – had to leave, still have quorum
- Andy - Can a county crew be used
 - Sam has been looking into options
- Andy – Tony held the Wheels & Wings fest. Did miss a revenue opportunity
- Sam – Food Truck Fly-in
- Andy - Aviation Theme Swap meet
- Joe - Yes, people want to go somewhere that's fun
- Tim – Castle had two events last year
- Tim wants to know what SO is paying for the Hangar
 - Will find out
- Ron – What is the current status of the AAC being dissolved
 - No update
- Joe – Discussion Item – Gazette article to move to next agenda, Andy agrees should be moved to next mtg.
- Vacancies (*recording time marker 1:26:08*)
 - Cat A – Gary Friesen does not wish to be re-appointed
 - Cat B – Ruth Sellars resigned in 2024
 - Cat C – Pat Skogen - Pat had excused absences and does wish to continue
 - AAC – wishes to strike this, as she was excused, and placing it on the agenda was a clerical error
 - Can members switch from one category to another.
 - Do they have to submit a new application?
 - Tennille will check with COB and review the By-laws to see if they need to fill out a new application or if they can slide from one category to another.
 - Joe – Appreciates Sam going to the conference
 - AAC draft of Annual Report was submitted to the BOS

F. Action Items

G. Discussion Items

- As requested by Roy (Chair) to be added to the agenda
 - Joe – Discussion Item – Gazette article to move to next agenda, Andy agrees should be moved to next mtg. and put under Action Item

H. Next Meeting - Next meeting December 8, 2025

I. Adjournment (*recording time marker 1:44:57*)

1. Meeting adjourned at **4:55 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



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