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Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Reliever Airport Study - Status Report (M-393)

SUMMARY

This report outlines actions taken by the Reliever Airport Committee and County Board of Supervisors subsequent to the Council's last consideration of the subject on October 6, 1981. Both the Committee and Board are supporting redirection of the Reliever Airport Study work program to emphasize a comprehensive systems analysis, subject to contract rewriting and additional funding. Staff concurs with the redirection and recommends affirmative Council action, including later City participation in funding.

BACKGROUND

As directed by the City Council on October 6, 1981, the Reliever Airport Committee on October 20, 1981 further discussed the preliminary list of ten potential reliever airport sites. The Committee unanimously approved the ten sites presented to the Council with substitution of Natomas Air Park for new Site K. The County Board of Supervisors and City Council is also requested to seriously consider renegotiating the Study's work scope to include a comprehensive systems analysis of all remaining airports within Sacramento County should both government bodies remove Metro Airport and McClellan Air Force Base from further consideration.

The Committee's position and that of the study consultants, Hodges and Shutt, was discussed at length by the Board on October 29, 1981. Highlights centered on a recognition on that a) in reality there are no attractive new site locations to adequately satisfy the largest portion of the projected demand, b) some of the existing airports have urbanization or operation factors which limit their potential for expansion, c) economic constraints are working against the acquisition of totally new airport sites and, to some extent, major expansion of existing sites, d) the most critical of general aviation needs locally appears to be aircraft tie-down spaces and spreading of these among several airports in the greater Sacramento area may be more beneficial than concentrating them in a single location, and e) a systems analysis is not part of the

existing work program but, among other things, would serve as the basis for assessing existing airfields for their potential tie-down capacity versus their present "planned" tie-down yield.

The Board also received testimony that general aviation activities were not considered compatible with military operations on the same base, nor could their expansion be accommodated at Metro Airport (Department of Airports testimony).

By unanimous approval, the Board a) deleted Mather and McClellan Air Force Bases and Metropolitan Airport from the Study, b) redirected the Study to reflect the approved limits for Phoenix and Franklin Fields and Executive Airport, and c) directed the Reliever Airport Committee to restudy the Scope of Phase I, and return for approval of an expanded scope and funding recommendation.

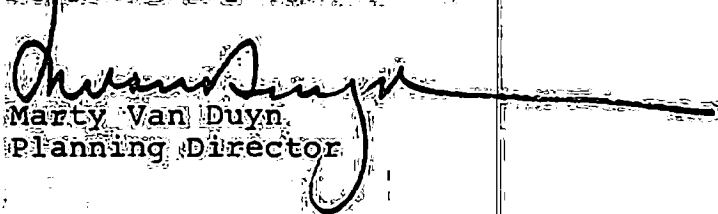
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No amount can be established for additional consultant work until the expanded work program is developed, however, a rough estimate is \$20,000. Under previous practice, the City and County would split this cost. The City to date has expended \$15,155 using the Administrative Contingency Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends rewriting the Reliever Airport Study work program to include a comprehensive systems analysis, subject to specific action taken by the Board of Supervisors on October 29, 1981. Staff recommends that the Council also affirm its intent to participate in funding, subject to later review of the precise amount and source.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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