

**AGENDA
CITY OF WATSONVILLE
WATSONVILLE AIRPORT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**



Working with our community to create positive impact through service with heart.

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Theresa Byers - Representing Monterey Bay Ninety-Nines
Glen Ceresa - Representing Airport Area Residents residing in County
Dave Guerrieri - Representing on field Aviation Business Community
Thomas Dienwiebel - Representing Watsonville Pilots Association
Larry Lease - Representing Business Community
Scott Randolph - Representing Experimental Aircraft Association#119
Mercedes Eulitt- Representing Airport Area Residents residing in City

***Location:
Watsonville Aviation Education Center
60 Aviation Way
Watsonville, CA 95076***

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Watsonville Aviation Education Center - 60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, CA 95076

Pages

1. ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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3.a ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & COMMITTEE

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the Consent Agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine and will be acted upon as one consensus motion. Any items removed will be considered immediately after the consensus motion. The Chair will allow public input prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda.

4.a MOTION APPROVING SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2024

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

5.a DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1. FAA response (if received by meeting date) to the attached letter from the City Manager**

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2. Status of Vehicle Gate and Personnel gate upgrade
3. Update on Vehicle/Pedestrian field access policy and program
4. Status of Wash Rack and Taxi Lane Connector grants
5. Update of Yankee 1 structural repairs
6. Results of April Caltrans Airport Inspection
7. Three-month after-action report of January Hangar inspections
8. Proposed Airport Economic Benefit Analysis; partnering with SNS, CVH and OAR
9. Quarterly Financial report to include review of 24/25 proposed budget

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
- b) Committee Questions & Input
- c) Public Input
- d) Appropriate Action

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next Committee meeting will be held on July 31, 2024

Pursuant to Section 54954.2(a)(1) of the Government Code of the State of California, this agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting at a public place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day and on the City of Watsonville website at <https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/1654/Watsonville-Airport-Advisory-Committee>.

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**Special Meeting of the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee
Watsonville Aviation Education Center
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, California**

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2024

1:15 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Thomas Dienwiebel (Representing Watsonville Pilot's Association), Glen Ceresa (Representing Airport Area County Residents), Dave Guerrieri, Vice Chair (Representing on field Aviation Business Community), Theresa Byers (Representing Monterey Bay Ninety-Nines), Scott Randolph, Chairperson (EAA #119),

Absent:, Mercedes Eulitt (Representing Airport Area City Residents) and Larry Lease (Non-Aviation Business Community)

Staff members present: Airport Director, Rayvon Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lead by Glen Ceresa

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Discussion regarding Runway 9-27

4. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS – None presented or submitted.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – No report

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Opening remarks by Chair, Scott Randolph. Confirms Runway Nine-Two-Seven (9-27), the crosswind runway, as sole agenda item for this Special Meeting. Randolph states this Special meeting, per Bylaws, was called by the WAAC Chair to provide an open forum for discussion by the WAAC and interested parties. Randolph states it is his understanding that the upcoming City Council meeting (March 19th) will include a presentation regarding the disposition of the Crosswind Runway.

Comments by Dave Guerrieri regarding the WPA Letter as a good communication. Guerrieri reads the letter for the benefit of those in attendance who have not seen nor read the correspondence.

Discussion of WPA letter by WAAC and audience, specifically the length of the letter, reference to the "we as pilots" verbiage, if the City Council, City management will even read the letter.

Randolph agrees the WPA letter is noteworthy and suggests WAAC discuss endorsing the WPA letter. After some discussion Dienwiebel moved that the WAAC endorses the WPA letter. Motion seconded by Guerrieri. Motion is as follows:

"The Watsonville Aviation Advisory Committee (WAAC) move the endorse the WPA letter regarding Runway 9-27. Endorsement allows WPA to add the WAAC logo to the WPA letter."

The motion passes 5 – 0.

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Randolph opens floor for general discussion. Dienwiebel shares that members of the WAAC and WPA met with the City Manager and that meeting was productive. Additionally, Ceresa and Byers confirm the February 10th Saturday workshop provided Council Members insight that up to this point were not known by Council.

Pertinent questions from audience:

(1) Why the action to shorten Runway 9-27 beyond 870 feet? Ceresa states the reason is the City's desire for additional housing. Airport Director Williams states the Threshold relocation also addresses FAA identified Safety concern.

(2) Why can't the 870 be brought back for consideration? Airport Director Williams states the Council's direction did not include revisiting the 870 foot Threshold relocation option.

(3) Byers inquires what can the WAAC do to make a concentrated effort to ensure the City Council truly understands the value of the crosswind runway and the airport?

(4) WPA President (Ryan Ramirez) notes, based on discussions held during the February 10th Saturday workshop, there is ample reason to believe some members of the City Council may not fully understand what was presented during the October 24, 2023, Council meeting. Airport Director Williams states the October presentation was thoroughly explained and the Council made clear the requested follow-up action.

(5) Orry Korb states his understanding is City Planning's effort for housing at the expense of runway 9-27 and the WAAC should be further investigated.

Continued discussion on how to approach the City Council relative to the March 19th meeting.

Multiple perspectives shared consisting of: (1) how to approach the City Council, (2) content of approach, (3) fact that Council members may not clearly understand the value and viability of the airport and specifically the impact of shortening the crosswind runway.

Move to request meeting with City Manager as stated below. Moved by Ceresa, seconded by Dienwiebel.

"Whereas the Watsonville City Council has previously approved the Watsonville Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan updates, which include the FAA approved threshold relocation of 870 feet, the WAAC recommends the 870 foot reduction as the preferred option for health and welfare of the of community and requests a meeting with the City Manager prior to the March 19, 2024 City Council meeting."

The motion passes 5 – 0.

8. ADJOURNMENT – at 2:24PM

Motion to adjourn initiated by Dienwiebel and Seconded by Ceresa. Motion passed.

The next Committee meeting will be held on April 24, 2024



April 5, 2024

Amy Choi, District Manager
Federal Aviation Administration
San Francisco Airport District Office
2999 Oak Road, Ste 200
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Sent by US mail and email:

Subj: Follow-up to August 22, 2023, letter regarding Runway Type Categorization Determination

Dear Ms. Choi:

Thank you for your August 22, 2023, letter confirming the conditional approval for the Watsonville Municipal Airport (WVI) Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Drawing Set, and the Runway Nine-Two-Seven type categorization determination.

As noted in your letter the FAA determined that Runway 09/27 does not meet the airport design requirements to be designated as a Crosswind Runway nor as a Secondary Runway. Accordingly, the runway type categorization for Runway 09/27 is considered an Additional Runway and AIP ineligible.

During the March 19, 2024, City Council meeting the Municipal Airport Director shared the FAA's determination with the City Council and presented options relative to the future Crosswind runway operations or deactivation.

After due consideration and discussion, which included providing multiple public opportunities to comment, the City Council determined a course of action. To balance preserving airport assets and with a focus on serving the broader community the City Council directed staff to explore deactivating the crosswind runway in accordance with Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 157, via submission of FAA Form 7480-1.

On behalf of the City Council, we are respectfully requesting your office engage with the Municipal Airport Director to begin this process in the most expeditious manner possible. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



René Mendez
City Manager

cc: Rayvon Williams, Municipal Airport Director
Suzi Merriam, Community Development Director
Tamara Vides, Assistant City Manager