

LA/Ontario Airport Noise Advisory Committee
April 17, 2013

Meeting Attendees

Myron Saulpaugh – Ontario Airfield Operations
S. Richardson – Ontario Airfield Operations
Thomas Boylan – Ontario Airfield Operations
Greg Hatcher – FAA Air Traffic Control Tower
Sigfrido Rivera – City of Ontario Part 150
Nadine Hutchinson – Ontario Citizen

Introduction and Adoption of January 25, 2012 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. and roll was taken. The committee reviewed and approved the January 25, 2012 minutes.

Airport Comments

Myron Saulpaugh presented the airport statistics update to the attendees. From March 2012 to this year March 2013 there was an 8% decrease. At the peak of passenger travel, 7.5 million passengers were reported. However, last year the airport reported only 4.3 to 4.4 million passengers. This year, the statistics are projected to barely make 4 million passengers. Cost reduction plans have been implemented to help save up to 30% for the airlines at Ontario.

Tom Boylan reported that there were only 12 calls on the noise hotline and that 9 out of the 12 calls were just hang ups. The remaining 3 calls were actual noise complaints, and 2 out of the 3 calls were actually from one person. The first caller was called back, but no one answered. A message was left on his phone explaining that particular noise incident was just a rare occurrence because of the winds during the time. The gentlemen that made the 2 other calls answered and was very understanding of what the airport does. The gentlemen said that it does not happen very frequently, but he wanted to see if something could be worked out. The gentleman was informed that the airport has no control as to when the airplanes can turn. Both gentlemen were given instruction on how to report noise complaints online at LAWA's website.

Greg Hatcher added to Tom Boylan's report saying that the airplanes turn at their discretion once the pilots feel it is safe to make the turn. The control tower generally does not give them a time that they need to turn.

City of Ontario

Sigfrido Rivera informed the meeting attendees they have implemented noise mitigation programs that are funded by the FAA and LAWA. At the time of the meeting they insulated 1379 homes and about 5000 residents have been benefited by this program. Ontario has acquired 243 properties and has relocated 1100 residents from the neighborhood west of the ends of the runways. Ontario has completed 3 sound insulation projects, totaling 196 units. Ontario has also recently started a new sound insulation

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project that consists of a 98 condominium complex hoping to complete construction before the end of 2013.

New Business

No new business was discussed other than about meeting frequency. The group agreed that the meeting will be kept quarterly until further discussed on the next meeting of August 14, 2013.

Sequestration

Myron and Tom expressed concern that if the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower lost their midnight shift, they may not be able to have contraflow with SoCal. The result of this would mean more departures to the west and possibly increasing the number of complaints in that area.

Greg responded by saying that the loss of the midnight shift is nothing official yet, and that it is just something that is on the table. He however asked how contraflow affects noise.

Sid responded that they would have to hire a group of consultants to do a study about how contraflow affects noise.