

**MINUTES OF THE AIR CARRIER SERVICE - MARKETING - COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 14, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

**NOTICE REGARDING A RETURN TO IN-PERSON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Due to the expiration of the COVID-19 California State of Emergency, the Monterey Peninsula Airport District will return to holding meetings at the Airport Board Room, with in-person attendance. Members of the public may attend the Committee Meeting in person and request to speak to the Committee Members when the Chair calls for public comment.

Alternatively, members of the public who desire to provide input as to any item can send an email to [info@montereyairport.com](mailto:info@montereyairport.com) and include the following subject line: "Public Comment Item # (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment)." Written comments should be received by 8:00 AM on the day of the meeting. All submitted comments will be provided to the Committee Members for consideration and will be compiled as part of the record.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting of the Air Carrier Service – Marketing – Community Relations Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:02 AM. Directors Leffel and Pick, Executive Director La Pier, Deputy Executive Directors Morello and Robare, and Acting Secretary Adams were present.*

**B. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*No announcements.*

*Howard Fosler, a member of the Public, commented on the number of parking spaces blocked for projects in the short-term parking lot and asked if that was necessary. Deputy Executive Director Morello answered contractors will be repairing the asphalt next Thursday and they will not be able to accomplish that if there are any cars that have been parked for a long-term stay.*

*Uwe Grobecker, a member of the Public, commented that he had sent a letter last month to members of this committee with six items that he would like to see changed. He reviewed each of his suggestions.*

**C. REGULAR AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS**

Discuss      1. Noise Report

*Executive Director La Pier drew attention to the fact that half of the December noise comments are from one person and related to the flight school. Deputy Executive Director Robare pointed out that local Air Traffic Control invited the General Aviation community to a meeting mid-December to remind them about the noise abatement guidelines and it was well attended. She stated one issue seems to be that two trainees will go up in the same plane to do "touch and goes". Since there are two trainees it appears to an observer the pilot is doing twice as many as allowed under the guidelines.*

*Director Leffel suggested ways Mr. Grobecker and Mr. Fosler could help to educate the public.*

Discuss 2. Air Carrier Service & Development Update

*Executive Director La Pier reported enplanements in 2024 are expected to exceed 305,000, which makes it the busiest year since Fort Ord closed. He noted Monterey Regional Airport seat capacity is up, although there are fewer planes being operated than in the past.*

*Deputy Executive Director Morello reported that, as part of the National Transportation System, MRY received some diverted flights during December when the entire Bay area was fogged in.*

*Mr. Grobecker, a member of the Public, suggested diversions be tracked on the Cancellation and Delays report; those planes diverted away from MRY as well as those diverted to MRY. Director Pick questioned Mr. Grobecker about what he expected a diversion report to tell us. Mr. Grobecker answered that he wanted to know if it is safe to land at MRY airport.*

*Director Leffel referred to a social media post on "Nextdoor" recently that claimed the MRY runway is too short for some of the planes to land. Executive Director La Pier stated the runway is capable of landing a Boeing 757 and there is not a single plane that lands at the Monterey Regional Airport that needs a longer runway.*

Discuss 3. Local Marketing and Digital Outreach Update

*Deputy Executive Director Morello reported the local social media focus in December was the Military Lounge and the Treat Our Troops campaign. The social media focus for the fly markets was the Pebble Beach Food and Wine event.*

*Deputy Executive Director Morello answered questions about the Holiday Military Lounge attendance and sponsors. Director Pick commented on how appreciative the local military community is of the amenity.*

*No Public Comment.*

Discuss 4. Passenger Comments, Services and Amenities Update

*The committee discussed the Passenger Feedback report.*

*No Public comment.*

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.*

*Approved at the  
Meeting of February 19, 2025*



*Carl Miller, Chair*

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael La Pier". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

*Michael La Pier*  
*District Secretary*