



## **LAX/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE**

Recap of the Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2005

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### **Roundtable Members Present**

John McTaggart, Chairman Representing LA County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe  
Mike Cassidy, Vice Chairman Representing Hermosa Beach Councilman Sam Edgerton  
Larry Clark, Mayor Rancho Palos Verdes City  
Tom Long, Rancho Palos Verdes City Councilman  
Gary Parsons, Hawthorne City Councilman  
Mike Gurekas, Representing Congressman Dana Rhorabacher  
Denny Schneider, Westchester/Playa Del Rey Neighborhood Council  
Roy Hefner, LAX Area Advisory Committee  
Beverly Ackerson, PANIC  
Dorothy Harris, Ladera Heights Civic Association  
Michael DiGirolamo, LAWA  
Walt Gillfillan, Roundtable Facilitator

### **1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Identification of Those Present – John McTaggart**

Roundtable Chairman John McTaggart called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.

During the introductions, Ms. Patricia Tubert, newly appointed LAWA Deputy Executive Director for Quality and Assurance, was introduced to the Roundtable. Ms Tubert's start date with LAWA is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **2. Appointment/Confirmation of up to Three (3) At-Large Members for a Two (2) Year Term from January 2005 through December 2006 – John McTaggart**

Mr. Holden noted that written requests had been received from Peninsula Aircraft Noise/Safety Information Committee (P.A.N.I.C), the Ladera Heights Civic Association, and the Westchester Neighbors Association. A motion was made and seconded to accept these organizations as members of the Roundtable and to seat their designated representatives. The Roundtable unanimously approved this motion. These organizations will serve as At-Large members until December 2006.

### **3. Discussion/Consideration of Comments on FAA Draft Order 5050.4B – Walter Gillfillan, Consultant to the Roundtable**

The Roundtable heard a presentation from Walt Gillfillan on the FAA's Draft Order 5050.4B, regarding changes to the FAA's Airport Environmental Handbook on environmental processing of airport projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Chair then asked Roundtable members if they wished to comment on the proposed FAA action. The members

indicated that they would like to submit comments. They offered the following comments to be included in the draft:

- Repeat the Roundtable’s previous concerns about the ineffectiveness of the 65 dB CNEL metric
- Note the “ratcheting” effect that occurs when the 3 dB CNEL incremental increase is applied to determine significant impacts
- At LAX, many significant impacts occur beyond the 65 CNEL noise contour. The FAA must recognize this.
- It is essential that single event noise metrics be applied to augment the CNEL metric
- Without properly identifying noise impacts, the opportunity for the application of effective mitigations is missed.

The Roundtable consultant was requested to prepare a draft comment letter to the FAA for review at the February 9 FTDS meeting and the Chairman’s signature of the approved version of the letter.

**4. Report/Discussion of the November 10, 2004 Flight Track Data Subcommittee Meeting – Mike Cassidy**

Chairman Cassidy noted that Palos Verdes Estates Councilman Dwight Abbott and Mr. Barry Davis of the FAA, two individuals that are essential to the Palos Verdes Peninsula over flight discussion, were not able to attend this evening and requested that the topic be carried over to the next meeting of the Flight Track Data Subcommittee. It was agreed that this would be appropriate and in the discussion that followed, the following points were made:

- The Mayor Clark of Rancho Palos Verdes noted that the over flight problem is real and needs to be acknowledged
- Councilman Long from Rancho Palos Verdes noted new over flight occurrences
- There is a need to compare past noise measurements with the current situations

**5. Roundtable Member Discussion**

Mr. Holden of the LAWA staff presented a status report on the LAX Part 161 study. The selection of Harris Miller Miller & Hanson has been completed and the contract is being prepared by the City Attorney. Contract approval is tentatively scheduled for the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Airport Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Holden noted that the Roundtable has received response from its comments to the Transportation Research Board’s Airport Cooperative Research Program. In the letter the TRB included the format for the Roundtable to use if it intends to apply for a grant to conduct research. It was not considered necessary to complete the detailed form, as the Roundtable’s comments were self explanatory.

Mr. Holden announced that the Board of Airport Commissioners has approved sending Roy Hefner as the Roundtable’s representative to the UC Berkeley Aviation Noise Symposium in Palm Springs in late February, early March.

It was noted that aircraft over flight would be the topic of the February 9 FTDS meeting.

**6. Public Comments**

It was noted that the interim coordinator for the LAX master plan community stakeholders has called meeting in the Westin Hotel for February 3 at 6:00 p.m. Additional information can be obtained at (800) 919-3766.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The meeting of the Flight Track Data Subcommittee will be at 6:00 p.m. on February 9, 2005 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX. The next meeting of the Roundtable will be convened at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2005 in the Samuel Greenberg Boardroom, LAX.