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DATE: June 11, 1991

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee

SUMMARY:

ISSUE:

Should the County, as the regional government representing all eighteen cities and the unincorporated area, establish a seven member San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee to identify and recommend the most appropriate organizational structure for a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority which would be charged with the responsibility to provide for the region's integrated air transport needs?

RECOMMENDATION(S):
SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS:

1) Approve the establishment of a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee to determine the most appropriate organizational structure and financing mechanism for the establishment of a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, and to identify and make recommendations on other issues surrounding the creation of such an authority.

2) Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to invite the other agencies in San Diego County which are involved in the operation or planning of airports (these include the Unified Port District, the City of San Diego, the City of Oceanside and San Diego Association of Governments) to participate in the establishment of such a committee.

3) Direct the CAO to investigate staffing needs and evaluate appropriate funding sources, including the availability of Airport Enterprise Funds, necessary to establish a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee. Approve in concept the County's commitment to fund up to $100,000 to support the staffing, operations and necessary consultant services for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee.

ON MOTION of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Bilbray, the Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended; and requests that the appointed committee not meet until after the San Diego Association of Governments meeting, by following vote:
AYES: Bilbray, Bailey, Golding, Williams, MacDonald

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By Maritza Cobington
Deputy

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ADVISORY STATEMENT

No advisory statements or recommendations have been received relative to this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

By approving these recommendations, the Board is approving in concept the expenditure of up to $100,000 towards the staffing, operations and necessary consultant services for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee. No expenditures will be made before staff returns to the Board during budget deliberations with final recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

THE NEED FOR EXPANDED AIR TRANSPORT FACILITIES

Although San Diego International Airport-Lindbergh Field is centrally located and generates an operating profit, the San Diego region needs to expand its air transport facilities for many reasons. Predictions are that in a short time, auto traffic coincident to Lindbergh Field will become so severe that getting to and from the airport may take longer than many flights. Additionally, air traffic operations are becoming increasingly congested. In 1989, there were more than 200,000 take-offs and landings at Lindbergh Field and that number is expected to grow 2% annually. The passenger load is projected to increase 460,000 annually, and by 1999 the average take-off delay for an afternoon departure will be 74 minutes.

There is concern that Lindbergh Field's inadequate size will adversely affect the economic health of the San Diego region and its ability to compete within the emerging Pacific Rim market. Economists have estimated that without additional air carrier capacity there will be a loss of "economic opportunity" in the range of $33 to $55 billion between now and the year 2050.

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THE SITING OF A NEW AIRPORT

The search for a new airport to replace Lindbergh Field has been a recurring issue for the region since World War II. In the event that a new airport is sited in the region, there needs to be an authority in place which can acquire, plan for, build, finance, operate, maintain and administer the new facility.

INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

Presently, there are four agencies which operate airports in the County of San Diego and one that serves as the primary transportation planning agency:

1) The County of San Diego operates McClellan-Palomar Field, Gillespie Field, Ramona Airport, Borrego Valley Airport, Agua Caliente Springs Airstrip, Ocotillo Wells Airport, Jacumba Airport and Fallbrook Community Airpark.

2) The Unified Port District operates Lindbergh Field.

3) The City of San Diego operates Brown Field and Montgomery Field.

4) The City of Oceaside operates Oceanside Municipal Airport.

5) SANDAG is designated by the State of California on behalf of the Federal Department of Transportation as the "Metropolitan Planning Organization" and serves as the regional transportation planning agency in San Diego County. SANDAG has taken a lead role in studying where a new international airport should be sited.

Clearly, these agencies, as the airport operators and planners in the region, all have a vested interest in airport development in the region and should be invited to participate in a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee to determine the organizational structure most suitable for a San Diego San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Working together, these agencies should examine the issues surrounding the creation of such an authority in order to form a mutually beneficial agreement which will serve the best interests of all citizens in the County of San Diego. The Committee would be charged with identifying and recommending the most appropriate organizational structure for a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority with responsibility to provide for the region's integrated air transport needs.

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It is in the best interest of San Diego County and its residents for the County to continue its active participation in airport issues:

- The County serves as the only regional government, with its elected officials representing citizens of all 18 cities and the unincorporated area.

- SANDAG has recognized the County's planning and land use responsibilities in airport siting.

- The County has shared responsibilities for coordinating and/or providing road/rail access to and from the proposed airports.

- The County owns and operates eight airports in the region and has extensive experience in airport management.

- The County is the State appointed responsible agency for issues relating to noise problems surrounding airports and has the authority to designate "noise problem" airports County-wide.

- There is precedence for County participation in incorporated area-based public agencies, including:

  1) Metropolitan Transit Development Board, regional surface transportation authority.

  2) Metropolitan Waste Water Authority.

  3) Regional air pollution control.

By actively participating in the airport issue through the establishment of a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee, the County would maintain a further role as a charter member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY EXPLORATION COMMITTEE'S MAKE UP

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee would be made up of seven appointed citizen representatives (not elected officials): two from the County of San Diego, two from the City of San Diego, one each from the City of Oceanside, the San Diego Unified Port District and the San Diego Association of Governments. The representatives should be selected so that they bring a broad spectrum of expertise to the Committee necessary to developing recommendations regarding the formation of a San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Examples of desirable fields of expertise include: finance, law, air transport, real estate, international commerce and local business. The appropriate staff support would be provided by the participating agencies.

TIMELINE

It is intended that each agency appoint its respective representative(s) to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Exploration Committee by August 1, 1991. The committee would then meet as often as determined necessary in order to make their recommendations on the issues surrounding creation of an Airport Authority by December 1, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon L. Williams

LEON L. WILLIAMS
Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM
INFORMATION SHEET

SUBJECT: Airport Authority Exploration Committee

SUPV. DIST.: All

COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL: Form and Legality (x)Yes ( )N/A
( )Standard Form ( )Ordinance ( )Resolution

AUDITOR APPROVAL: (x)N/A ( )Yes 4 VOTES: ( )Yes (x)No

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW: ( )Yes (x)No

CONTRACT REVIEW PANEL: ( )Approved_____ (x)N/A

CONTRACT NUMBER(S): N/A

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTION: 6/5/90 (#66 & 67) Board approved appointment of Supervisor Williams to serve as the County representative on SANDAG airport delegation charged with entering into discussions with the United States and Mexico governments to determine the feasibility of a binational airport. 1/29/91 (#75) Supervisor Williams reappointed to airport delegation.

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE: None

CITIZEN COMMITTEE STATEMENT: N/A

CONCURRENCE(S): None

CONTACT PERSON: Adrienne Brodeur, S30/531-5544, A-500

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Fourth Supervisorial District

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DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MEETING DATE