



City of Santa Barbara
Airport Department

Meeting: 05/17/17
Agenda Item No. 07

DATE: May 17, 2017
TO: Airport Commission
FROM: Hazel Johns, Airport Director
SUBJECT: Surf Air / Encompass Aviation at Santa Barbara Airport

RECOMMENDATION:

That Airport Commission receive a presentation regarding the plans of membership air carrier Surf Air to transfer its operations, including aircraft and other assets to Encompass Aviation LLC.

DISCUSSION:

Surf Air is a membership-based charter air carrier operating under the Federal Aviation Administration's Part 135 for private charter or air taxi service. The company has been operating at Santa Barbara Airport under a charter operating permit since 2013. They sublease a portion of a building on Moffitt Place that is a part of Atlantic Aviation's premises at the Airport.

Surf Air serves Santa Barbara with Pilatus PC-12NG aircraft that can seat up to eight (8) passengers. The company currently flies approximately 8-10 departures per day to San Carlos County Airport, approximately 25 miles from downtown San Francisco.

Beginning on June 1, Surf Air will have transferred all of their assets and personnel, including aircraft to Encompass Aviation LLC, a Nevada based company. Surf Air will relinquish their Part 135 permit in conjunction with the change. The change will, however, not be visible to the public or the members of Surf Air. All operations will continue to be conducted under the Surf Air brand name, including employee uniforms, aircraft livery and in its marketing materials. Surf Air appears to be poised for expansion and this transition is a step toward this objective for the company.

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