

Santa Barbara Municipal Airport

Noise Abatement Committee

SUMMARY M I N U T E S

The Santa Barbara Municipal Airport Noise Abatement Committee met on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Airport Administration Conference Room.

Present:

Aaron Mueller
C. Malia Sharkey
Todd A. Smith
Warren Miller
Christopher Riehn

Scott Lechner
Kellie Knauss
Tracy Lincoln
Kristy Odermann

1. Public Comment

Warren Miller and C. Malia Sharkey commented on the changing FAA regulation pertaining to Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drones.

2. Noise Complaint Reports

3. Discussion of complaint responses

Kellie Knauss explained that the Airport had experienced software issues, causing Operations to fall behind in running regular noise complaint reporting. Ms. Knauss informed the committee and attendees that the software issues have since been resolved, additional staff have been trained in noise abatement, and responses to noise complaints are now being processed.

Warren Miller inquired about the high number of complaints in More Mesa. Mr. Miller specifically asked if the complaints were from a variety of complainants or only a few. Ms. Knauss confirmed the More Mesa high volume complaints are primarily from 2 callers. Mr. Miller offered to contact members of his community and neighbors to update them on the noise abatement issues.

Mr. Lincoln stated the Airport is currently using the flight tracking system to identify aircraft possibly involved in noise complaints, and is inquiring with vendors as to the cost savings of eliminating the use of noise monitors as a part of the system because they are never used in investigating or responding to noise complaints. Mr. Miller concurred he never reads noise metrics, and confirmed he closely reads reports generated using the flight tracking system. Mr. Lincoln stated aircraft altitude and position over the ground are the only tools used in responding to noise complaints and subsequently, when applicable, sending letters to aircraft operators who do not follow the airport voluntary noise abatement procedures.

4. Open Discussion

Mr. Lincoln stated that the Santa Barbara Airport has experienced a decrease of 26% in enplanements. Mr. Miller inquired about the enplanement decrease. Mr. Lincoln stated that small hub airports were experiencing an impact from airline mergers, and explained that SBA lost Frontier service in January 2015. Mr. Lincoln informed the committee and attendees that Alaska would be adding a second daily flight to Seattle in June. Mr. Lincoln explained that SBA was working on land development to increase revenue, in combination with possible Airline service changes.

Ms. Knauss stated that airlines have moved from the use of Brasilia aircraft to the sole use of Regional Jets. Mr. Miller asked if the use of Very Light Jets (VLJs) has become a noise issue. Mr. Lincoln stated that there were only two VLJs on the airfield and Aaron Mueller concurred that VLJs are not currently a noise issue at SBA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Kellie Knauss
Operations Supervisor



Kristy Odermann
Recording Secretary