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ALUC POSITION OPENING

UPDATE : THE MAYOR'S SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE SELECTING A REPLACEMENT COMMISSIONER FOR THIS OPEN POSITION ON JANUARY 24,2003

INFORMATION NOTICE ISSUED: 12-9-2002

ATTENTION ALL SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AVIATOR RESIDENTS:

The County of San Luis Obispo maintains an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) as authorized by the State of California Public Utilities Code and State Aeronautics Act of 1967. The ALUC, is comprised of seven Commissioners which are appointed as follows: 2 by a Selection Committee of Mayors from all cities in SLO County; 2 by the County Board of Supervisors; 2 by a Selection Committee of the county airport managers; and, 1 by the other six appointed commissioners. The primary purpose of the ALUC is to:

- 1) Assist local agencies in ensuring that lands in the vicinity of all new and existing airports is compatible with provisions of "Airport Land Use Plans" applicable to each county airport, and,
- 2) To coordinate planning at state, regional and local levels to provide for orderly development of air transportation while protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

At present there is one open Commissioner seat available on the San Luis Obispo County Airport Land Use Commission. Candidates for this open position must be a resident of the county of San Luis Obispo. The "Selection Committee of Mayors" for San Luis Obispo County will accomplish candidate interviews and ultimate selection of the new commissioner. As we all know U.S. airports are facing their greatest threats from development encroachment and that has never been more evident than right here in SLO County. It is therefore extremely important that the ALUC be appropriately staffed with knowledgeable and competent persons in full understanding of the importance of preserving the rights and requirements of airports to operate safely and compatibly with their surrounding communities.

If you are interested or know of anyone who is qualified and possibly interested applying for this important ALUC Commissioner position please contact the following person immediately for further information, application procedures and deadlines:

Criss Macek - San Luis Obispo County Planning Department
(805) 781-5718 or cmacek@co.slo.ca.us

January General Members Get-together

It has been suggested that we have a General Membership Dinner meeting in late January to discuss the direction of SLOPA and to introduce the 'new' board members. The meeting date, time, and place will be mailed to all of you.

If you have agenda items for the meeting please send via postal to PO Box 292, SLO, 93406, or e-mail to slopilots@yahoo.com.

TRANSFER OF \$5.2 MILLION FROM AERONAUTICS ACCOUNT

The following letter was written to Governor Davis on behalf of all California pilots by Jay White, President of California Pilots Association. Please disseminate to all chapter members, pilots and/or interested parties for their input to Governor Davis. Only through unity will our voice be heard. It is imperative this subject be commented on right away.

Please send your comments to Governor Davis today at the address below or e-mail: governor@governor.ca.gov. A sample letter follows Jay White's letter.

Thank you in advance.

Lynnette Downey, California Pilots Association

CALIFORNIA PILOTS ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 6868 San Carlos, CA 94070

December 16, 2002

Honorable Gray Davis, Governor State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed transfer of \$5.2 million from Aeronautics Account

Dear Governor Davis:

This is to request that you help preserve California's public airports by protecting funds currently allocated to the Caltrans Aeronautics Division. These funds were collected from fuel sales to airport users and should be used only to promote and enhance the California Airport System. The airport system is a vital part of the state transportation infrastructure.

The proposed transfer of \$5.2 million from the Aeronautics Account to the General Fund, added to the \$6.0 million transferred in May 2002, would have a devastating impact on the airports. If this transfer occurs, 149 general aviation airports in California will lose \$10,000 per year in Annual Grant money that would be used for maintenance and safety enhancement. The Acquisition & Development Grant Program would be decimated. Some airports would be forced to stop work on projects underway.

California's smaller airports provide added air transportation capacity. That capacity must be preserved for future generations of Californians. Much of the nationwide impact of \$102 billion in GDP and 1.3 million jobs in 2000 was generated by California's 255 airports. Since September 11, 2001 the use of general aviation aircraft for business purposes at California airports has increased by up to as much as 30%. Aircraft manufacturers are planning for even further increases.

Smaller general aviation airports are a vital transportation resource for local communities and offer access to the national and international airport system. These airports support critical emergency medical, law enforcement, disaster relief, agricultural and environmental services. For residents of smaller communities located more than 50 miles from an airport with airline service, they offer the only convenient option for air travel.

California's favorable climate offers a rich environment for flight training. Without flight training opportunities provided by general aviation airports, airline cockpits would soon be empty. Each California general aviation airport is an important link in the air transportation system and requires funding to be properly maintained and for necessary capital improvements.

The California legislature should be encouraged to increase funding for the Aeronautics Account, not further deplete it. The \$5.2 million should remain in the Aeronautics Account.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. White, President

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\$ 20.00 Please Mail Your Check for \$20 and Your Ballot to:

**SLOPA
PO Box 292
San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93406-0292**

Use the enclosed envelope to return prior to January 31, 2003

Please complete the form and include an e-mail address

The next SLOPA General Membership meeting date is not set as of yet.
If you have Internet access please refer to the website at:

WWW.SLOPILOTS.ORG

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Will you attend a General Membership meeting in late January - YES NO

CALENDAR

Jan. 7th - Board Meeting @ Spirit 6pm

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