

CAMERON PARK AIRPORT



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Cameron Park, CA 95682**

**Sierra Nevada Foothills, Sacramento
A Unique Airport Community**

COMMUNITY MEETING MAY 11, 2020

WELCOME

- Hello, I hope everyone is well
- WHY ARE WE HERE TONIGHT?
 - My fault, as president of the Board, it would be irresponsible to not address the District's financial situation
 - I know this is not a fun topic and no one wants to see their costs go up
 - I want to communicate the current situation and our proposed correction for you to provide input, we all work for you and need your inputs

- A little recent history
 - A New board (4 out of 5) sworn in December 2018
 - We Suffered Almost a perfect storm the first year
 - Night operations were suspended by Caltrans Aero in December 2018 due to lack of obstruction mitigation progress
 - Airport manager became seriously ill and had to leave
 - Severe weather February 2019 caused fuel system issues with flooding in the buried tank access sleeves
 - Fuel system failed three year inspection test requiring major repairs
 - Every operating system, office procedure and maintenance area of the airport needed attention.

Background for Public Forum

- **We got lucky**, the airport remained open and essential services were maintained
 - Some key people were still available to help and board members were willing to get involved to learn what it takes to run this airport.
 - A new highly qualified manager was hired and with the dedicated effort by several volunteers (equivalent to a full time assistant 7 days a week for most of the year) we are making progress
 - Residential streets support was deemed not as urgent as the airport in the short term, but was not forgotten

Background for Public Forum

- During this continuing recovery process it became apparent that much work is going to be needed if this airport is to return to night operations, operate with any security long term and have a chance for making improvements
- The key elements necessary to meet any of these goals is enough qualified staff and sufficient operating funds

Background for Public Forum

- One paid manager cannot accomplish all of the tasks required to operate this airport. Our present compensation is well below the average and we need to add a part time assistant to do the work now being done by full time volunteers, which will likely leave in the near future
- Increasing costs have drained the operating fund to the point where we have no reserve and must shuffle activities to pay for things such as tree trimming to get night operations back.
- So far we have not had a significant failure in a critical area as we have no savings to deal with one

I&F Committee

- The Infrastructure and Finance(I&F) committee was formed by resolution to investigate in detail the funding and income issues for both the airport and residential street areas then report their recommendations to the Board
- This community meeting is a forum for a review of their findings and your opportunity to participate
- The recommendations of this committee will be presented to a CPAD Special Board Meeting on June 1 for review and possible approval

GOALS OF THIS MEETING

- The I&F committee reviewed what was required and prepared bottom up budget estimates for the airport and streets.
- Three areas require the most money, and tend to drive the numbers:
 - Staffing-updating salary and adding a part time person
 - Increasing risk of leaks or inability to find insurance for the underground fuel tanks that are over 30 years old (manufacturers end of life estimate) and need to be removed
 - Supplemental funds to maintain residential streets

OPTIMUM SOLUTION

- In order to meet all of the various goals in a reasonable time frame the estimated fees are as follows:
 - \$148/month for airport operations and projects (inclusive of current \$25/month)
 - \$79/month for residential streets
 - TOTAL monthly fee \$227

THIS IS A BEGINNING

- How would you solve this problem?
- We need to be successful in moving ahead, so with input from the community we propose the following option as a bare bones approach which increases risks and postpones most goals but funds the start of essential activities
 - \$50/month *increase* for airport operations
 - \$25/month existing for airport
 - \$25/month *increase* for residential streets
 - TOTAL \$100/month fee
 - 20% annual escalation-subject to Board approval
 - Inflation adjustment based on Consumer Price Index-subject to Board approval