

ROADS AND AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT

Airports Division

1st Quarter Staff Report
January, February, March 2022

Repairs/Projects in Progress

RHV Lighting and Signage

The contract for design of the RHV lighting and signage project is ongoing with the expectation of finalized plans in the spring of 2022. Once construction begins, it is expected to take approximately four months to complete.

RHV Paving

Staff is putting together a project to pave the aircraft parking ramp, including the hangar areas, at Reid-Hillview. Plans are in their preliminary stages at this time.

Grant Requests

The County received a \$570,000 FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant for San Martin Airport. The funds were used to reimburse the County General Fund for the cost of paving and marking the San Martin runways and taxiways in 2018.

Deposited Lead Study

County staff continue to make progress on contracting a consultant to study and report on the prevalence of lead on the surface in and around the airport.

Staffing Changes

Four Airport Operations workers positions have been filled. Recruitment for a new Airport Business Manager position is in progress.

March 2022 Update: One Airport Operations Worker has taken a promotion with another airport. Staff is currently attempting to fill the vacancy left by his departure. An offer has been accepted to a candidate for the Airports Business Manager position. A start date is forthcoming.

Reid-Hillview FBO Lease

New one-year agreements were executed for four of the original nine leaseholds. On January 1, 2022, the County took over management of the remaining five leaseholds and ownership of the four fuel tanks. Subtenants of the five leaseholders that the county will manager have been offered a new rental agreement at similar rates to what they were paying.

Unleaded Fuel

Beginning on January 1, 2022 100LL (100 Low Lead) avgas is no longer available for sale at Reid-Hillview Airport.

The County has purchased two new avgas fuel trucks to be used for UL94 and is working towards become the provider of fueling services at Reid-Hillview. Development

of the fueling program will accelerate once the Airports Business Manager position has been filled.

Litigation

The County is currently involved in three legal cases involving the airports. In Christine Decker vs County of Santa Clara, the County is being sued for the attempted closure of Reid-Hillview Airport. In Anissa Mohler vs the County of Santa Clara, the County is being sued for supposed poor maintenance of the airport.

On December 22, Mark McClardy, the FAA Director of Airports Division for the Western Pacific Region notified the County that the FAA has started an informal investigation under 14 CRF 13.1. The impetus for this notice was the County's decision to eliminate the sale of leaded avgas from Reid-Hillview and San Martin Airports as of January 1, 2022.

March 2022 Update:

- The Muller case has been dismissed.
- The Decker case has litigation ongoing.
- While no decision has been reached regarding the FAA's Part 13 investigation, the County and the FAA continue to exchange correspondence.

Accidents and Incidents

RHV – January 3rd

RHV ATCT staff notified Airport Operations that an aircraft had experienced a tail strike while landing on Runway 31-Right. The aircraft was subsequently located and light damage to the bottom of the tail was noted. Staff spoke with the FBO and the pilot of the aircraft regarding the incident. No damage was noted on the runway.

RHV – February 28th

RHV ACTC notified Airport Operations of an inbound Citabria aircraft that had declared an emergency. The pilot of the aircraft reported that oil was on the windscreen and fuselage, and that there was also some smoke. The aircraft landed safely and taxied to the FBO. Staff responded to the incident and observed the aircraft heavily coated with engine oil. No further damage was noted.

E16 – March 28th

Airport staff, upon the morning airfield inspection, located a twin-engine Piper Seminol aircraft with heavy damage parked along the taxiway. Further investigation determined that the aircraft has experienced a hard landing which resulted in a collapsed nose gear. The aircraft received substantial damage, and both propellers were bent. The aircraft was subsequently removed from E16 to a RHV FBO. Minimal damaged occurred to the runway surface.



By The Numbers

Report Date: April 2022

Reporting Period: January 1 - March 31

	Reid-Hillview Airport			San Martin Airport		Airport System		
Parking	Hangar	Shelter	Tie-Down	Hangar	Tie-Down	Hangar	Shelter	Tie-Down
Total Spaces	144	52	173	157	90	301	52	263
Occupied	137	44	42	128	17	265	44	59
Vacant	7	8	131	29	73	36	8	204
Account Closures	5	5	3	3	1	8	5	4
New Accounts	8	4	2	1	1	9	4	3
Waiting Lists								
Total Applicants	9	0	0	6	0	15	0	0
Inactive	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	1
Revenue & Expenditures YTD								
Percent of fiscal year elapsed			75%		75%			75%
Percent of accrued annual revenue (Obj 2)			61%		89%			72%
Revenue Estimated			2,620,850		1,632,667			4,253,517
Revenue Realized			1,608,231		1,451,652			3,059,882
Percent Object 1 expended (personnel)		\$ 580,290	88%	\$ -	0%		\$ 1,021,544	79%
Percent Object 2 expended (general expenses)		\$ 418,054	26%	\$ 267,517	166%		\$ 1,222,203	47%
Aging Report								
	Days Late	Account Qty	Amount Due	Account Qty	Amount Due	Account Qty	Amount Due	
	60	8	\$ 7,202	6	\$ 4,070	14	\$ 11,272	
	90	3	\$ 2,151	2	\$ 394	5	\$ 2,544	
	120	4	\$ 38,572	6	\$ 35,107	10	\$ 73,678	
* Where applicable, total includes administration expenses	Total	15	\$ 47,924	14	\$ 39,571	29	\$ 87,495	

‡ Due to recordkeeping procedures, almost all staff time is charged to RHV throughout the year. During the end-of-year reconciliation, the cost of E16 staff time is transferred from RHV to E16 based on records kept throughout the year.

Operations Count



