



A GREAT VICTORY FOR WVI AND ALL CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

In the Court of Appeals of the state of California
Sixth Appellate District
Filed March 15, 2010

“...We conclude that the trial court correctly concluded that the 2030 General Plan violates the SAA (State Aeronautics Act) and that the City’s certification of the FEIR (Final Environmental Impact Report) violated CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and the court did not err in failing to find that the FEIR inadequately analyzed the impact of the 2030 General Plan on the water supply. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment....”

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“....While the City is in a county that has not formed an ALUC or established an alternative procedure, Public Utilities Code section 21570.1, subdivision (e) required the City to adopt the criteria in the Handbook as part of its general plan. The City did not do so. While it is true that the County of Santa Cruz may form an ALUC or possibly adopt an alternative procedure, the City is obligated to comply with the statutory duty that falls upon it as a consequence of the County’s failure to form an ALUC.”

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IT'S TIME TO GET PLASTIC

By Kathy Dondzila (AOPA ePilot)

Pilots are required to obtain their plastic pilot certificates from FAA by March 31, 2010 if exercising airmen privileges. After that date, most paper pilot certificates will no longer be valid. There are a few exceptions: Paper certificates for Ground Instructor, Mechanic (Part 65) and those issued under Part 63 have until March 31, 2013 to be replaced with plastic.

The FAA's mandate is based on the reasoning that plastic certificates are more counterfeit resistant than paper ones. For newly certificated pilots, compliance is automatic, since FAA is issuing all certificates in plastic. Those with paper certificates who plan to fly after March 31 can request a plastic replacement certificate on FAA's Web site or by mailing a paper application to FAA through the mail. Details on how to apply are included below.

INACTIVE AIRMEN

Airmen who are not actively flying at this time do not need to replace their certificates until they resume flying. No pilot can fly after March 31 with a paper certificate, but a plastic replacement can be requested after that date for pilots who plan to resume flying activity.

HOW TO REQUEST A NEW OR REPLACEMENT PILOT CERTIFICATE

The easiest way to get a new or replacement certificate is on FAA's Web site (www.FAA.gov). If you already have a FAA airman account, just log in. If you are not yet registered, you'll have to create an account. Then, follow the steps on FAA's Web page to receive your certificate. If you hold a rating that is no longer issued (such as Glider Aero-Tow), the online system will not process it and you will have to use a paper application and mail it to FAA. To request a replacement certificate by mail, print and fill out AC Form 8060-56: Application for Replacement of Lost, Destroyed, or Paper Airman Certificate(s). Your signed, written request must include the following information: Your name, date and place of birth, social security number and/or certificate number, the reason for the request, and your current address. Include a check for \$2.00 for the replacement certificate.

There is a way for some airmen to save the \$2.00 fee—if you still use your social security number as your certificate number and wish to obtain a new certificate number, you can request a new number from FAA using AC Form 8060-67: Request for Change of Certificate Number. You will receive a plastic pilot certificate with your new certificate number free of charge.

March 1, 2010

FAA Safety Team Seminars Schedule 2010

Effective 2010 the Watsonville based FAAST members, Sven Bock, Abe Hazbun and Rayvon Williams will host WINGs specific seminars. Seminars are posted on FAASafety.gov and held the last Wednesday of each month @ 1930, Watsonville Aviation Education Center

January	Plan your Flight and Fly your Plan!
February	VFR into IMC
March	They're parachuting at Watsonville?
April	Rotary and Fixed Wings in the Pattern
May	An evening with NorCal TRACON
June	National Weather Service
July	TSA and GA
August	No Meeting or Seminar
September	MRY & SNS Tower Controller Q&A
October	Fuel starvation and exhaustion
November	No Meeting or Seminar Fly safe, enjoy the Holidays
December	No Meeting or Seminar Annual dinner meeting

WPA Board Meeting

On Monday, March 8, 2010, members of WPA Board met and discussed issues upcoming in 2010. Among those are the anticipated Appeals Court Decision, SB1141 and going to a quarterly newsletter. A full report from Secretary Charlene McIntyre will be available later. The Issue I want to discuss is the move to a quarterly newsletter. Since the beginning of this organization in 1986 there has been a monthly newsletter and we have been fortunate to have had a succession of great editors. As ways of communication continue to change we are all getting more and more of our information via e-mails. WPA has followed this trend with the e-mailing of the newsletter for the last nearly 2 years. The next logical step is to expand that and go to a total e-mail notification.

More and more non-profit organizations are finding it difficult to recruit and keep newsletter editors and we are no different. I find that I am not suited by training or inclination to continue to be the newsletter editor. Is there anyone who will take over the job?? Until then we will go to a quarterly format and the next issue of this newsletter will be in June. Information to the membership will go out via e-mail monthly before our meeting with a reminder of the upcoming Safety Topic. At our monthly meetings we will be updated by the usual suspects on anything that has comes up since the previous meeting.

Board members present were Pres. Mike McIntyre, Vice Pres. John Cowan, Sec. Charlene McIntyre, Treas. Sarah Chauvet, Assist. Sec. for Legal Affairs Dan Chauvet. Sec. for legal affairs, Hal Zamora was unable to attend.

Coming Events 2010

March 31 WPA Meeting
April 17 Day in the Sky
April 28 WPA Meeting
Sept. 3, 4, 5 WVI Fly-In
Oct 1,2,3 SNS Air Show
October 30 WRAP Dinner

Just a Reminder....Your 2010 dues are due.

WPA dues of \$20.00 are due each January 1st. Your check payable to WPA can be mailed to PO Box 2074, Freedom, CA 95019 or handed in at the next meeting.

We hope for your continued support and participation. ***Thank you to all of you who have already paid your dues.***

Sarah Chauvet, Treasurer.

WPA
PO Box 2074
Freedom, CA 95019

NEXT MEETING

7:00PM Wednesday,

Mar 31, 2010 at EAA-WAEC Building

60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport

They're Parachuting at Watsonville ??

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