

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING**

JANUARY 11, 2010

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Novinger, Pickard, Welling. Others present: Beckmann, Chapa, Johnstone, Kiernan, Losoncy, Novinger, Torres, Williams, Uhazy.

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: Mr. Welling reported a new wind farm is proposed for the Jaw Bone Canyon area. Mr. Scott Kiernan, Encroachment Prevention Manager for Edwards reported that they have reviewed this project and will support it provided it adheres to the red, yellow, green corridors established by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. An Edwards Community Alliance letter of support will be prepared for President Deaver's signature.

Another area of concern is the request from wireless groups for more frequency spectrum. Rep. Rick Boucher is sponsoring a bill that would mandate a government inventory of the airwaves to identify unused or underused bands that could be reallocated. This could adversely impact on government use of selected frequencies.

EDUCATION

Teacher/Counselor visits: A tentative schedule for monthly visits is currently in the works beginning in February with a tour of California Portland Cement Company. March will be Rio Tinto and/or the Air Force Research Laboratory and April will be Edwards.

Scholarship: The Antelope Valley Section of the Society of Women Engineers is offering a \$500 college scholarship for aspiring women engineers who plan to attend an ABET accredited undergraduate engineering program starting in 2010. Applications must be received by February 1, 2010. Applications and qualification information are available electronically at: <http://www.swe.org/RegionB/B012/scholarship.html>. Or they may be requested directly by sending an e-mail with subject "Scholarship Application Request" to SWE.AntelopeValley@gmail.com.

Business Outlook Conference: The Antelope Valley Board of Trade will hold its annual Business Outlook Conference on February 19 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. This event will call attention to what the region is doing to provide a skilled workforce. The plan is to have each of the high school academies provide a booth at the conference displaying their activities to provide a skilled workforce to local industry. In addition, representatives from each academy

will be a guest at 21 industry/business tables throughout the conference to discuss their academy and future workforce plans with those at the table.

Engineering 11: The Lancaster University Fresno Engineering Program is offering another Engineering 11 class beginning on February 2, 2010. This program provides an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to learn about the various branches of engineering and construction management. For applications visit:

http://www.fresno.edu/engineering/departments_programs/lancaster/. For questions call 661-723-6429 ext 121 or 104

Northrop/AVC training: Les Uhazy briefed that AVC and Northrop are working together to expand the existing Northrop program to include training in aerospace manufacturing, software, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Welling, Treasurer, said there was no financial activity this past month so the account balance is the same as the last report: \$15,223.99.

OPEN DISCUSSION

JSF Welcome Video: Mr. Johnstone said a multi-disciplined group of folks from the “Aerospace Valley” are meeting to discuss a video on the “Aerospace Valley” to send to potential families coming to Edwards to support the Joint Strike Fighter program. The planned deployment to Edwards is for approximately three years beginning in early 2011 and the families have stated concerns about education in California and taxes that would essentially reduce their income. The video will hopefully show the numerous activities available in the region, local educational programs, potential housing availability, recreational spots, etc. Also, discussions with state elected officials about the taxes are planned.

V A Medical Clinic: Mr. Mark Chapa, VA Outreach Coordinator, gave a brief run down on the local Lancaster VA Clinic and other veteran programs such as the Veterans parade, Vet days on March 29th and Martin Luther King flowers and tree planting event.

NEXT MEETING

The next ECA meeting will be on February 8, 2010 at the Mojave Air and Space Port.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone, Technical Advisor

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