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### **Report to La Quinta City Council Palm Springs International Airport Commission Meeting December 18, 2013**

**Budget:** November was another good month. Revenue was up \$180,000 from last year, and expenses remain under control. Having begun our mandatory bond redemptions, our unrestricted cash was down to \$5.1 million. Also, we encountered some pre-holiday repairs. We are still projected to finish the year with \$6-7 million in cash.

**Passenger Activity:** Activity for November was down by 4% from last year, but still up by 1.5% year to date. November was the highest load-factor month; meaning that the airlines are doing an excellent job of managing seat availability.

#### **General:**

1. The expanded cell phone waiting lot is now open, and was being used immediately. The added benefit is that landing aircraft are visible from the lot, making it much more convenient for those waiting for arrivals.
2. The landscape design is complete, and work is expected to begin this spring.
3. Our TSA Pre-Check security program is now fully equipped and operational.  
As part of our energy management program, the terminal is being fitted with LED lighting. Most of the exterior is already converted.

**Amendment to ACE Parking Management:** ACE provides parking management, traffic enforcement, taxi starter services, and security enforcement at Palm Springs International Airport. The Staff has requested the expansion the ACE contract by \$97,200 for additional security in compliance with TSA's requirements. A new door system is required between the "sterile" area and the terminal. During the construction of this new revolving door (6-8 months), TSA requires personal security staffing at the site. As an aside, the installation of the new door will reduce air conditioning costs enough to achieve payback within 2 years. 90% of the costs will be reimbursed by the TSA through a grant.

This request was reviewed by the Commission, and submitted to the City Council for approval.

**Annual Capital Improvement Program for FAA Grant Projects:** In support of our 5-year plan, we must submit an annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the FAA. These projects are in support of the National Airport Systems Plan. They recognize that our largest asset is our pavement; of which we have over 12,500,000 square feet. Therefore, many of the projects submitted are for runway, taxiway, or ramp maintenance. Other projects include terminal capacity expansion and improved ticketing and baggage handling. Again, 90% of these are funded by the FAA, and 10% by the Airport's operating fund. The Commission reviewed the CIP and forwarded it to the Palm Springs City Council for approval.

**Recognitions:** Palm Springs International Airport received two recognitions recently.

1. PSP was recognized as the #1 Most Stress-Free Airport in the nation.
2. The FAA ranked PSP as the highest rating in the management of federal grants.

The Palm Springs City Council Actions Report is attached to this report.

The next Commission meeting will be January 15, 2014.

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