

Oakland International Airport Flips the Switch on Solar Energy

On November 8th, the Port of Oakland and SunEdison celebrated the activation of a new solar power system at Oakland International Airport. This new system will deliver approximately 1 million kilowatt hours of clean renewable energy annually and is a major step in meeting this Board and our Port's environmental goals. On hand for the event was myself along with Commissioner Uno, Executive Director Omar Benjamin, Director of Engineering Jerry Serventi, Assistant Director of Aviation Deborah Ale-Flint, and Mark Culpepper, VP of Strategic Marketing of SunEdison. Congratulations to the Port of Oakland's engineering division and thank you to SunEdison our private partner, for building this new solar power system.

Port's ERDP And Commissioner Uno Help Support Apprenticeship Expo For The Formerly Incarcerated

Last Wednesday, November 28th, an Apprenticeship Expo for the formerly incarcerated was held here at the Port. The event was sponsored by the Community Re-Entry Service Provider's Network of which ERDP is a partner. Over 400 participants attended, and Port Commissioner Uno was on hand to help kick-off the event and welcome event participants along with Josie Camacho, Director of Constituent Services from the Mayor's office.

TACA International Airlines Launches New Service At Oakland International Airport

TACA International Airlines celebrated its new service at Oakland International on November 26th. Along with Commissioners Gordon and McClure, I enjoyed representing the Board of Port Commissioners at this event. TACA staff was given a very warm welcome from the airport and local business community members who attended the event. Also present was Channel 48, Telemundo. TACA's new nonstop service from Oakland to its hub in El Salvador allows passengers to connect with many cities in Latin America, including Lima, Peru.

ACI World Conference Update

The Port's Director of Aviation Steve Grossman and Vice President Ayers-Johnson attended the Airports Council International World General Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina from November 5th through 7th. Over 400 delegates representing more than 100 airports worldwide were in attendance. The two major issues covered at the conference were world climate change and airport privatization. Aviation activity contributes 2% of worldwide greenhouse gases and there was a discussion of the need for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which is the world aviation governing body, to set standards rather than have each country develop its own regulations.

The discussion on privatization looked at the successes and failures around the world. Privatization has worked where access to capital markets is very restricted. It has also

raised the quality of airports in many developing countries. On the negative side, tens of thousands of jobs have been lost as a result of privatization and a number of development commitments have not been met. Each situation has to be viewed as unique and evaluated on its merits. No one answer seemed right for all circumstances.

The trip was very worthwhile not only for the information obtained but also for the opportunity to interact with aviation peers from other parts of the world.