

Aviation Commission Governance – Comparative Analysis Update to Board of Supervisors (BOS) | April 15, 2025

Nine comparable airports and their commissions were analyzed and were selected based on similar operations. Only airports owned by a City or County with an Aviation Commission were analyzed.

Areas of Structure to Review:

Membership make-up

- Representation Requirements (if any) by District and/or Area of Knowledge
- Number of members

Terms

- Term Length
- Term Limits

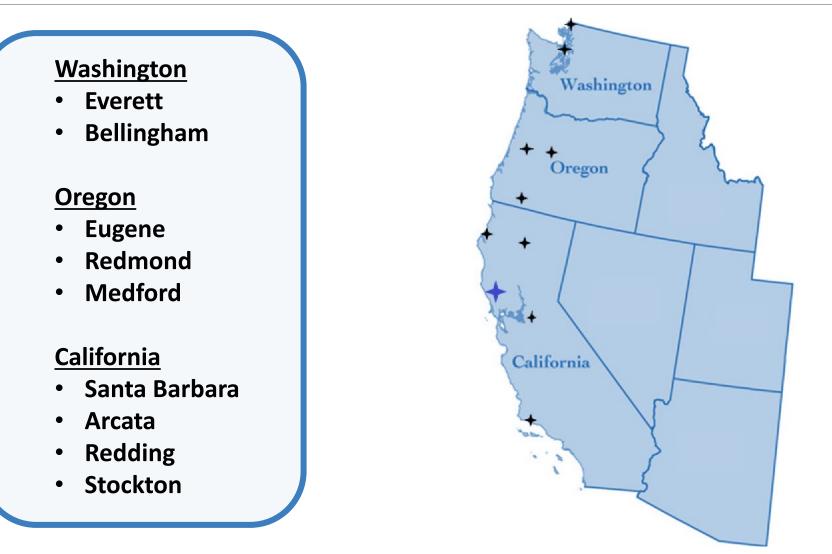
Appointments

- District
- At Large
- Commission





Other Airports Reviewed





Metrics of Comparable Airports

Airports	Size	Terms	2023 Enplanements	2023 Airline Departures	2023 Total Operations
Sonoma County (STS)	7	4	318,197	4,293	82,710
Eugene (EUG)	13	2	841,919	8,945	57,977
Santa Barbara (SBA)	7	4	638,802	7,267	93,644
Redmond (RDM)	9	4	558,804	7,668	89,156
Medford (MFR)	9	3	478,121	6,538	39,168
Bellingham (BLI)	24	3	311,234	2,855	61,261
Everett (PAE)	13	4	306,499	4,347	167,072
Arcata (ACV)	9	4	117,972	1,875	37,760
Redding (RDD)	5	4	87,670	1,713	51,287
Stockton (SCK)	9	3	67,688	537	58,660



Authority Detail

Airports City County	Advise	Recommend	Review
Sonoma County – Charles M. Schulz (STS)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Eugene – Mahlon Sweet Field (EUG)		\checkmark	\checkmark
Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara Municipal (SBA)			
Redmond – Robert's Field (RDM)	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Medford – Rouge Valley International (MFR)	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Bellingham – Bellingham International (BLI)	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Everett – Seattle Paine Field (PAE)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Arcata – Humboldt County (ACV)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Redding – Redding Regional (RDD)	As Needed		
Stockton – Stockton Metro (SCK)	\checkmark	\checkmark	



Airport Advisory Scopes

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As Needed									>	
Aviation Agreements			>							
Budgets		>								
Community	\checkmark			<	<	<	<			\checkmark
Economic Development				<	<					\checkmark
Improvements		>								
Maintenance				<	~					\checkmark
Master Plan				>	<	>	>	>		\checkmark
Noise Management	\checkmark									
Operations				\checkmark	~					\checkmark
Policy		~								



Commissioner Required Representation by Airport

Airport	Size	Required Representation		
Sonoma County (STS)	7	At-Large (2), Community Members (5)	4	
Eugene (EUG)	13	Academic (1), Airport Business (2), Aviation (2), Community Members (4), General Business (2), Tourism/Travel (2)	13	
Santa Barbara (SBA)	7	Community Members	4	
Redmond (RDM)	9	Community Members	4	
Medford (MFR)	9	Airport Business (2), At-Large (2), Aviation (2), Community Members (1), General Business (2)	3	
Bellingham (BLI)	24	Academic (1), Airport Business (4), Aviation (3), Aviation Operations (3), Community Members (6), Environmental (1), General Business (1), Community Members (4), Tourism/Travel (1)	3	



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Everett (PAE)	13	Airport Business (3), At-Large (2), Community Members (5), General Business (3)	4	
Arcata (ACV)	9	Community Members	4	
Redding (RDD)	9	Community Members	4	
Stockton (SCK)	9	Academic (1), Aviation (1), Aviation Operations (2), General Business (4), Labor & Agriculture (1)	3	

