July 30, 2009

All Airport Managers:

Subject: Division of Aeronautics budget

As many of you are aware, the State of California recently adopted a budget effective Tuesday, July 28, 2009. I would like to bring to your attention Assembly Bill X4 10 that was signed into law along with the State budget. One section amends the Public Utilities Code, State Aeronautics Act, and has numerous budget implications for the Division of Aeronautics. Here is the aeronautics related language from ABX4 10:

SEC. 3. Section 21683.3 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

21683.3
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the grant or funding programs described in Sections 21682, 21683, and 21683.1 are suspended for the 2009-10 fiscal year.
(b) Upon the order of the Director of Finance, the Controller shall transfer four million dollars ($4,000,000) from the Aeronautics Account to the General Fund.
(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date.

This budget bill will "transfer" $4.0 million from the Aeronautics Account to the General Fund and will suspend the issuance of new grants from our Annual Grant, Acquisition & Development, and AIP Local Match programs (respectively) for Fiscal Year 2009/10. Existing grants that have been approved prior to July 28, 2009, will be honored.

Please refer to our website (www.dot.ca.gov/aeronautics) and click on the Grants and Loans link for the latest information and updates.

Sincerely,

GARY CATHEY, Chief
Division of Aeronautics

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