



**Date:** October 17, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Councilwoman Rae Gabelich, Eighth District *RZ*  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM: Report on meeting of Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA)

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On Thursday, October 12, I attended the reorganization meeting of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA). Long Beach Airport Manager Chris Kunze also attended the meeting on behalf of the City.

SCRAA is a joint powers authority established in 1985 by state legislation. It has been inactive since 2003, in part due to concerns about its effectiveness. The current board of SCRAA consists of a representative from Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Bernardino County, Riverside County and the City of Los Angeles. Other impacted local government entities such as Long Beach, at this point, are only eligible to have one associate non-voting member. Supervisor Don Knabe serves as the authority's chairperson.

The reactivation of SCRAA was initiated to look at regionalization efforts for handling the air traffic demands of Southern California.

Further complicating the reorganization of SCRAA, is that for the ten commercial airports serving Southern California, there are eight different operating owners, including cities, counties and separate airport authorities. Getting everyone to agree will certainly be a challenge, but the stakeholders believe it is an important goal to achieve.

Concerns were raised at the meeting about the importance of involving all stakeholders in these decisions, and retaining local control for local airport operations.

Due to the potential serious implications for the City of Long Beach and its neighborhoods impacted by the Long Beach Airport, I believe it is important to report to the Council and the public the outcomes of the first reactivated meeting of SCRAA.

**Suggested Action:**

**Receive and file report on reorganization meeting of Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA).**