



SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION CHANGE: SOUTH GATE PARK AUDITORIUM 4900 SOUTHERN AVENUE

Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

I. Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

M. Belen Bernal, Mayor
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

MAYOR
M. Belen Bernal

CITY CLERK
Carmen Avalos

VICE MAYOR
Denise Diaz

CITY TREASURER
Gregory Martinez

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Al Rios
Maria Davila
Bill De Witt

CITY MANAGER
Michael Flad

CITY ATTORNEY
Raul F. Salinas

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.3: Disclosure of compensation for meeting attendance by City Council Members is \$650 monthly regardless of the amount of meetings.

IV. Open Session Agenda

1. Community Discussion Regarding Delta Air Lines Emergency Fuel

The City Council will allow regulatory experts to address community concerns on the potential health impacts from the Delta Air Lines emergency fuel release that occurred on January 14, 2020, and provide an opportunity for the public to comment and voice their concerns.
(ADMIN)

Documents:

[ITEM 1 REPORT 01252020.PDF](#)

V. Special Meeting Adjournment

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on January 23, 2020 at 3:10 p.m., as required by law.

Carmen Avalos, CMC
City Clerk

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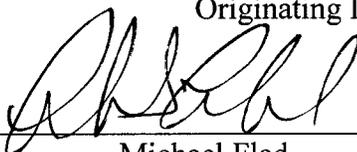
**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

12:50 pm

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: **January 25, 2020**

Originating Department: **Administration**

City Manager: 
Michael Flad

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DISCUSSION REGARDING DELTA AIR LINES EMERGENCY FUEL RELEASE OF JANUARY 14, 2020

PURPOSE: This Special City Council Meeting was called to allow the community to hear from regulatory experts on the potential health impacts from the recent Delta Air Lines emergency fuel release.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will allow regulatory experts to address community concerns on the potential health impacts from the Delta Air Lines emergency fuel release that occurred on January 14, 2020, and provide an opportunity for the public to comment and voice their concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

ANALYSIS: The City Council is conducting this Special City Council Meeting to allow a community conversation and to provide information on the recent Delta Airlines fuel release incident. The meeting will focus on facts and provide residents' with answers by health experts and environmental regulators. City staff invited speakers from: the Los Angeles Unified School District Los Angeles; the Los Angeles County Fire Department; the Los Angeles County Public Health Department; and the South Coast Air Quality Management District; and AltaMed Health Services Corp.

BACKGROUND: On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at approximately 12:10 p.m., the South Gate community became aware of a strong odor of fuel surrounding the Police Department and Civic Center area. As personnel checked for the source of the odor, a fine mist of liquid was seen and felt falling from the sky. The South Gate Police Department (SGPD) confirmed with the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LA Co. Fire) that the LA Co. Fire had responded to schools in South Gate and Cudahy regarding possible airplane/jet fuel which had fallen from a passing plane and landed on the school, students, and staff. LA Co. Fire dispatched personnel and Haz-Mat teams to the area of Cudahy and South Gate. South Gate Police Dispatch received several calls from residents inquiring about the smell, but did not receive any emergency aid or rescue calls as a result of the fuel release.

The City Council Members and City staff have been in contact with Delta Air Lines and the Federal Aviation Administration, and participated in a regional townhall meeting hosted by the City of Cudahy

on January 17, 2020. In addition, the City has created a dedicated page on the City's webpage with a list of resources for those effected by the Delta Air Line incident.

ATTACHMENTS: Federal Aviation Administration Statement
County of Los Angeles Public Health News Release



Delta Airlines Flight 89 Fuel-Dumping Incident, Jan. 14, 2020

Background

- The FAA is conducting a thorough investigation of the Jan. 14, 2020 Delta Air Lines Flight 89 fuel-dumping incident, looking at both the exact nature of the problem and the crew's response.
- The flight from LAX to Shanghai, China, had 167 people on board - 149 passengers and 18 crew members. It was on a standard departure route.
- At approximately 8,000 feet above ground level, when the plane was roughly over Gorman, the right engine began vibrating and the crew heard audible surging. The engine then stalled.
- At this time, the aircraft was flying on one engine, loaded with fuel for a long over-the-ocean flight, and over its maximum landing weight.
- The flight crew notified FAA air traffic control of the problem and declared an emergency.
- Air traffic control twice asked the flight crew if they wanted to hold and dump fuel before returning to LAX. The crew replied, "Negative" and indicated they wanted to land on a specific LAX runway.
- The plane began dumping fuel at about 8,000 feet altitude. The fuel dump continued until the plane was at about 2,500 feet altitude. Approximately 100,000 pounds of fuel was released during the entire course of the fuel dump.
- FAA air traffic control was not aware the fuel dump was occurring, and found out about it after the plane had landed.
- After the plane landed, an inspection revealed metal debris in the right engine tailpipe.

Policies and procedures

- Long-distance flights may need to dump fuel to create a safe landing weight if they have to return to an airport shortly after departure due to an emergency.
- Airlines have fuel-dumping procedures. Flight crews do not need FAA authorization to dump fuel, but these procedures require them to notify air traffic control that a fuel dump is occurring. The procedures also typically call for dumping fuel at or above 4,000 feet altitude if possible, so the fuel atomizes before reaching the ground.

- When flight crews notify air traffic control that they need to dump fuel, air traffic controllers will work with the crew to direct the plane to an appropriate fuel-dumping location and altitude if possible, depending on the nature of the emergency.
- While there are recommended altitudes for fuel dumping, FAA regulations do not specify a minimum altitude for fuel dumping. This is because of the wide range of emergency conditions that flight crews could potentially experience.
- In the Jan. 14 Delta Flight 89 emergency situation, part of the fuel-dumping procedure did not occur at an optimal altitude that would have allowed the fuel to atomize properly.
- FAA regulations give a captain the authority to do what is necessary in an emergency to get the aircraft safely on the ground. In an emergency situation that requires immediate decision and action, the captain may take any action that he or she considers necessary under the circumstances. This includes deviating from standard or normally required procedures.
- A review of various FAA databases identified 47 reported instances of fuel dumping by U.S. airlines worldwide during the last three years.

What's next?

- The FAA expects its investigation of this incident will take a few weeks to complete.
- The FAA will inform the public about the investigation findings.

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Update: Public Health Statement Regarding Jet Fuel Release

LOS ANGELES –The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) advises residents affected by the jet fuel release in the Cudahy area that the incident is still under investigation by multiple authorities. Yesterday, students that were exposed were sent home by emergency services personnel with instructions on how to thoroughly clean themselves and their clothes. Students at affected school sites returned to regular school today.

Contact with jet fuel can cause skin irritation and/or upper respiratory irritation such as cough. These symptoms are generally expected to improve on their own. However, if you do feel like you are still experiencing a health-related issue, please contact your medical provider. For any life-threatening emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.

Residents who think they have come in contact with the jet fuel should do a full head-to-toe shower with soap and water. Please be sure to wash any exposed/contaminated clothing separately with regular detergent. If odors remain on clothing after thorough washing, they should be discarded.

Residents with outdoor vegetable gardens and fruit bearing trees are advised to discard all unharvested produce. Fruits and vegetables grown in the future should be safe for consumption, according to our partners at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Public Health will continue to work with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and other partner agencies, including the EPA, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to better understand the extent of the exposure and potential environmental impacts. We are aware of an ongoing investigation by Delta Airlines, in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and will make the public aware of any findings that may impact their health.

For questions and/or more information regarding this incident, call 2-1-1.

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