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**Report to La Quinta City Council
Palm Springs International Airport Commission Meeting
January 15, 2014**

Budget: Revenue is up 14% from a year ago, and Expenses are only up 9%, making for a good year. We are still projected to finish the year with \$6-7 million in cash.

Passenger Activity: Activity for November was down by 0.9% from last year, and still up by 1.5% year to date. Load-factor continues to be high, as the airlines fine-tune their capacities. 2013 is the second record year in a row for passenger activity.

General:

1. The Starbucks lobby store is in the planning/design stages.
2. The security door design is being revised
3. Our Environmental Plan is nearly ready for publishing
4. Our landscape improvement plan is in process, but the City will be re-modeling the island area in the adjoining street. The Staff are coordinating the two activities.
5. Signature is interested in leasing the hangar recently vacated by Heckman Corp. Discussions are in process.

American Airlines Air Service Incentive:

The Commission recommended that the City Council ratify the expenditure of a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 in marketing incentive funds for American Airlines expanded air service frequency over the 2014 winter season. This expansion is for adding another daily round-trip flight to Chicago. The FAA requires that these funds only be used for promoting the a new route, or increased frequency of an existing route.

The Palm Springs City Council Actions Report is attached to this report.

The next Commission meeting will be February 19, 2014.

Submitted: _____

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