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## Paine Field Review Panel Selected

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, Mukilteo Mayor Don Doran and Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson today announced the names of the persons selected for the Mediated Role Determination Review panel. The panel is tasked with making recommendations on the current and future role of the Snohomish County Airport.

“The future of Paine Field is of great importance to the County, local cities, businesses and residents. The persons selected for the panel were chosen for their ability to listen and to be deliberate and thoughtful in their approach to the review,” Executive Reardon said.

Selection of the panel members was a collaborative process that included County Executive Aaron Reardon and panel co-chairs, Mayor Don Doran and Mayor Ray Stephanson.

“I am confident that the committee as formulated will be considerate and thoughtful. I am looking forward to the process,” said Mayor Don Doran, Mukilteo.

“We have a quality panel,” said Mayor Ray Stephanson. “I’m convinced that the panel will be diligent and precise in their review.”

The Mediated Role Determination Review panel includes:

Co-Chairs: Mayor Don Doran, City of Mukilteo, Mayor Ray Stephanson, City of Everett

Deanna Dawson, City Councilmember, Edmonds

Tom Gaffney, Business Consultant, Retired Partner, Moss Adams  
Tom Hoban, CEO, Coast Real Estate Services  
Lori Kaiser, City Councilmember, City of Mukilteo  
Kevin Laverty, Mukilteo School Board, NW Media Relations, Verizon  
A.J. Chase, Arlington Airport Commission  
Mark Wolken, President and CEO, Mark Wolken and Associates  
Michelle Robles, City Councilmember, City of Mountlake Terrace  
John Shaw, President and CEO, Stuchell Enterprises  
Hugh Townsend, President and CEO, Reid Middleton, Incorporated

The Mediated Role Determination (MRD) has its origin in a 28-year old resolution adopted by the Snohomish County Commission that specified among other things, airport uses to be encouraged or discouraged. This issue was revisited as part of the Snohomish County Council's 2002 Economic Stimulus Action Plan adopted on October 23, 2002. The plan directed a study of commercial air service to the airport, as well as facility needs for such service. This action raised concerns and created confusion as to the County Council's intent as to commercial air service at Paine Field.

The panel's role is to review and update issues covered by the MRD. This allows the group to evaluate, in context, all the current and potential uses of the airport, including commercial air service. Upon completion, the County Executive will ask the panel to present its update to the County Council for consideration.

"This panel will review and update Paine Field's current and future role based on more timely studies and relevant data," says Reardon. "The MRD has not been reviewed in almost 30 years and is outdated. Our citizen's deserve certainty and confidence in their future."

County staff and technical advisors from the public and private sectors will be on-hand to assist in the process.

The MRD panel's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 1 p.m., County Administration, Third Floor Conference Room.

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