Horizon Air Accident/Incident on 11/08/2010

Flight: #2306 from Redding, CA (RDD) to Los Angeles, CA (LAX)
Aircraft: Bombardier Q400, S/N 4150, Registration N422QX, Nose #422
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PIC: Michael Robert Jaeger, ATP
SIC: Marc Pascal D'Alton, ATP

Narrative

About 2:30 pm I received a call from WP Regional Operations Center letting me know that Horizon Air Flt. 2306 is in gate 31 at terminal 3 with right wing damage that occurred during flight.

I arrived at the aircraft about 3:00 pm and received statements from the pilots and took info from their pilot certificates. The PIC stated this occurred in the vicinity of Dodger Stadium, and the SIC stated it occurred in the vicinity of the Sepulveda Pass over the Santa Monica Mountains.

I took a copy of the inbound logbook page which stated: "At about 6600 ft. and 220 kts. struck a bird? (Didn't see it). Damage to right wing leading edge about 15 ft. from wing tip. Fuel tank is ruptured".

I took photos of the damage which consisted of approx. 12 inch diameter hole in the leading edge of the right wing centered between the right engine nacelle and the right wing tip. The hole penetrated the leading edge composite fairing and into the aluminum skin which is the fuel tank. There were remains of what appeared to be a bird around and inside the damaged area

The fuel level was low enough where there wasn't any fuel coming out of the damaged area while parked in the gate. The remainder of the fuel was removed so the aircraft could be towed off the gate. The flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder were removed and secured.

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