



**TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA TITLE: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

MEETING DATE: JUNE 22, 2016

PREPARED BY: KEVIN SMITH, GENERAL MANAGER

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2016-06 approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Airport Master Plan Project and approve the Airport Master Plan Mitigation Monitoring Program.

DISCUSSION: For the past 2 ½ years the Airport District has been working diligently on a new and revised Master Plan for the Truckee Tahoe Airport. The final step in completion of this project is to adopt the MND for the Master Plan. The Initial Study (IS)/MND is attached to this report for Board Review along with a resolution adopting the MND, the MND Declaration – Responses to Comment, as well as the Mitigation Monitoring Plan.

The Master Plan document was approved by the Board of Directors contingent on CEQA review at their August 27, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. A full version of this plan can be found on the District website under the Publications Link. The District received approval of the Aviation Activity Forecast and Airport Layout Plan from the Federal Aviation Administration on January 25, 2016. These are the only 2 components the FAA is required to approve in an Airport Master Plan. The final step in completing the Master Plan project is approval of the CEQA MND.

The District originally circulated the first draft of the IS/NMD on December 4, 2015 which ran until January 4, 2016. Due to land-leasing considerations related to our use of non-aeronautical property outlined in the Master Plan, the District issued a notice it would recirculate the MND in the Spring of 2016 allowing the District an opportunity to conduct additional analytics on trip

generation and traffic impacts. In reviewing traffic and other factors related to non-aeronautical lands, the District discontinued non-aeronautical land leasing MND considerations and recirculated the same IS/MND with additional information related future planning efforts to be conducted related to how the District will use its non-aero properties. Those comments can be found on page 2 of the MND. The MND Declaration - Responses to Comments includes comments from the original circulation and the re-circulation. The District received no comments from State agencies. The District did receive comments from the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, The Town of Truckee, and the Truckee Sanitary District. The District has provided a response as found in the attached MND Declaration – Responses to Comments.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Recirculated Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Master Plan project was made Available on May 5, 2016. The CEQA Docs were emailed and delivered (in person) to the State Clearinghouse on May 5, 2016. It was also emailed to 119 entities (Placer/Nevada county, state agencies, federal agencies, local special districts, Town of Truckee, Local HOA's, local businesses, local nonprofits, local environmental groups, and local HOA's). It was also posted on our website and physical copies (and CD-ROM) were left at the Nevada County Library as well as in the District Administrative offices for the public to view/copy, which was noted on the MND Notice. The public comment period ran from May 6th to June 7th of 2016. Comments sent to Airport staff were responded to and incorporated in the Final IS/MND, attached as Exhibit A to the Resolution.

The purpose of CEQA is to:

1. Disclose the potential significant environmental effects of proposed actions
2. Identify ways to avoid or reduce adverse environmental effects
3. Foster interagency coordination in the review of projects
4. Enhance public participation in the planning process

Based upon substantial evidence contained in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, there is no substantial evidence that the Master Plan or projects contained therein will have a significant effect on the environment. There is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect upon the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) will adequately meet the CEQA requirements. Based upon the proposed Master Plan and the mitigation measures incorporated, no significant adverse environmental effects will occur.

CEQA requires that when an agency adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration also approve a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure project mitigated measures are adhered to during project implementation. The proposed mitigated measures are provided in the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring program attached to this staff report.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: The District has informed each of these agencies of the Board Action Item for the June 22, 2016 Board meeting as well as our website and standard noticing process.

SAMPLE MOTION(S): I move to adopt Resolution No. 2016- approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Airport Master Plan Project and approve the Airport Master Plan Mitigation Monitoring Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Appendices A-E, and TRK Figures

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Mitigated Negative Declaration – Response to Comments

Mitigation Monitoring Plan