



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

AGENDA TITLE: Summer Outreach Meeting Follow-up Items – Operational Control and Self-Sustainability Discussion.

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2017

PREPARED BY: Kevin Smith, General Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review materials provided by Airport District Aviation Legal Counsel, Peter Kirsch of KAPLAN KIRSCH ROCKWELL. No specific action is required at this time. This is an informational and education item. The Board may discuss future options and opportunities to improve and/or enhance operational control and financial self-sustainability.

DISCUSSION: This agenda item is a follow up discussion related to comments and ideas that were generated at our Summer Community Outreach meetings. These comments can be found in the Outreach Report from Nov. 2016 pages 6 to 9. President Wallace asked staff to prepare information related to these topics and report back to the full Board.

The purpose of this item is to learn and receive more information related to the District's ability to influence aircraft operations and how Local, State, and Federal funding received by the District influences our ability to manage operations. This was a common theme expressed by residents in the outreach meetings. There were also multiple comments related to charging higher fees to transient operators, operational restrictions, securing more local control of airport operations, and noise restriction among other things. In an effort to learn, provide information, and potentially answer these questions, the District retained the services of Peter Kirsch to assist in gathering and compiling information on these various topics. These attached memos are an effort to gather facts and begin dialogue and to provide good information to the public. This is not a narrow subject and the issues we are discussing continue to be discussed at a national level. Based on these memos, some of the questions we may want to discuss are:

- If it's the desire of the Board, how can we gain more operational control of the airport?

- What impact does the acceptance of Federal Funds have our operational control of the airport?
- Is “de-federalization” something we want to look at closer? (see Operational Control Memo, page 3)
- How is our rate and fee setting methodology affected by Federal Grant Assurances?
- How do we as a District define “Self-Sustainability” vs. the FAA definition of the same?

It should be noted that the Temporary Tower and Airspace Procedure work is also a follow-up item that was discussed in detail at our summer 2016 Outreach Meetings which was previously discussed on this agenda.

WHAT’S NEXT: It is our intent to create a link on our website making this information available to the public under our Publications page. In addition, the Board has a workshop coming up on March 27th (see attached agenda). We will explore some of these items in more detail at that meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: No significant fiscal impact at this time.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: It will be important to inform interested constituents that work is ongoing related to concepts and ideas generated at the meetings. Depending on the review, discussion, and guidance by the Board, staff will notify all folks on the 2016 Summer Outreach meeting list the new information now available on our website. We will also continue outreach related to other projects underway which were discussed at these Meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Kirsch Memo – Increasing Operational Control over Airport
- Kirsch Memo – Requirement that Airports be Self-Sustaining
- 2016 Community Outreach Meeting Report Exert