



TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT - INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: HARDY BULLOCK, A.A.E. – DIRECTOR OF AVIATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY MEMBER REQUEST FOR BOARD DISCUSSION
DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

Staff has been working with Juniper Hills residents in an effort to reduce impacts from glider tow-plane overflight. Mr. Kevin Westlye of Juniper Hills has requested Board discussion regarding the impacts Truckee Tahoe Soaring Association activity as well as potential solutions to the problem. Mr. Westlye requests the Board discuss implementing mandatory use of a glider winch system and cease use of the tow-plane for all glider activity. Further, Mr. Westlye requests a review of sections 3.3.6 and 9.2 in the TTSA-TTAD lease dated July 1, 2018 attached and referenced herein.

3.3.6. Lessee shall not do or permit to be done anything in any manner which unreasonably disturbs the users of neighboring properties either on or off the Airport. Specifically, and without limiting the above, Lessee agrees not to cause any unreasonable odor, noise, vibration, power emission, or other item to emanate from the Leased Premises.

9.2. Disturbance. Lessee shall conduct its authorized uses and Activities in an orderly and proper manner so as to not annoy, disturb, or interfere with others. Lessee agrees that it will not in any manner interfere with Aircraft operations or create a hazard to Aircraft, other lessees, or the public. Lessee shall prevent escape of hazardous fumes, odors, smoke, gas, or other hazardous substances from the Leased Premises (or cause or permit to be caused any act that would adversely affect the environment).

Staff has as asked Airport legal counsel to be prepared at the Board Meeting to answer any questions related to these two lease provisions.

Staff has meet with Truckee Tahoe Soaring Association to discuss flight paths and routes. Significant effort has been made to control the location of the tow-plane relative to neighborhoods north east of the airport, primarily Juniper Hills, Martis Peak, and Glenshire although **Staff, nor the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, have the authority to control the path of an aircraft in flight.** For the most part, the airport has been successful in concentrating this glider activity in the north east quadrant of the airport to reduce overall community annoyance and promote safe and orderly aeronautical conduct. The map below depicts the approximate location of Mr. Westley’s residence.

Truckee Tahoe Soaring Association President Greg Peairs has agreed to log into the Board meeting and discuss the potential associated with winch operations.

Possible objectives and outcomes of this agenda Item:

1. Hear relevant and pertinent information and concerns from affected residents.
2. Identify possible solutions to address concerns raised.
3. Identify additional research and information needed to assist in future decision making.

