



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

AGENDA TITLE: Operations and Maintenance Department - Management Team Report

MEETING DATE: 10/27/2021

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Item 1 – Tugging Incident Report

September 09, 2021, O/M staff members were moving a twin-engine Cessna 340 aircraft that was parked on the transient ramp. This was necessary based on the concern of heavy rotor wash that would be generated from large helicopters operating from our airport to fight the Caldor fire. The Operations workers did not follow proper tugging procedures that require a final check to ensure all aircraft tie-downs and chocks are removed prior to tugging operations. The aft tie-down had not been removed, resulting in the tie-down bracket being ripped from the lower vertical tail fin when tugging the aircraft forward. The aircraft inspection concluded that the aircraft requires a one-time maintenance flight to a qualified repair station. We have been in contact and have filed a claim with our insurance carrier which carries a \$5,000 deductible. The O/M department is in process of recurrent training. Tugging aircraft is a necessary part of what all FBOs do and tugging incidents unfortunately do occur. We will be working on our training programs to assure we learn from the incident and assure we put every precaution and procedure to minimize and hopefully eliminate the chance of it happening again.