



## TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA TITLE:** 2021 Air Show and Family Festival Cancellation Action Item

**MEETING DATE:** August 10, 2021

**PREPARED BY:** Kevin Smith, General Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Ratify the consensus decision at the July 28, 2021, Board of Directors meeting to cancel the 2021 Truckee Tahoe Air Show and Family Festival. Also per the Board direction at the July 28, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board of directors, directed staff to provide the annual airshow service fee for services rendered to the nonprofits (Truckee Optimist, EAA 1073, and Kid Zone) that produce the show of \$22,000 each. These funds are used to support their local community youth programs.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board of Directors by consensus at their July 28, 2021, Board of Directors meeting decided to move forward with cancellation of the 2021 Truckee Tahoe Air Show and Family Festival. It was also recommended by District legal Counsel Josh Nelson that this decision be formalized at the next regular meeting by official Board Action. The District made this decision in an effort to assist those in our community, as well as airport staff recovering from the tragic aircraft accident of July 26, 2021. In an abundance of caution as well as respect for those most affected by the accident, the Board and Staff of the District agree cancellation of the 2021 Airshow is in the best interest of the community and District.

In the Airport Emergency Operations Planning and Implementation Cycle, an organization will go through a Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Cycle. We are currently in the Recovery Stage and will be moving into the Mitigation Stage soon. This recovery and mitigation response is a priority item for District Staff and occupying a substantial amount of time including for staff members that we rely on to help implement and put on the annual Air Show. In staff's opinion, the District is just not in a position to provide the readiness and support by airport staff that an air show needs at this critical time. As we continue to move through the Recovery Stage our focus is on the basics while we check every box and meet every safety

protocol we have in place. Our airfield is up and operating at 100%, however, adding the complexity of preparing and putting on an airshow over the coming weeks has the potential to disrupt that effort. For that reason, staff supports the decision to cancel the 2021 Air Show.

Staff has also consulted the District airport safety and risk management consultant Doug Downey of Falcon 16 Consulting on retainer with the District, who also indicated that as a best practice, cancellation of the show was a prudent decision due to its proximity in time to the July 26<sup>th</sup> accident and that the District is still in the Recovery Stage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** At this time the cancellation cost is still unknown. While many of the expenses will be 100% recoverable as they have not been spent yet, the District will have some exposure to forfeited deposits or other cancellation fees from performers and vendors that turned down work at other air shows to perform at our show. The annual District Budget for the air show is \$250,000

**MOTION:** I move to ratify the consensus decision at the July 28, 2021, Board of Directors meeting to cancel the 2021 Truckee Tahoe Air Show and Family Festival based on the following findings:

- In an abundance of caution as well as respect for those most affected by the accident, the Board and Staff of the District agree cancellation of the 2021 Airshow is in the best interest of the community and District
- To assist staff to prioritize the Districts recovery and mitigation efforts from the July 26<sup>th</sup> aircraft accident.
- Cancellation is in line with the District's safety expert and staff counsel.

I also move to express our appreciation to the Truckee Optimist, EAA 1073 and the Kid Zone for the tremendous effort they put into preparation for the 2021 show. To recognize this effort, I move to approve payment of \$22,000 to each organization per the Air Show Services Agreement.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None