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Federal Aviation Administration

January 31, 2024

Robb Etnyre Airport Manager Truckee-Tahoe Airport 10356 Truckee Airport Rd Truckee, CA 96161

Dear Mr. Etnyre:

Western-Pacific Region Airports Division Safety and Standards Branch Federal Aviation Administration 777 S. Aviation Blvd., Suite 150 El Segundo, CA 90245

#### Truckee-Tahoe Airport Land Use Compliance Inspection – September 20-21, 2023 Truckee, California

Representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration conducted a land use inspection of the Truckee-Tahoe Airport (TRK) on September 20-21, 2023. The attached inspection was conducted to determine the airport's compliance with Federal obligations dealing specifically with the use of airport property.

The inspection revealed:

 Intermixing of operational, federal funding and public taxes in a single general fund. TTAD identifies multiple revenue sources that include operational rents, federal funding (AIP), and property tax revenue. However, TTAD funds numerous Agency Partnership and Community Sponsorship Expenses out of a single Airport Enterprise Fund.

TTAD Homebasing Program offers existing signatory tenants a monthly discount who choose to declare their aircraft homebased at TRK.

- 2) TTAD Fly QT Program Discounts for aircraft based that commit to flying during certain hours.
- 3) Under Federal Regulation (2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F), entities spending \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually must undergo a single audit. The deadline for submitting this audit report is either within nine months after the end of the entity's fiscal year or within 30 days following the receipt of the auditor's report, whichever is earlier.

- 4) Sponsor owned aeronautical use hangars were being used for both aircraft storage and non-aeronautical related item storage. Additionally, aeronautical hangars are being used to store inoperative aircraft for lengthy periods of time.
- 5) Aeronautical hangars are being used to store inoperative aircraft for extended periods of time.
- 6) Airport Layout Plan Exhibit A/Property Map should be updated to reflect nonaeronautical use. ALP currently indicates property as Aviation Use.
- 7) The airport lacks adequate hangar usage standards evidenced by the overabundance of non-aeronautical item storage in sponsor-owned aircraft hangars.
- 8) Airfield safety related recommendations.

Please provide this office a Corrective Action Plan regarding the findings. This plan should be provided no later than March 15, 2024. The completion dates provided are negotiable and should be reflected in your Corrective Action Plan. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Karl Zittel at (424) 405-7306 or karl.zittel@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Q. Armstrong Manager, Safety & Standards Branch Western-Pacific Region

Attachment

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## Western-Pacific Region Airports Division

FY-2023 Post Inspection Land Use Report Truckee-Tahoe Airport, Truckee, CA (TRK)

| Prepared by:              | Victor Globa   |
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|                           | El Segundo, CA 90245   |
| Date of Inspection:       | September 20-21, 2023  |
| Inspection Site Location: | Truckee-Tahoe Airport  |
| Airport Owner             | Truckee-Tahoe Airport District   |
| FAA Representatives       | Victor Globa, Airport Compliance Program Manager, Western-Pacific      |
|                           | Region, El Segundo, CA   |
|                           | Karl Zittel, Airport Compliance Specialist, Western-Pacific Region, El |
|                           | Segundo, CA  |
|                           |  |
| County / Sponsor          | Robb Etnyre, Airport Manager   |
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## I. <u>Purpose of the inspection:</u>

In response to a General Accounting Office report issued in May 1999 entitled "Unauthorized Land Use Highlights Need for Improved Oversight and Enforcement" and language in Senate Report No. 106-55, also issued in May 1999, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) adopted a program to conduct annual land use and grant assurance compliance inspections at various airports.

The data collected by these inspections is compiled and included in the Annual Airport Improvement Program Report to Congress. This report lists airports that are not in compliance with grant assurances or other requirements with respect to airport lands.

## 2014 Airport Master Record Statistics (Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017):

□ Based aircraft – 114 (98 single-engine) (7 multi-engine) (1 jet) (3 helicopters) (4 glider) (1 ultra-light)

 $\Box$  Operations – 35,000

# TRUCKEE/TAHOE AIRPORT TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA



#### II. Truckee-Tahoe Airport History and Land Background

Truckee-Tahoe Airport (TRK) is an FAA designated public Regional General Aviation Airport. It is situated in Martis Valley approximately two miles southeast of Truckee, California and seven miles north of Lake Tahoe. The airport straddles both Nevada County and Placer County lines and is managed by the Truckee-Tahoe Airport District, a bi-county Special District.

In 1933 an airstrip was cleared near the current agricultural inspection station on I-80. It was used by Boeing as an emergency landing runway for the Trans-Sierra airmail route between San Francisco and Salt Lake City. In the mid-1950s, a small Chamber of Commerce representing Truckee's business owners was eager to have a modern airport that would bring tourists to the area. By 1958, the Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) was formed by a vote of the people. The first elected TTAD board, a group of local businessmen, spent their own money and lots of time to obtain initial state and federal funding to build a runway, a terminal building and buy property surrounding the airport. The airport is funded by local airport commercial enterprises such as aviation fuel sales, aircraft services and fees, building and hangar leases, local property taxes and state and grant funding.

TRK has two asphalt runways: Runway 11/29 which is 7,000 by 100 ft and Runway 2/20 which is 4,650 by 75 ft TRK covers 1,200 acres at an elevation of 5,900 ft (1,800 m) above mean sea level.

As part of its "open space" campaign, the airport also owns neighboring land consisting of 1,500 acres at Waddle Ranch and 18 acres at Ponderosa Golf course. There is a voluntary, but strongly requested flying curfew between 10pm and 7am as part of the airport's good neighbor policy.

The Airport has 220 hangars, (198 T-Hangars and 22 Executive or larger box hangars). There are 210 paved tie-downs for transient parking. A new terminal building was built in 2012.

Today, the airport comprises approximately 2,280-acres and is home to approximately 109 aircraft conducting approximately 35,000 operations annually. Flight training, aircraft maintenance, business and corporate operations occur daily at the airport.

#### A. Federal Land Transferred to the City

None

## **B. FAA Releases of Property**

None

## D. Land Releases by City Without FAA Release

Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) proposed a property exchange with the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (TTSA). The proposal has TTAD conveying Fee Simple TRK Parcel B (35.63 acres to the TTSA. In exchange, TTSA would provide to TTAD several parcels consisting of: Fee Simple Parcel A (28.24 acres), Fee Simple Parcel A1 (2.28 acres), along with Avigation Easement for Parcel C (10.34 acres). On March 27, 2023, FAA determined that under the "FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018" (the Act), Section 163, FAA does not have land use authority to regulate land use.

## E. Grant Acquired Land

| Grant Number           | FY   | Project<br>Code | Project Description             | Non-Primary  | State          | Entitlement    | Discretionary  | COVID-R | Total          |
|------------------------|------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| 3-06-0262-010-<br>1993 | 1993 | ST LA DV        | Acquire Land for<br>Development | \$0.00       | \$234,000.00   | \$234,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00  | \$234,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-014-<br>2001 | 2001 | ST LA DV        | Acquire Land for<br>Development | \$150,000.00 | \$2,136,000.00 | \$2,286,000.00 | \$1,288,449.00 | \$0.00  | \$3,574,449.00 |

#### F. Airport Improvement Program-Noise Compatibility Land

None

#### G. Sponsor Donated Land

The Sponsor holds title to all lands.

#### H. Federal Commitment and Investment

a. Total Airport Improvement Program (and legacy Acts) Funding: \$41,596,773

Funding was used for runway, taxiway and apron construction, rehabilitation, and expansion. Additionally, funding was used for airport planning, airfield lighting, drainage projects, environmental mitigation, installation of weather reporting equipment, acquisition of snow removal equipment, perimeter fencing and other miscellaneous projects.

## III. <u>Funding Snapshot</u>

#### Truckee-Tahoe Airport (TRK) Truckee, CA (NPIAS N/G/S/Y) FAA Site #: 02366.\*A Funding/Grant History

| Grant Number           | FY   | Project<br>Code | Project Description                       | Non-Primary | State          | Entitlement    | Discretionary | COVID-R | Total          |
|------------------------|------|-----------------|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|
| 3-06-0262-001-<br>1983 | 1983 | ST TW CO        | Construct Taxiway                         | \$0.00      | \$84,500.00    | \$84,500.00    | \$9,000.00    | \$0.00  | \$93,500.00    |
| 3-06-0262-001-<br>1983 | 1983 | ST RW IM        | Extend Runway                             | \$0.00      | \$452,643.00   | \$452,643.00   | \$40,846.00   | \$0.00  | \$493,489.00   |
| 3-06-0262-002-<br>1984 | 1984 | ST AP IM        | Expand Apron                              | \$0.00      | \$390,981.00   | \$390,981.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$390,981.00   |
| 3-06-0262-002-<br>1984 | 1984 | RE TW IM        | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$0.00      | \$103,400.00   | \$103,400.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$103,400.00   |
| 3-06-0262-003-<br>1986 | 1986 | RE RW IM        | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$0.00      | \$570,564.00   | \$570,564.00   | \$2,511.00    | \$0.00  | \$573,075.00   |
| 3-06-0262-003-<br>1986 | 1986 | RE TW IM        | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$0.00      | \$237,333.00   | \$237,333.00   | \$1,667.00    | \$0.00  | \$239,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-004-<br>1987 | 1987 | PL PL MA        | Conduct Airport<br>Master Plan Study      | \$0.00      | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$45,000.00   | \$0.00  | \$45,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-005-<br>1987 | 1987 | RE TW IM        | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$0.00      | \$299,372.00   | \$299,372.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$299,372.00   |
| 3-06-0262-005-<br>1987 | 1987 | ST EQ WX        | Install Weather<br>Reporting<br>Equipment | \$0.00      | \$88,380.00    | \$88,380.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$88,380.00    |
| 3-06-0262-006-<br>1989 | 1989 | ST EQ SN        | Acquire Snow<br>Removal Equipment         | \$0.00      | \$116,773.00   | \$116,773.00   | \$7,038.00    | \$0.00  | \$123,811.00   |
| 3-06-0262-006-<br>1989 | 1989 | ST EQ WX        | Install Weather<br>Reporting<br>Equipment | \$0.00      | \$65,727.00    | \$65,727.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$65,727.00    |
| 3-06-0262-006-<br>1989 | 1989 | ST AP LI        | Install Apron<br>Lighting                 | \$0.00      | \$67,500.00    | \$67,500.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$67,500.00    |
| 3-06-0262-007-<br>1990 | 1990 | ST OT IM        | Improve Airport<br>Drainage               | \$0.00      | \$11,270.00    | \$11,270.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$11,270.00    |
| 3-06-0262-007-<br>1990 | 1990 | ST AP CO        | Construct Apron                           | \$0.00      | \$416,992.00   | \$416,992.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$416,992.00   |
| 3-06-0262-008-<br>1991 | 1991 | OT GT AC        | Improve Access<br>Road                    | \$0.00      | \$24,825.00    | \$24,825.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$24,825.00    |
| 3-06-0262-008-<br>1991 | 1991 | ST RW IM        | Extend Runway                             | \$0.00      | \$1,003,737.00 | \$1,003,737.00 | \$20,575.00   | \$0.00  | \$1,024,312.00 |
| 3-06-0262-009-<br>1992 | 1992 | ST TW CO        | Construct Taxiway                         | \$0.00      | \$50,000.00    | \$50,000.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$50,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-009-<br>1992 | 1992 | ST AP CO        | Construct Apron                           | \$0.00      | \$17,950.00    | \$17,950.00    | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$17,950.00    |
| 3-06-0262-009-<br>1992 | 1992 | ST EQ SN        | Acquire Snow<br>Removal Equipment         | \$0.00      | \$286,830.00   | \$286,830.00   | \$25,070.00   | \$0.00  | \$311,900.00   |
| 3-06-0262-009-<br>1992 | 1992 | RE TW IM        | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$0.00      | \$212,670.00   | \$212,670.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$212,670.00   |
| 3-06-0262-010-<br>1993 | 1993 | ST LA DV        | Acquire Land for<br>Development           | \$0.00      | \$234,000.00   | \$234,000.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$234,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-010-<br>1993 | 1993 | SP RW FR        | Groove Runway                             | \$0.00      | \$278,860.00   | \$278,860.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$278,860.00   |
| 3-06-0262-010-<br>1993 | 1993 | RE RW LI        | Rehabilitate<br>Runway Lighting           | \$0.00      | \$252,000.00   | \$252,000.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$252,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-010-<br>1993 | 1993 | RE TW IM        | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$0.00      | \$238,000.00   | \$238,000.00   | \$0.00        | \$0.00  | \$238,000.00   |

| 3-06-0262-010-<br>1993 | 1993 | ST RW IM | Extend Runway                             | \$0.00       | \$357,800.00   | \$357,800.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$357,800.00   |
|------------------------|------|----------|---|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| 3-06-0262-011-<br>1994 | 1994 | ST BD SN | Improve Snow<br>Removal Equipment<br>Bldg | \$0.00       | \$603,000.00   | \$603,000.00   | \$162,000.00   | \$0.00 | \$765,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-011-<br>1994 | 1994 | EN OT MT | Environmental<br>Mitigation               | \$0.00       | \$36,000.00    | \$36,000.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$36,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-011-<br>1994 | 1994 | ST EQ SN | Acquire Snow<br>Removal Equipment         | \$0.00       | \$441,000.00   | \$441,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$441,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-012-<br>1998 | 1998 | RE AP IM | Rehabilitate Apron                        | \$0.00       | \$1,816,989.00 | \$1,816,989.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$1,816,989.00 |
| 3-06-0262-012-<br>1998 | 1998 | SA RW SF | Improve Runway<br>Safety Area             | \$0.00       | \$46,800.00    | \$46,800.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$46,800.00    |
| 3-06-0262-012-<br>1998 | 1998 | ST AP IM | Expand Apron                              | \$0.00       | \$198,000.00   | \$198,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$198,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-012-<br>1998 | 1998 | OT GT AC | Improve Access<br>Road                    | \$0.00       | \$158,900.00   | \$158,900.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$158,900.00   |
| 3-06-0262-013-<br>1999 | 1999 | RE AP IM | Rehabilitate Apron                        | \$0.00       | \$1,092,139.00 | \$1,092,139.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$1,092,139.00 |
| 3-06-0262-014-<br>2001 | 2001 | ST LA DV | Acquire Land for<br>Development           | \$150,000.00 | \$2,136,000.00 | \$2,286,000.00 | \$1,288,449.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,574,449.00 |
| 3-06-0262-015-<br>2002 | 2002 | PL PL MS | Conduct<br>Miscellaneous<br>Study         | \$149,950.00 | \$0.00         | \$149,950.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$149,950.00   |
| 3-06-0262-016-<br>2003 | 2003 | ST TW LI | Install Taxiway<br>Lighting               | \$82,488.00  | \$79,373.00    | \$161,861.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$161,861.00   |
| 3-06-0262-016-<br>2003 | 2003 | ST TW CO | Construct Taxiway                         | \$67,512.00  | \$63,042.00    | \$130,554.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$130,554.00   |
| 3-06-0262-017-<br>2006 | 2006 | RE TW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$50,000.00  | \$98,001.48    | \$148,001.48   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$148,001.48   |
| 3-06-0262-017-<br>2006 | 2006 | RE RW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$400,000.00 | \$0.00         | \$400,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$400,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-018-<br>2007 | 2007 | RE RW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$54,323.00  | \$250,462.00   | \$304,785.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$304,785.00   |
| 3-06-0262-018-<br>2007 | 2007 | ST EQ WX | Install Weather<br>Reporting<br>Equipment | \$88,537.00  | \$0.00         | \$88,537.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$88,537.00    |
| 3-06-0262-020-<br>2008 | 2008 | ST EQ SE | Install Perimeter<br>Fencing              | \$0.00       | \$90,000.00    | \$90,000.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$90,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-020-<br>2008 | 2008 | RE RW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$111,240.00 | \$468,643.00   | \$579,883.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$579,883.00   |
| 3-06-0262-021-<br>2009 | 2009 | ST EQ SN | Acquire Snow<br>Removal Equipment         | \$30,341.00  | \$0.00         | \$30,341.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$30,341.00    |
| 3-06-0262-021-<br>2009 | 2009 | ST OT IN | Install<br>Miscellaneous<br>NAVAIDS       | \$15,000.00  | \$0.00         | \$15,000.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$15,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-021-<br>2009 | 2009 | ST AP LI | Install Apron<br>Lighting                 | \$15,000.00  | \$0.00         | \$15,000.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$15,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-022-<br>2009 | 2009 | RE RW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$0.00       | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$0.00         |
| 3-06-0262-023-<br>2009 | 2009 | ST EQ SN | Acquire Snow<br>Removal Equipment         | \$120,687.00 | \$0.00         | \$120,687.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$120,687.00   |
| 3-06-0262-024-<br>2009 | 2009 | ST EQ SN | Acquire Snow<br>Removal Equipment         | \$0.00       | \$456,969.00   | \$456,969.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$456,969.00   |
| 3-06-0262-025-<br>2010 | 2010 | RE RW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$104,137.00 | \$0.00         | \$104,137.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$104,137.00   |
| 3-06-0262-025-<br>2010 | 2010 | RE TW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$40,000.00  | \$0.00         | \$40,000.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$40,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-026-<br>2011 | 2011 | RE TW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway                   | \$0.00       | \$673,661.00   | \$673,661.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$673,661.00   |
| 3-06-0262-027-<br>2012 | 2012 | RE RW IM | Rehabilitate<br>Runway                    | \$320,735.00 | \$1,979,265.00 | \$2,300,000.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$2,300,000.00 |
| 3-06-0262-028-<br>2012 | 2012 | ST OT IN | Install<br>Miscellaneous<br>NAVAIDS       | \$0.00       | \$70,000.00    | \$70,000.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$70,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-028-<br>2012 | 2012 | ST AP LI | Install Apron<br>Lighting                 | \$0.00       | \$360,766.00   | \$360,766.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00 | \$360,766.00   |

| 3-06-0262-029-<br>2013 | 2013 | RE AP IM    | Rehabilitate Apron      | \$150,000.00   | \$903,000.00   | \$1,053,000.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$1,053,000.00 |
|------------------------|------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 3-06-0262-030-<br>2014 | 2014 | RE AP IM    | Rehabilitate Apron      | \$150,000.00   | \$980,340.00   | \$1,130,340.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$1,130,340.00 |
| 3-06-0262-031-<br>2015 | 2015 | RE AP IM    | Rehabilitate Apron      | \$0.00         | \$67,392.00    | \$67,392.00    | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$67,392.00    |
| 3-06-0262-032-<br>2015 | 2015 | RE RW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Runway  | \$150,000.00   | \$172,043.00   | \$322,043.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$322,043.00   |
| 3-06-0262-032-<br>2015 | 2015 | RE TW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway | \$0.00         | \$830,872.00   | \$830,872.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$830,872.00   |
| 3-06-0262-034-<br>2015 | 2015 | RE TW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway | \$18,901.00    | \$2,136,060.00 | \$2,154,961.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$2,154,961.00 |
| 3-06-0262-035-<br>2016 | 2016 | ST AP IM    | Expand Apron            | \$31,245.00    | \$233,755.00   | \$265,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$265,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-035-<br>2016 | 2016 | RE AP IM    | Rehabilitate Apron      | \$118,755.00   | \$686,407.00   | \$805,162.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$805,162.00   |
| 3-06-0262-036-<br>2017 | 2017 | RE RW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Runway  | \$157,733.00   | \$71,533.00    | \$229,266.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$229,266.00   |
| 3-06-0262-037-<br>2018 | 2018 | RE TW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway | \$1,000,000.00 | \$712,570.00   | \$1,712,570.00 | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$1,712,570.00 |
| 3-06-0262-038-<br>2019 | 2019 | RE RW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Runway  | \$175,646.00   | \$115,627.00   | \$291,273.00   | \$90,206.00    | \$0.00       | \$381,479.00   |
| 3-06-0262-038-<br>2019 | 2019 | OT OT<br>WR | Construct Wash<br>Rack  | \$331,331.00   | \$0.00         | \$331,331.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$331,331.00   |
| 3-06-0262-038-<br>2019 | 2019 | ST AP CO    | Construct Apron         | \$493,023.00   | \$0.00         | \$493,023.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$493,023.00   |
| 3-06-0262-039-<br>2019 | 2019 | RE TW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway | \$0.00         | \$107,334.00   | \$107,334.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$107,334.00   |
| 3-06-0262-040-<br>2020 | 2020 | RC TW IM    | Reconstruct<br>Taxiway  | \$150,000.00   | \$449,673.00   | \$599,673.00   | \$3,209,865.78 | \$429,600.00 | \$4,239,138.78 |
| 3-06-0262-041-<br>2020 | 2020 | CV CA RE    | CARES Act Funds         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$157,000.00 | \$157,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-042-<br>2021 | 2021 | RC RW IM    | Reconstruct<br>Runway   | \$150,000.00   | \$209,627.01   | \$359,627.01   | \$0.00         | \$41,050.00  | \$400,677.01   |
| 3-06-0262-043-<br>2021 | 2021 | CV CR GN    | CRRSA Act Funds         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$23,000.00  | \$23,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-044-<br>2021 | 2021 | CV RG GN    | General ARPA            | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$0.00         | \$59,000.00  | \$59,000.00    |
| 3-06-0262-045-<br>2022 | 2022 | RE TW IM    | Rehabilitate<br>Taxiway | \$150,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$150,000.00   | \$0.00         | \$0.00       | \$150,000.00   |
| 3-06-0262-046-<br>2023 | 2023 | RC RW IM    | Reconstruct<br>Runway   | \$150,000.00   | \$1,068,761.00 | \$1,218,761.00 | \$5,082,200.00 | \$0.00       | \$6,300,961.00 |

#### **GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDING SOURCES: \$41,596,773**

#### IV. Findings

1. Intermixing of operational, federal funding and public taxes in a single general fund. TTAD identifies multiple revenue sources that include operational rents, federal funding (AIP), and property tax revenue. However, TTAD funds numerous Agency Partnership and Community Sponsorship Expenses out of a single Airport Enterprise Fund.

**Recommendation:** Section 15.6(a) of FAA Order 5190.6B, Change 3, states: "Taxes assessed by a special taxing district surrounding the airport and dedicated for support of the airport, but not derived from the use of the airport, are generally not considered airport revenue subject to the Revenue Use Policy. These tax revenue funds should be kept separate from airport revenue accounts and may be used for purposes other than those listed in 49 U.S.C. § 47107(b) and § 47133." TTAD's co-mingling of funds as part of its Airport Enterprise Fund is ripe for a Grant Assurance 22, Economic Non-Discrimination, Grant Assurance 25, Airport Revenues. TTAD Airport Enterprise fund needs to separate tax revenue account from the airport revenue account to provide clarity on revenue use. As is, it

is unclear which revenue is used for the funding of community uses. Even though, TTAD records for the last six years (2017-2022) indicate that Total Partnership/Sponsorship expenses represent less than 14% of Property Tax Revenue.

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2. TTAD is required to report homebased aircraft to the appropriate County for tax purposes. TTAD Homebasing Program offers existing signatory tenants a monthly discount who choose to declare their aircraft homebased at TRK. The funding for this Signatory Incentive is provided through District funds, not aeronautical revenues.

**Recommendation:** Section 15.6(a) of *FAA Order 5190.6B, Change 3*, states: "Taxes assessed by a special taxing district surrounding the airport and dedicated for support of the airport, but not derived from the use of the airport, are generally not considered airport revenue subject to the Revenue Use Policy. These tax revenue funds should be kept separate from airport revenue accounts and may be used for purposes other than those listed in 49 U.S.C. § 47107(b) and § 47133." TTAD's co-mingling of funds as part of its Airport Enterprise Fund is ripe for a Grant Assurance 22, Economic Non-Discrimination, Grant Assurance 25, Airport Revenues, even though, any hangar tenant who chooses to participate is eligible for this signatory incentive regardless of aircraft type, participation is completely voluntary, there are no penalties for failure to participate in the program and failure to participate will not in any manner affect the price for other services or other relationships with the District. The TTAD Airport Enterprise Fund needs to separate its tax revenue account from the airport revenue account to provide clarity on revenue use. As is, it is unclear which revenue is used for the funding of the Homebasing program.

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3. Under Federal Regulation (2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F), entities spending \$750,000 or more in federal funds annually must undergo a single audit. The deadline for submitting this audit report is either within nine months after the end of the entity's fiscal year or within 30 days following the receipt of the auditor's report, whichever is earlier.

In FY2021 (12/31/2021), TTAD expended over \$3.98 million in federal grants<sup>1</sup>. According to federal guidelines, this level of expenditure mandated that a single audit report be filed by no later than September 30, 2022. However, TTAD's submission of this report did not occur until September 7, 2023<sup>2</sup>. This delay of nearly one year in filing the single audit report represents a significant non-compliance with the federal regulation. Such non-compliance can have serious implications for TTAD's future federal funding and overall compliance status.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Truckee Tahoe Airport District Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report, For Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 (p. 42), James Marta & Co. LLP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Federal Audit Clearinghouse, Truckee Tahoe Airport District, Fiscal Year 2022, 2021, 2020

**Recommendation:** To prevent future occurrences, the following recommendations are proposed:

- a. Enhance internal communication with external auditors to ensure timely progress and submission of the audit report.
- b. Implement a tracking system for all critical deadlines in the finance department.

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4. Fly QT Program - The TTAD provides a financial Signatory Incentive to TRK tenants that commit to the TTAD's voluntary quiet flying procedures. The funding for this Signatory Incentive is provided through District funds, not aeronautical revenues.

**Recommendation:** Section 15.6(a) of FAA Order 5190.6B, Change 3, states: "Taxes assessed by a special taxing district surrounding the airport and dedicated for support of the airport, but not derived from the use of the airport, are generally not considered airport revenue subject to the Revenue Use Policy. These tax revenue funds should be kept separate from airport revenue accounts and may be used for purposes other than those listed in 49 U.S.C. § 47107(b) and § 47133." TTAD's co-mingling of funds as part of its Airport Enterprise Fund is ripe for a Grant Assurance 22, Economic Non-Discrimination, Grant Assurance 25, Airport Revenues, even though, any hangar tenant who chooses to participate is eligible for this signatory incentive regardless of aircraft type, participation is completely voluntary, there are no penalties for failure to participate in the program and failure to participate will not in any manner affect the price for other services or other relationships with the District. The TTAD Airport Enterprise Fund needs to separate its tax revenue account from the airport revenue account to provide clarity on revenue use. As is, it is unclear which revenue is used for the funding of the FlyQT program.

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5. Aeronautical hangars are being used to store inoperative aircraft for extended periods of time. Hangar F11 houses a Samsong Swan Starduster Too aircraft. While the aircraft has a valid operating certificate based on FAA's database, it appears the aircraft has not been operated recently due to dust build-up, flat tire and posted operating certificate expiration dated December 31, 2019. The tenant has been paying aeronautical rates when the aircraft doesn't appear operational nor aeronautical. This concern can be remedied by adopting the FAA *"Policy on the Non-Aeronautical Use of Airport Hangars, effective July 1, 2017"* and incorporating this policy into the airport minimum standards.



**Recommendation:** The sponsor should address the non-aeronautical use and write enforceable hangar use standards that are consistently applied to avoid discrimination and address proper hangar usage as defined in the above-mentioned policy.

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6. Airport Layout Plan – Exhibit A/Property Map should be updated to reflect non-aeronautical use. ALP currently indicates property as Aviation Use.



**Recommendation:** Sponsor provide the ADO an Informal Correction Revision to the Property Map identifying the non-aeronautical use facilities on the airport and get concurrence from the ADO for non-aeronautical use.

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7. The airport lacks adequate hangar usage standards evidenced by the overabundance of nonaeronautical item storage in sponsor-owned aircraft hangars. We visited several aircraft hangars and found most aircraft had unimpeded ingress/egress to the ramp area, however, many hangars are used for storing furniture, snowmobiles, boats, vehicles, housewares, books, and other items resulting in the non-aeronautical storage becoming predominant and the aeronautical use becoming incidental.



Most of these concerns could be remedied by adopting the "*Policy on the Non-aeronautical* Use of Airport Hangars effective July 1, 2017" and incorporating this policy into the airport minimum standards.

**Recommendation:** The sponsor should write enforceable hangar use standards that are consistently applied to avoid discrimination and address proper hangar usage as defined in the above-mentioned policy.

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- 8. The safety inspection of the airfield revealed several issues:
  - a. A few airfield sign bases had erosion that should be flush to ground level.
  - b. No fence line, However vehicle prevention has been established with either large rock, barricades, and large drainage ditches.
  - c. One faded sign in the construction area. Replacement has been obtained and will be replaced by TTAD following construction.