

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-02  
OF THE TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT

IDENTIFYING LOCAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND SAFETY IMPACTS THAT WILL RESULT FROM  
FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS

**WHEREAS,** the Truckee Tahoe Airport District represents North Lake Tahoe and Truckee communities of over 50,000 residents located in rural Nevada and Placer Counties, California.

**WHEREAS,** Recreation on our public lands is the backbone of the economies of North Lake Tahoe and Truckee, which generates \$244 million in annual visitor spending and approximately 1,600 jobs. Federal staffing cuts on our public lands will lead to fewer maintained trails, campground closures, and diminished visitor experience. Anticipated impacts including a loss in visitation, reduced economic support of local businesses, increased risk of unsupported camping within forest service lands with no regulation or controls around campfires, heightening risk of wildland fires, increases in illegal parking, wildland degradation, closure of public restroom facilities, and increased trash, litter and human waste pollution;

**WHEREAS,** Uncertainty around United States Forest Service funding cuts, staffing reductions and contract delays provides no opportunity for our region and community to plan ahead to ensure appropriate messaging regarding campsite closures, restroom closures, education regarding campfire safety and lack of available trash disposal facilities;

**WHEREAS,** North Lake Tahoe, Truckee, and Incline Village, Nevada are home to Tahoe Forest Hospital, the sole hospital in the surrounding region, and the only rural access medical facility. Tahoe Forest Hospital provides essential healthcare services to the Truckee community and is the Town's largest employer, with over 1,000 employees; MediCal (Medicaid) funding is an essential source of reimbursement for the hospital's continued operation in providing core health services for the citizens and visitors of the community;

**WHEREAS,** North Lake Tahoe and Truckee are home to the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, serving over 4,000 students. The school district qualifies for and participates in Title 1 funding and other federally funded programs, including CalFresh and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);

**WHEREAS,** Truckee is located along Interstate 80, a transcontinental thoroughfare that is essential to interstate transportation, commerce, and evacuation in the event of wildfires or other catastrophic events. Two essential state highways intersect with Interstate 80, provide the only direct access to the North Tahoe region, and experience significant traffic congestion throughout the year. Federal funding for capital improvements, maintenance and transit are crucial to safe operation, reduced traffic congestion, mobility, and emergency access on these highways;

**WHEREAS,** Towns and cities, including the Town of Truckee, Kings Beach, and Tahoe City, rely on a variety of federal funding sources and partnerships with federal agencies. Delays in payment processing and freezing of federal funding are creating significant uncertainty for our Town operations. Examples of local impacts include the following:

- Potential freezes to transit funds stand to reduce our ability to maintain local bus service, reduce congestion, provide for safe evacuations, and replace fleet vehicles;
- Frozen Energy Efficiency Block Grant funds will delay the development of Truckee's Energy Resiliency Plan, a key component of our emergency response planning;
- FEMA reimbursement delays and potential changes to FEMA staffing and/or fund availability could threaten disaster recovery;
- The pause for contract review is creating uncertainty for many local projects, including Pines to Mines, a local trails initiative connecting western and eastern Nevada County and will serve as a recreational asset to the region, driving tourism and business to our communities;

**WHEREAS,** The availability and affordability of housing is a significant challenge in our region and the community has prioritized building affordable, quality housing for members of the local workforce, that are the backbone of our tourist-driven economic engine. Tariffs will significantly increase the cost to build critical infrastructure and housing;

**WHEREAS,** Our region's community-based organizations and social services rely on federal fund sources; federal funding cuts, freezes, and budgetary uncertainty pose potential local impacts to the

continuation of critical community services. Examples include:

- Sierra Senior Services' Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered meals and social connection to 225 seniors every day;
- Sierra Community House victim support services, which are supported by Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding sources;
- Child Advocates of Nevada County services, which are supported by Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding;
- Local Medicaid health care services. Many Medicaid recipients are working Americans, veterans, seniors in nursing homes, and children. With many non-disabled Medi-Cal enrollees working, a healthy workforce is essential to a strong economy;
- Potential cutbacks in our hospital's healthcare services, employment, and financial viability;
- Potential loss of school lunches and other services directed at educating our children.

**WHEREAS,** The Truckee Tahoe Airport District operates a general aviation airport that serves private and business aviation and relies on federal fund sources; federal funding cuts, freezes, and budgetary uncertainty pose potential local impacts to the continuation of critical aviation services. Examples include:

- Federal Aviation Administration airport improvement program funding of critical airfield pavement projects to support the safe operation of private and business aviation aircraft;
- Federal Aviation Administration management of the national airspace system of air traffic controllers providing critical oversight and deconfliction of aircraft operating over the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee communities;
- Airport District Office, San Francisco critical staffing and oversight of airport infrastructure projects and environmental review to comply with both California Environmental Quality Act, and National Environmental Protection Act for the protection of the health, safety of the community and biodiversity of the environment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** The Truckee Tahoe Airport District, as a part of the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee communities, and in solidarity with the citizens and tourist of this region, feel compelled to identify the significant and potentially catastrophic impacts to the safety of our community and economy that will result from federal funding cuts to local programs. We implore our federal representatives to support the restoration of Federal funding that supports the Truckee-Tahoe region.

AYES:

NOES: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT

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David Diamond, President of the Board

### CERTIFICATION

I, Robb Etnyre, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-02 adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and impressed the official seal of the TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Robb Etnyre, Secretary of the Board