

TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Topic: Soar Truckee Lease

Purpose	Information:	Guidance: <b>X</b>	Decision:
Objective	Discussion of a potential one-year extension of the current Soar Truckee lease.		
Last Action	The Board approved the current lease in April 2008. At the January 26, 2012 Board meeting, issues related to tow plane equipage and operations were discussed.		
Discussion	<p>The current four-year lease expires April 30, 2012. Staff has discussed the potential of a one-year extension with Soar Truckee. They are mutually agreeable with this option. Other alternatives discussed have included a term renewal of the existing lease (4 years), and initiation of a new term lease.</p> <p>The extension option permits Soar Truckee's operation for this season. Many issues were brought forth by Soar Truckee at a meeting in late 2011 related to pavement quality and facilities. Staff is not proposing any changes or improvements at this time based on the issues brought up in that meeting due to the prospective costs and related lease cost recovery pricing.</p> <p>At the January 26, 2012 Board meeting the Board requested more information to understand the range of equipage and operational mitigation options that may exist. A more thorough exploration of new mitigation options and related incentives are underway. This process will take place over the next year. Staff expects that any potential new mitigation would take time to implement, making any potential benefit this season unlikely. Staff will also need to understand the range of new mitigations to recommend whether they are appropriate to incorporate within a lease or separate agreement.</p> <p>At the February 14, 2012 ACAT meeting Soar Truckee outlined their forthcoming mitigation efforts. Soar Truckee stated they will be reinstalling the Hoffman prop on one tow plane for this season. The also stated that they intend to review GPS flight track data and noise monitor data to further optimize their operation. Soar Truckee also stated they are reorganizing as a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation.</p> <p>Finally, the Master Plan process will inform future alternatives for many aspects of the airport, including the parcel currently occupied by Soar Truckee and use of surrounding airspace.</p>		

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Fiscal Impact	In 2011, the monthly lease rate was \$1,434. Pursuant to the lease, the annual rate is set based on a formula of the previous season's tie down and campground census. The 2012 lease rate will be set according to these terms, as outlined in the lease.
Communication Strategy	TTAD Staff, the ACAT and Soar Truckee will work collaboratively to review potential mitigations for future consideration.
Attachments	N/A

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