

So, folks often ask Airport Staff, why the airport is called the "Truckee-Tahoe Airport District", what's with the District in the name?

The airport, aka (KTRK), is a one of 2,109 Special Districts across the Golden State, 1 of only 9 that are AIRPORT Special Districts! The attached map shows the 9 Airport Special District locations. I've also listed their names and locations at the bottom of this post.

Special districts are a form of local government created by a local community to meet a specific need. Inadequate tax bases and competing demands for existing taxes make it hard sometimes for cities and counties to provide all the services their citizens desire. When residents or landowners want new services or higher levels of existing services, they can form a district to pay for and administer them. Typical Special Districts include: Airports, Cemeteries, Flood Control, Fire Protection, Hospitals, Harbor or Ports, Libraries, Parks & Rec, Police, Transit, Utility, Water,...etc...etc...

The Truckee Tahoe Airport District was created by a vote of the District electorate in 1958 in accordance with the California Airport Districts Act. The residents wanted an airport to provide for aviation transportation, to support local commerce and tourism, to facilitate emergency flight operations and to deliver the U.S. Mail. Today the District continues many of those functions and is even more deeply involved with the Truckee and Tahoe communities and is an integral party of the local economy. KTRK is the 3rd busiest of the 9 Special District Airports with approximately 26,000 flight operations per year. The District covers an area of approximately 485 square miles in eastern Nevada and Placer Counties. It is governed by a five member Board of Directors directly elected by residents of the District. The responsibility for carrying out Board directions and administering day-to-day operations of the airport rest with the General Manager and other staff.

The 9 Special "Airport" Districts in California are:

- Big Bear Airport District (San Bernardino County)
- Cameron Park Airport District (El Dorado County)
- Indian Wells Valley Airport District (Kern County)
- Minter Field Airport District (Kern County)
- Mojave Air & Space Port (Kern County)
- Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Monterey County)
- Santa Maria Public Airport District (Santa Barbara County)
- Truckee Tahoe Airport District (Placer and Nevada Counties)
- Yucca Valley Airport (San Bernardino County)

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