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**SUPPORT - Agenda Item # 3**

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Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter of support for Agenda Item #3 concerning Airport Grant funding.

Thank you,

-Jared

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The Honorable Wendy Thomas  
Chair, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane, Building A  
Placerville, CA 95667

**TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**  
**RE: Agenda Item #3 – Airport Projects - SUPPORT**

Dear Supervisor Thomas:

On behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing over 30,000 members in the state of California, I write to express our support for Agenda Item #3, authorizing the Airports Director to execute Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) improvement grants for the Georgetown and Placerville Airports.

Moving these projects forward provides much-needed operational and safety enhancements to the airports to ensure they meet the airport operation guidelines established by the FAA. Moreover, they increase the margins of safety for the users by removing obstructions and providing accurate weather services. Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) closing the airport for certain operations due to overgrown vegetation reduces the number of visitors who contribute to the local economy while also creating hazardous situations for pilots and aircraft. Ensuring adequate safety margins through improved ramp surfaces and vegetation encroachment makes arriving and departing these airports easier and more efficient.

Additionally, improving the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) ensures the most up-to-date weather information is available to pilots and airport users – thus making the airport safer. Weather is one of the first considerations when making decisions to fly or not to fly. Adequate weather reporting ensures pilots and airport users have the most accurate weather information and forecasts before making critical decisions. Faulty, or out-of-date weather equipment, can leave pilots and airport users unaware of changing weather resulting in fatal consequences.

Thank you for your support of this agenda item. We appreciate your efforts to improve the safety of the County's airport system and are always available to collaborate with you to make airports and general aviation safer in the County.

Respectfully,

**Jared Yoshiki**  
**Western Pacific Regional Manager – AOPA**

CC: Members, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors