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Hi Ron, I send these comments along in the spirit of giving you time to consider questions. Regards, Glen

Comments for El Dorado Supervisors on Mather STAR, 5/24/2011

FAA can stop air freighters from damaging our well-being by terminating their support for the nutty Mather cargo hub project.

- Twenty years ago a "wise" FAA sent the U.S. Congress a report citing cargo airport failures and questioning whether a cargo airport could succeed if it were developed for reasons besides relieving congestion.
- Two years later, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted (3 to 2) to open Mather as a cargo airport with the very motive – economic growth stimulation - that FAA warned against.
- Since then, "some other" FAA has spent 25 million taxpayer dollars on Mather, and the draft Master Plan calls for \$100 million more.

That's just plain nuts! Here's reality:

- Sacramento County has lost \$6.4 million operating Mather Airport over the past 7 years.
- Mather cargo is down to 1/4th of the tonnage

of 10 years ago, and FAA forecasts growth at only 1.5% annually.

- 2/3rd of our cargo goes through Sacramento International where air traffic isn't an issue (while 37th in passengers, isn't even on FAA's list of 50 busiest in the U.S.).

The "wise" FAA had it right - cargo airports were losers then, and they're losers now!

FAA shouldn't push a STAR; They should:

- Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on unneeded capabilities, and
- Pressure the only regular carrier, UPS, to move back to Sacramento International where the approved Master Plan already provides for expanded cargo.

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