

D. Lugert BOS 8/23/2022

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**Opening Public Statement
BOS Meeting 8/23/2022**

My name is Dave Lugert – Airport User and Hangar Lessee.

The Placerville Airport users and Airport Advisory Committee members are requesting the removal and rescheduling of Item #14 from today's Consent Calendar.

The 2021 Caldor Fire created significant USFS issues for the Placerville Airport, specifically operational and costing demands.

This Item #14 on the Consent Calendar should be detailed and open to public review before Board of Supervisors review and authorization. Two recently distributed documents have revealed numeric sum totals for USFS Caldor fire airport reimbursement proposals with no summary detail explanations.. The sum total of each proposal are substantially different which therefore raises many unanswered questions as to their content detail and USFS acceptance.

We have recently submitted a list of questions along with additional "FACTS AND FIGURES" in letters to the District III Supervisor, Wendy Thomas (Placerville Airport) and to District IV Supervisor, Lori Parlin (Georgetown Airport).

Having been left out of the information loop, Airport Users and Airport Advisory Committee members should be provided an opportunity for a detailed discussion of the proposals before Board of Supervisors authorization.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

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Subject: Request for Re-schedule of BOS Meeting of 8/23/2022 Consent
Agenda Item #14
Date: Aug 19, 2022 at 1:20:06 PM
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Good Afternoon Supervisor Lori Parlin and Supervisor Wendy Thomas,

My name is Dave Lugert, long-term airport user and hangar lessee.

In my review of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors agenda posted for 8/23/22 at 9:00 a.m. I observed Item #14 in the Consent Calendar pertaining to accepting USFS funds of \$10,417 for the Placerville Airport.

This item should be open to specific public information and clarification as to how this dollar amount was determined. There are a number of questions and subsequent answers which need to be discussed and clarified with the Airport Advisory Committee and airport users before Board of Supervisors authorization.

This item should be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and removed from this meeting's agenda and rescheduled when these and other questions are answered.

An e-mail notification was distributed to airport users on 8/17/2022 at 5:30 p.m. citing this consent agenda item was on the BOS schedule for 8/23/2022. The e-mail and BOS Consent Agenda item each identify specifics which are separate in importance but not shared in both documents. The two documents raise many questions to which there is no common clarification as they do not refer to one another. (Please see attached airport user e-mail from Sherrie Busby).

Some of these frequent questions in need of clarity are:

- * What were the specifics contained in the "developed additional alternative reimbursement proposal of \$130,390" e-mail?
- *To which elements of the "proposal" did the USFS "balked at"? And why?
- *Why is the planning and building department asking only for \$10,417 and \$543.20 reimbursement? Did the USFS agree to certain elements of the proposal? And why?
- *If "the public items" were removed - do they add up to \$119,430?
- *What level of authority did the USFS representative hold? Were they empowered and knowledgeable of the circumstances specific to the Caldor fire?
- *Were the conditions of the "Emergency Declaration" for the airport facility appropriation recognized as part of this review with the USFS representative? The Emergency Declaration deemed the USFS as the lead responsible agency.
- *Was the Fourth District of California Congressional Representative Tom McClintok's office contacted for input and guidance in this USFS settlement?
- *Why has it taken 10 months to reach this stage of USFS agreement and only 3 working days remaining to BOS authorization without clarification for airport users?
- *Why has the decision not yet occurred as to how the tenants and leaseholders will be reimbursed for lost use of our "federally appropriated" airport?
- *Shouldn't said reimbursement element be part of the USFS agreement and settlement?

In light of these and other unanswered questions, we (the airport users) are requesting that Item #14 be removed from the Consent Calendar until proper

clarification occurs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this important matter. Should you have need for further information please feel free to contact me.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sherrie Busby <sherrie.busby@edcgov.us>
Date: August 17, 2022 at 5:27:58 PM PDT
Subject: **USFS Emergency Use Agreement for PV Airport During Caldor Fire is on 8/23/22 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda**

Good afternoon,

The Board item related to the United States Forest Service (USFS) Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement for use of the Placerville Airport during the Caldor Fire is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 23, 2022. The Board meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Chief Administrative Office placed the USFS agreement on the Board's Consent Calendar, which is the first action item on the agenda. The Consent Calendar includes multiple items that are not expected to result in discussion of the individual items, so are approved by the Board in one vote. Board members

may pull items from the Consent Calendar if they wish to discuss an item. If the item is pulled, then it would be heard during the Department Matters portion of the agenda, which will come up at some point (it is not possible to predict the time when the item will be heard as items in this category may be called at any time). Whether the item stays on the Consent Calendar or is pulled, there will be an opportunity for public input before the Board votes.

In June, staff in the Chief Administrative Office developed an additional alternative reimbursement proposal of \$130,390, and directed Airports staff to offer the new alternative to the USFS. The USFS balked at this proposed fee, so the higher cost alternatives that were proposed by Airports Advisory Committee members and members of the public were removed from the item, and only the reimbursement amount developed by Airports staff (in conjunction with County Counsel and fiscal staff of the Chief Administrative Office) remains, along with an alternative to reimburse leaseholders and tenants for a portion of their leases and rentals.

The August 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting agenda was posted today on the Board of Supervisors' web page, which includes information on how to participate in the Board meeting, in person or via Zoom. You may access the agenda at: <https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. The item is # 14 under Land Use and Development - Consent Items.

Best regards,

Sherrie Busby

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PLACERVILLE AIRPORT CALDOR FIRE
SUBMITTAL TO BOS 8.23.2022

FACTS AND FIGURES

- ▶ Caldor Fire started August 14, 2021
Caldor Fire fully contained October 21, 2021
(68 calendar days)
- ▶ Cost of fire 1.2 Billion Dollars
- ▶ Full airport shutdown on August 25, 2021 as a declared Federal State of Emergency
Airport reopening on September 14, 2021
Airport closed for 30 days to general aviation
- ▶ There are 113 aircraft based on the airport and 80 hangars that are privately owned. Privately owned hangars pay annual leases and property taxes to El Dorado County in the amount of \$XXXX annually. There are approximately 32 aircraft which pay annual or monthly tiedown fees which in 2021 amounted to \$XXXX. In addition, the Placerville Airport has 4 commercial lessee businesses which were impacted.
- ▶ Based on the 30 days which the airport was fully closed to the public due to the Caldor fire this represents 8.2% of the calendar year of 2021
- ▶ The USFS compensates airports for the use of the facilities based on the rates which are set by the facility airports
- ▶ On October 22, 2019 the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 183-2019 which contains the airports division fee schedule.
- ▶ Commercial Undeveloped Land Lease per square foot per month was set at \$0.164 per square foot per month
- ▶ The Placerville Airport consists of approximately 4 parcels totaling 243.23 acres with many thousands of square feet of pavement \$XXXXXX.
- ▶ 100% of the airport property was utilized by the USFS as opposed to the partial usage of the South Lake Tahoe airport and the Amador County airport which were used as bases during the Caldor fire.

FAIR COMPENSATION

- ▶ Based on 30 days in which the airport was completely closed to general aviation, that comprises 1 month of a standard 30-day month
- ▶ The USFS airport closure denied the paying tenants and the general public of the primary use of the airport which is to allow air traffic i.e. flights to and from the airport during those 30 days
- ▶ Based on the airports division fee schedule of \$0.164 per square foot per month the compensation that should be proposed to the USFS is in the amount of \$XXXXXX
*Compensation: \$=1 month x \$0.164 per square ft. per month
- ▶ Amador County has defined their usage area of 117 acres per their request for compensation for the USFS during the fire.
- ▶ Furthermore, El Dorado County has (or has not) a fuel flow rate of \$0.10 per gallon which is used to offset the usage of fuel brought in by commercial operators such as the helicopter fire fighting units for not paying local fuel taxes. This amount can be considerable based on the number of helicopters operating at the time of the fire. The City of South Lake Tahoe uses a rate of \$0.11 per gallon and Amador County uses a rate of \$0.10 per gallon.