

January 2, 2008

Supervisor Ron Briggs, District IV
330 Fairlane
El Dorado County, California

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

We, the Georgetown Airport advisory committee wish to express our best wishes to the El Dorado Board of Supervisors and the County for the New Year.

A meeting was held in the General Services office December 20th regarding the CAO recommendation to move airport operational responsibility to the Department of Transportation.

Ms. Lora Gill, in that meeting stated that this was solely her idea with support from Assistant Director General Services George Sanders. Her reason for the change was to "reduce Parks and Recreation work load and thereby provide more efficient support for Parks and Recreation and the trails system."

Jordan Postalwaite's taped minutes of the meeting will provide you with an overview of how Ms. Gill views the issues and Jordan's comment, "give me one support person for Parks and Recreation work and I can take care of both Airports and Parks and Rec."

This Georgetown Airport advisory Committee and the Placerville Airport advisory Committee representing the users of both County airports expressed our unanimous support to leave things the way they are. Much has been accomplished over the last few years with operations in the hands of General Services and especially Jordan Postalwaite. We are proud to have two of the finest county airports in the country and it needs to stay that way. There is more work to be done that will improve this potential profit center and moving it now is not the answer.

With a little help Jordan stated, "I can accomplish that same level of quality for the needs of the airports and the needs of Parks and Recreation including the County trails system."

The Airport Department support has shifted back and forth many times between other Departments that "really don't want to have to deal with it." In a recent discussion with Mr. Richard Sheppard; when asked about taking over the responsibility stated, "I have enough to handle with hundreds of miles of roads to take care of... I don't want it, but will take it if I am asked to." He concluded, "I do not have anyone to spare, the staff that supports it would have to come along with it." In the opinion of the users, this means Jordan Postalwaite.

With little data to support this change at this time, we would strongly urge you, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Regards,

The Georgetown Airport Advisory Committee

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