



**MEMORANDUM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**AND FACILITIES**  
**ENGINEERING DIVISION**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 8, 2016  
**FROM:** Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works and Facilities  
By: Peter Kraatz, Assistant Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Engineering / Blue Canyon Airport / Obstruction Removal (Trees)

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an Acquisition and Development Grant application to be submitted to Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, in the amount of \$30,000 to fund the obstruction removal project (trees) at the Blue Canyon Airport. A County match of \$3,000 is required.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2012, Placer County was awarded a \$30,000 Acquisition & Development (A&D) Grant to remove obstructions (trees) at the Blue Canyon Airport. The airport is currently operating on a variance from Caltrans Aeronautics because of trees encroaching into the airport's airspace. The variance allows daytime operations only, and although the airport has runway lights, night operations are not allowed until the obstructions are removed. The \$30,000 requires a 10 percent local match, which will be taken out of the Airport's reserves. This grant was approved in 2012 but not funded. It was approved again in January 2016 by the California Transportation Commission for FY 2015-16. In order to receive the grant, it is required the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolution 1) Authorizing filing an application for the funds 2) Authorizing accepting the allocation of the funds 3) Certifying the availability of the County's matching funds, and 4) Authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

This project is Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA as a Class 1 exemption, Section 15301(c): "Maintenance of Existing Facilities".

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The County's required 10 percent local match (\$3,000) will be taken from the Special Aviation Budget reserves in FY 2015-16 Budget. Expenditures will not occur until grant funding is received.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Resolution
- Location Map

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**Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of:**

Blue Canyon Airport Obstruction Removal  
Project Grant Application

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission has adopted the FY 201-16 Aeronautics Program for airport improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Public Utilities Code and California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) regulations, requires local

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government approval authorizing the application and certifying the availability of 10 percent matching funds, a sum from other than state or federal sources; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer is submitting an application for obstruction removal at the Blue Canyon Airport, which is included in the 2015/16 Aeronautics Program; and

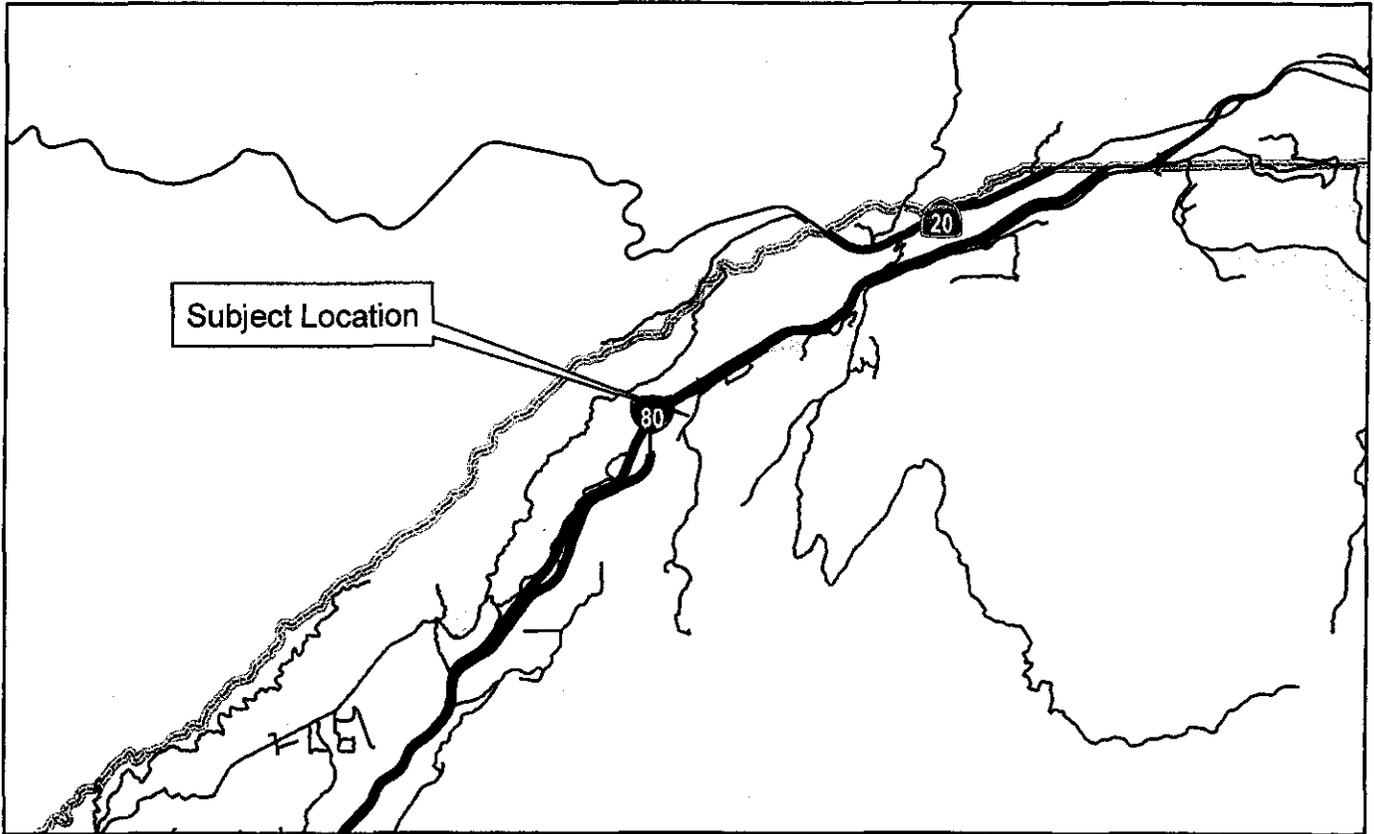
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County, State of California:

1. Authorizes filing the application for the project in the 2015/16 Aeronautics Program.
2. Authorizes accepting the allocation of funds for the project at the Blue Canyon Airport.
3. Certifies the availability of the County's ten percent matching funds (\$3,000).
4. Authorizes execution of the Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Placer County does hereby authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works and Facilities to sign any documents required to apply for and accept these funds in the amount of \$30,000 on behalf of the County of Placer.

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# Location Map



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