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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010 Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACT AS THE LITTLE RIVER AND ROUND VALLEY AIRPORTS SPONSOR'S OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TO SIGN FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ENTITLEMENT TRANSFERS FROM EITHER COUNTY AIRPORT TO NEVADA COUNTY AIRPORT UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 ON BEHALF OF MENDOCINO COUNTY (LITTLE RIVER AND ROUND VALLEY AREAS)

Honorable Board Members:

By Resolution Number 15-091 (June 16, 2015), the Board authorized the Director of Transportation to act as the airport sponsor's official representative and to sign all necessary applications, grant documents and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) entitlement transfers from either County airport to the other on behalf of Mendocino County.

Each fiscal year entitlement funds are apportioned by FAA to Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MCDoT), as the airport sponsor for Little River and Round Valley Airports, to fund capital improvement projects. If not expended or transferred, the funds expire after three years and revert back to FAA to be used for discretionary projects. The FAA has notified the County that \$150,000 of designated entitlement funds for the Round Valley Airport will expire due to the lack of a sponsored project. Additionally, the FAA sponsored taxiway design project this year for the Little River Airport will not utilize all \$150,000 of available funds and any remaining entitlement will expire at the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30, 2016. United States Code section 47117(c)(2) allows these funds to be transferred, under an agreement with the FAA, to another airport within an eligible county or municipality for capital improvement development at said airport.

Humboldt County previously requested Mendocino County transfer any expiring funds to Garberville Airport to help fund a capital improvement project. By Resolution No. 16-050 (April 19, 2016), the Board authorized the Director of Transportation to act as the airport sponsor's official representative and to sign FAA entitlement transfers from either County airport to Garberville Airport up to the amount of \$300,000. Prior to that transfer being made, the Garberville Airport project received full funding, making the transfer unnecessary.

MCDoT has now received a request from Nevada County to transfer any remaining expiring funds to Nevada County Airport to assist in funding a capital improvement project scheduled for construction this

year. In return, Nevada County has given their assurance that Mendocino County will be given priority for any expiring funds they may have in the future to fund capital improvement projects at Little River or Round Valley Airports. MCDoT may enter into an agreement with the FAA in order to transfer said entitlement funds to Nevada County Airport up to the amount of \$300,000 but will only do so after the exact amount of funds needed for the taxiway design project is known.

I recommend the Board pass the proposed Resolution, enabling the Director of Transportation to act as the Little River and Round Valley Airports sponsor's official representative and authorizing him to sign one-time FAA Entitlement transfers from either County airport to Nevada County Airport up to the amount of \$300,000 on behalf of Mendocino County when the time becomes necessary prior to the end of the current federal fiscal year.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: DOT File 1-22