



SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
**STAFF REPORT**

Item No.

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Meeting Date: **MARCH 7, 2013**

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**Subject:**

**Authorize the Rejection of the Claim of Sandra Redding**

**Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2013-0023, authorizing the Rejection of the Claim of Sandra Redding.

**Background/Justification:**

On February 4, 2013, Sandra Redding ("Redding") filed a claim (Attachment A) with the Authority alleging that on October 11, 2012, she sustained a laceration to her lip and lost a crown on a tooth as a result of falling while standing in line at an airline ticket counter in Terminal Two at San Diego International Airport. Redding claims damages in the amount of \$4565.64 to cover the cost of medical and dental treatment.

Redding alleges in her claim that she slipped on an object on the floor in front of the Spirit Airlines ticket counter and fell forward, striking the front of her face on the ground.

Redding's claim should be denied. An investigation into the incident revealed the only eyewitness to the claimant's fall report that she went unconscious before falling and did not attempt to break her fall. The Harbor Police report taken at the time of the incident noted the claimant had been drinking prior to the fall and initially stated she remembered only waking up on the floor. Much later in the ambulance, the claimant changed her story and stated that she slipped. No object was found on the floor where claimant fell, nor was there a slippery or dangerous condition. The Authority received no notice of an unsafe condition of the floor in front of the Spirit Airlines ticket counter prior to the incident.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Not applicable.

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**Authority Strategies:**

This item supports one or more of the Authority Strategies, as follows:

- Community Strategy     Customer Strategy     Employee Strategy     Financial Strategy     Operations Strategy

**Environmental Review:**

- A. California Environmental Quality Act: This Board action is not a project that would have a significant effect on the environment as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended. 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15378. The Board action is not a "project" subject to CEQA. Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21065.
- B. California Coastal Act: This Board action is not a "development" as defined by the California Coastal Act. Cal. Pub. Res. Code §30106.

**Equal Opportunity Program:**

Not applicable.

**Prepared by:**

SUZIE JOHNSON  
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ATTACHMENT A

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ACCIDENT OR DAMAGE CLAIM FORM

Please complete all sections. Incomplete submittals will be returned, unprocessed. Use typewriter or print in ink.

1) Claimant Name: Sandra Redding	
2) Address to which correspondence regarding this claim should be sent: King & Lemley, LLP 2515 Camino Del Rio South #110 San Diego, Ca. 92108 Attn: Stacy M. King, Esq	
Telephone No.: 619-618-2547	Date: 2-1-2013
3) Date and time of incident: 10/11/2012 @ 1829	
4) Location of incident: 3707 n. Harbor Dr., terminal #3, Spirit Airlines ticket counter	
5) Description of incident resulting in claim: Mrs. Redding slipped on an object on the floor in front of the Spirit Airlines ticket counter. She fell forward striking the front of her face on the ground.	
6) Name(s) of the Authority employee(s) causing the injury, damage or loss, if known:	
7) Persons having firsthand knowledge of incident:	
Witness (es)	Physician(s):
Name: Deborah & Norman Padilla	Name: John M. Whitman, MD
Address: 250 Richardson El Cajon, Ca. 92020	Address: Sharp Grossmont Hospital 5555 Grossmont Center Dr.
Phone: 916-334-5727	Phone: La Mesa, Ca. 91942

8) Describe property damage or personal injury claimed:

Mrs. Redding suffered a laceration to her upper lip and nose requiring sutures. She developed herpes at the injury location that lasted over 30 days. She lost a crown on one tooth that required replacement. She now suffers from numbness to her tooth & gum caused by nerve damage and a facial scar.

9) Owner and location of damaged property or name/address of person injured:

10) Detailed list and amount of damages claimed as of date of presentation of claim, including prospective damages. If amount exceeds \$10,000.00, a specific amount need not be included.

Denise Honer, M.D. \$90.00; Dennis R. Schaefer, DMD \$204.00  
Grossmont Dermatology, Medical Center \$600.00; San Diego  
Medical Services \$1855.64; Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
\$1816.00

Dated: 2/1/2013

Claimant: Stacy M. King for Shandra Redding  
(Signature)

**Notice to Claimant:**

Where space is insufficient, please use additional paper and identify information by proper section number.

Return completed form to:

Tony Russell, Director, Corporate Services/Authority Clerk  
Corporate Services Department  
P.O. Box 82776  
San Diego, CA 92138-2776

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Claimant: Sandra Redding

DOI: October 11, 2012

Time of Incident: 1829

Location of Incident: 3707 N. Harbor Drive, terminal #3, San Diego, CA- Spirit Airlines ticket counter

Witnesses:

Geri Mendiola

3707 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA

619-395-4631

Jamie Hornyak

1404 Thomas Ave.

San Diego, CA 92109

Physicians:

Denise Honer, M.D.

5111 Garfield Street, Ste. #A

La Mesa, CA 91941

619-460-4050

Dennis R. Scharer, DMD

810-104 Jamacha Rd.

El Cajon, CA 92019

619-579-0233

Grossmont Dermatology Medical Clinic

8860 Center Drive, Ste. #300

La Mesa, CA 91942

619-462-1670

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF  
THE CLAIM OF SANDRA REDDING.

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2013, Sandra Redding filed a claim with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority for damages she allegedly incurred as a result of falling while standing at an airline ticket counter in Terminal Two at San Diego International Airport; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on March 7, 2013, the Board considered the claim filed by Sandra Redding, the report submitted to the Board, and found that the claim should be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby AUTHORIZES the rejection of the claim of Sandra Redding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board DETERMINES this action is not a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21065; nor is it a "development" as defined by the California Coastal Act, Cal. Pub. Res. Code §30106.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority at a regular meeting this 7th day of March, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members:

NOES: Board Members:

ABSENT: Board Members:

ATTEST:

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TONY R. RUSSELL  
DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES/  
AUTHORITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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BRETON K. LOBNER  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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