



SAN DIEGO COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
STAFF REPORT

Item No.
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Meeting Date: **MARCH 1, 2012**

Subject:

Authorize the Rejection of the Claim of Tawnee Knight

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2012-0027, authorizing the rejection of the claim of Tawnee Knight.

Background/Justification:

On February 10, 2012, Tawnee Knight ("Knight") filed a claim (Attachment A) with the Authority alleging that on January 2, 2012, she injured her left hand, wrist and knee while arriving at Terminal One at San Diego International Airport when she tripped over uneven pavement surrounding a drain cover in the roadway. Knight claims damages in an unknown amount that exceeds twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars.

Knight alleges in her claim that on January 2, 2012, she tripped over uneven pavement surrounding a drain cover in a traffic lane in front of Terminal One adjacent to the Southwest Airlines Skycap area. She states that she held out her arms to break her fall, causing injury to her left wrist, left pinky finger and her left knee. She further states that no one witnessed the fall. Paramedics (Medic 63) who responded to the call noted that her wrist appeared slightly swollen, her pinky finger was red, and there was a scrape on her left knee, for which she was given an ice pack. The paramedics noted her pants were torn near her left knee.

Knight's claim should be denied. An investigation into the incident revealed no notice to the Authority of an unsafe condition in the roadway. Claimant refused medical treatment or transport but insisted that a report be taken at the time. Claimant will not provide contact information for the transportation service or individual who transported her to the airport on the day of 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
PARALEGAL



SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ACCIDENT OR DAMAGE CLAIM FORM

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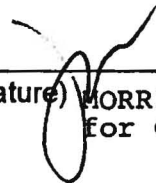
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1) Claimant Name: TAWNEE KNIGHT	
2) Address to which correspondence regarding this claim should be sent: PALIWODA & PALIWODA 1900 W. GARVEY AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 100 WEST COVINA, CA 91790	
Telephone No.: (626)813-2060	Date: FEB 06 2012
3) Date and time of incident: 01-02-12; 2:30 p.m.	
4) Location of incident: SAN DIEGO INT AIRPORT, SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CURBSIDE AREA	
5) Description of incident resulting in claim: CLAIMANT TRIPPED AND FELL DUE TO THE UNEVEN PAVEMENT AROUND DRAIN COVER ON THE ROAD.	
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: CARRIE THOMSON	Name: MEDIC 63 (AMBULANCE)
Address: 511 HEILER CT FOLSOM, CA	Address:
Phone:	Phone:

8) Describe property damage or personal injury claimed:
CLAIMANT SUSTAINED INJURIES TO HER LEFT HAND, WRIST, FINGER AND
LEFT KNEE
9) Owner and location of damaged property or name/address of person injured:
SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAN DIEGO, CA
CLAIMANT: TAWNEE KNIGHT, 2935 Tepusquet Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93454
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.
UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME: OVER \$25,000; SUPERIOR COURT
JURISDICTION

Dated: FEB 06 2012 Claimant:

(Signature)  MORRIS PALIWODA, Attorney
for Claimant

Notice to Claimant:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0027

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF
THE CLAIM OF TAWNEE KNIGHT

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2012, Tawnee Knight filed a claim with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority for damages she allegedly incurred as a result of tripping over a drain hole cover in one of the traffic lanes in front of Terminal One at San Diego International Airport; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on March 1, 2012, the Board considered the claim filed by Tawnee Knight, the report submitted to the Board, and found that the claim should be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board that hereby authorizes the rejection of the claim of Tawnee Knight.

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 1st day of March, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members:

NOES: Board Members:

ABSENT: Board Members:

ATTEST:

TONY R. RUSSELL
DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES/
AUTHORITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BRETON K. LOBNER
GENERAL COUNSEL

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