



SAN DIEGO COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
STAFF REPORT

Item No.
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Meeting Date: **MARCH 3, 2011**

Subject:

Authorize Rejection of the Claim of Pari Meftah

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 2011-0029, authorizing the rejection of the claim of Pari Meftah.

Background/Justification:

On January 21, 2011, Pari Meftah ("Meftah") filed a claim with the Authority alleging that on January 6, 2011, she was stung by a bee as she entered Terminal One with her baggage. Meftah claims an unknown amount of damages to include the cost of repair or replacement of her glasses and pain and suffering.

Meftah alleges in her claim that on January 6, 2011, she was entering the terminal near Southwest Airlines with her luggage when a bee came to rest between her glasses and her face. As she brushed the bee away, her glasses fell and the bee stung her hand. Airport paramedics assisted her with an ice pack before she continued on her flight.

Meftah's claim should be denied. An investigation into the incident revealed no unsafe condition of public property nor any notice of an unsafe or dangerous condition.

Fiscal Impact:

Not applicable.

Environmental Review:

- A. California Environmental Quality Act: The 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: The Board action is not a "development" as defined by the California Coastal Act. Cal. Pub. Res. Code §30106.

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Equal Opportunity Program:

Not applicable.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ACCIDENT OR DAMAGE CLAIM FORM

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1) Claimant Name: *Pari Meftak*

2) Address to which correspondence regarding this claim should be sent:

Telephone No.:

Date: *1/17/11*

3) Date and time of incident: *January 6th 11:30 a.m.*

4) Location of incident: *San Diego airport*

5) Description of incident resulting in claim:

This unfortunate + scary incident happened as I entered the airport with all my luggage. I was wearing glasses, and suddenly a bee sat under my glasses (under the eye). I was extremely frightened, screamed, dropped my luggage and most importantly with a fast motion pushed the bee away. But the bee stuck to my right hand below ^{and sting} the thumb. With another fast move I pushed it away. Meantime, I was suffering from an excruciating pain and was holding that part of my hand firmly. A passenger helped me, and called the Southwest clerk who helped me sit on a bench.

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6) Name(s) of the Authority employee(s) causing the injury, damage or loss, if known: *next page*

7) Persons having firsthand knowledge of incident:

Witness (es) *Southwest employees*

Physician(s):

Name: *and paramedics etc...*

Name:

Address: *(on Jan 6th, 11:45am)*

Address:

Phone:

Phone:

8) Describe property damage or personal injury claimed:

(Continue from first page), and called paramedics. While we were waiting for them several employees asked me if I was allergic to bees (I was shaking), they gave me water, and gathered my luggage and prescription glasses (the handle broken). One of them told me to hold and press where I was stung and was swollen.

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

When paramedics came they examined the sting which they said must have been dropped and no longer there. They put ice pack on the hand for the inflammation and swelling. They gave me sedatives and told me to go to the hospital if I didn't feel better soon. I was taking Southwest flight

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.

2633 to San Francisco. They helped me go through security and to the gate. In SF, the burning sensation and pain continued and the pharmacist told us to rub the ointment on the area. The redness and black spot is much better now.

P.S. This claim is for the pain + suffering, and the only property damage is my glasses that should be fixed/replaced. (I have not had the time)

Dated: 1/17/11

Claimant: Pari Meftal

(Signature)

P.S. In a cosmopolitan city there should not be bees in such a public place. It is very dangerous.

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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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-0029

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF
THE CLAIM OF PARI MEFTAH

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2011, Pari Meftah filed a claim with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority for injuries she allegedly sustained as the result of a bee sting as she entered Terminal One at San Diego International Airport on January 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on March 3, 2011, the Board considered the claim filed by Pari Meftah, 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 Pari Meftah; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Board 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 3rd day of March, 2011, 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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