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**Statement from Michael La Pier, Executive Director, Monterey Regional Airport  
Re: Airport Board Decision on Contract for Fire Protection Service**

The Monterey Peninsula Airport District is pleased that we are able to consider continuing our relationship with Monterey Fire Department as we take steps to provide Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting services at Monterey Regional Airport. There are many negotiations ahead to finalize the agreement. Should those negotiations be successful, the agreement will help Monterey continue to provide off-airport fire protection services to the neighboring communities surrounding the airport in conjunction with the Airport-required fire services that protect airport users, patrons, passengers and employees.

We will now begin negotiations on a new contract with the City that respects the independence of the two organizations and meets the needs of both. Our hope is that this decision will be the beginning of improved relations between our two agencies.

This was a difficult decision. The professionalism shown by Pro-Tec Fire services was clearly evident throughout this process. We are highly confident that the airport would have been well served by Pro-Tec should we have chosen to move forward with them and thank them for their proposal. We would welcome the opportunity to work with Pro-Tec in the future and thank them for their dedicated efforts during the proposal process.