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Public Comment	Pacific City Airport is a huge asset to the community. The benefits it provides includes training, aviation safety, emergency preparedness and support of the area's tourism economy. The SOAR grant funds have been allocated and it's ODAV's obligation to spend them as promised. Friends of PC has kept up their end of the MOU but ODAV seems to treat the agreement as an inconvenience as evidenced by their move to ignore the agreement and pull back the funding. ODAV is citing the setback discrepancy as a justification for withholding allocated SOAR grant funds to the airport. I'm not convinced that this is a real issue. I believe that ODAV is grasping for a reason to claw back the funds and that's the best reason they could contrive. They are currently trying a similar strategy at Mulino to attempt to get out of maintaining the clubhouse there. It is vitally important that the funds remain allocated and the intended improvements be made in a timely manner. Delays to the drainage and access improvements could result in running afoul of pending FEMA regulations. According to ODAV's website, their mission is as follows: Manage and run the state airports. Connect communities and the state through aviation leadership. Support airports, pilots, and aviation businesses. Help secure state and federal funding for aviation projects. Oversee aviation rules and resources, especially for emergencies. ODAV, please remain true to your mission and protect the funds allocated to Pacific City. Thanks for your time.
