## PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINES

January 29, 2016

Board of Directors Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District 1191 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Ref: Dream Machines Event Sunday, April 24, 2016

## Dear Fire Board Directors:

This is the twenty-sixth year for the Pacific Coast Dream Machines event at the HMB Airport, under contract with the County through the Board of Supervisors. The HMB Fire Protection District has provided equipment and staff at the event each year for fire protection and assistance with other emergency services. The presence of a crew at the field has been very helpful and is greatly appreciated by the Dream Machines Committee. Most years, this service has been provided to us at no cost, which is a great help to the event budget. I am requesting that the Board once again consider providing this service and absorbing the costs into the District's budget.

The Dream Machines is a benefit for the Coastside Adult Day Health Center in HMB, which has provided local day care and day health services for adults since 1982. This organization, with 501c3 status as a non-profit, is the primary beneficiary of the Dream Machines event and controls all funds regarding the expenses of the event, the receipt of net profits from the event, and the accounts so associated.

The PCDM event is staffed by volunteers and has no employees. Our most significant expenses are for promotions that include the fees of a professional event promotions company, and we do occasionally pay fees for some special exhibits. Other local non-profits assist by staging and staffing the food court and helping on the field; they always contribute a portion of their proceeds directly to the event as well, and these non-profits also benefit strongly from the event. We do not pay vendors; they pay us.

Our event also requires the presence of a stand-by ambulance. AMR of San Mateo has been generous and helpful in past years; I am contacting them again for their assistance.

It is our hope the Fire District can help us again as you have in the past. Independent of that decision, we need the crew there and greatly appreciate

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the thorough professionalism they bring. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Chad Hooker, Chairman PCDM Steering Committee