## Golden Empire Flying Association

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors, with the support of the Nevada County Airport Commission, take great pride in recognizing the Golden Empire Flying Association on the commissioned project for the design, funding, construction and installation of the *Nevada County Airport and Grass Valley Air Attack Base* Sign at the intersection of Loma Rica Drive and Brunswick Road in Grass Valley, and congratulates them on their achievement and contribution to the community.

On October 30, 2016, the Golden Empire Flying Association (GEFA) accepted a commission from the Nevada County Airport Manager, Lee Ocker, to fund, design, create, and install a sign for the Nevada County Airport and Grass Valley Air Attack Base through the leadership and direction of GEFA's President, Keith Thomassen. GEFA fundraised over \$5,000 from GEFA, Placer Gold and Sutter Buttes Chapters of the 99s, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1175, Gold Country Hangars, and the Nevada County Airport. Moreover, major individual financial contributions were received from Bill Sommers, Jim Fitzpatrick, Ken Meyers, Gary and Katie Guilliat, Doug Johnson, and Mark and Nancy Machado. Other fiscal sponsors included Carol Andrews, Christy Barden, Miles and Bobsie Bostic, Buzz and Jan Elliot, Dave and Mary Schwarz, Sam and Michelle Stroud, Kelly and Lisa Loftus, Gerald Lynch and David Pizzo.

Mark Machado, in conjunction with the GEFA Sign Committee, provided the project's design concept, with Keith Thomassen contributing the engineering design and sign base construction. The cedar sign and logos were provided by Captain Robert Veverka and Captain Troy McKinney of CALFIRE Devil's Garden Conservation Camp Crew #1, Lassen Modoc Unit. The sign was installed on May 24th, 2017.

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