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Chino Airport Continues to Grow

Despite a downward national trend in aviation, the Chino Airport continues to see increased usage and growth.

During the first seven months of this year, Chino Airport hosted 114,050 aircraft operations, more than 10 percent more than the 103,053 during the first seven months of 2009.

The growing general aviation airport, which recently hosted one of the world's top-ranked air shows (according to Aviation.com) is continuing to have a positive impact on the County and the local community. The growth matches other encouraging trends, including the recent announcement of new investment from Southern California Edison to relocate its aircraft to Chino, as well as a significant increase in inquiries from businesses interested in Chino Airport.

These facts run counter to downward trends in aviation and the current economic troubles around the country.

"This news continues to confirm our investment in Chino Airport," said San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary C. Ovitt. "The potential for Chino Airport is significant and impressive. Our efforts to market and improve this economic engine of the county will lead to jobs, economic benefits and a better Chino Airport for the region."

To further enhance the Chino Airport, the County has begun an update to the Airport Master Plan, which is expected to be complete in 2011. A draft of the plan is available for public review and comment at www.chinomasterplan.airportstudy.com.

"This information for the Chino Airport is heartening and marks the second consecutive year of increased activity levels, which is very encouraging during a time of economic distress," said Mike N Williams, A.A.E., Director of Airports for the County of San Bernardino.

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About Chino Airport:

Located minutes from Los Angeles County and Orange County, the County of San Bernardino's Chino Airport is a preferred destination for general aviation and corporate aviation in Southern California. The historic airport, which once trained World War II pilots as Cal Aero Field, is home to unique aviation museums, an acclaimed air show and excellent facilities for private and business aviation. To learn more, visit www.ChinoAirport.org or www.SBCountyWings.com