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Barstow/Daggett Airport Receives Airport Improvement Program Funding

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded \$4,358,762 in Airport Improvement Program funding to the County of San Bernardino to construct taxiway Bravo and upgrade the airfield electrical system at the Barstow/Daggett Airport.

"The county appreciates the assistance provided by the FAA and its commitment to improving the facilities at the Barstow/Daggett Airport, which is a key component of the county's airport system," said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt.

The Board of Supervisors has awarded a construction contract to the Vance Corporation of Rialto in the amount of \$3,368,772 to complete the improvements. The construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2010 and take approximately six months to complete.

The Airport Improvement Program is funded by fees generated by sales of aviation fuel, airline tickets, and other aviation-related revenue. The program will fund 95 percent of the cost of the project, with the remaining 5 percent being provided by the County Department of Airports.

"The Barstow/Daggett Airport is ideally suited to support the High Desert region of our county, and these improvements will allow for greater use of the facility, particularly by the United States military," according to Mike N. Williams, A.A.E., Director for the Department of Airports for the County of San Bernardino."

About Barstow/Daggett Airport:

Located adjacent to Interstate 40, the United States Marine Corps Supply Depot and the Fort Irwin National Training Center, the Barstow/Daggett Airport supports the growing High Desert region of Southern California. In addition to supporting the United States military, the airport provides access to air transportation to the region and is a preferred refueling airport for general aviation, business and military aircraft. To learn more visit www.SBCountyWings.com