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County selects seasoned executive as Airports Director

The county has selected an experienced and accomplished aviation executive to serve as director of the San Bernardino County Department of Airports.

Mike Williams, currently the development manager for the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, will assume his new duties in San Bernardino County on April 14. Those duties focus on the management, operation and maintenance of six county-owned airports – Chino, Apple Valley, Twentynine Palms, Baker, Barstow-Daggett, and Needles.

James Jenkins, who has done an outstanding job as interim director of County Airports, will return to his position as deputy director.

Mr. Williams has spent the past 2 years with the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, where he guided the development of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. In his current position he is responsible for construction, engineering, environmental issues, archaeological projects, and all grant-related activities. Prior to his role as development manager for the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Mr. Williams worked for 12 years at Palm Springs Airport, where he served as deputy director of aviation.

Mr. Williams received a degree in Aeronautical Management Technology from Arizona State University. He has also received an Accredited Airport Executive certification from the American Association of Airport Executives.