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OIAA SELECTS NEW CEO

Ontario, CA – The Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA) today announced their offer to hire Kelly J. Fredericks as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ontario Airport. This marks the first major action by the newly empowered OIAA after gaining control of the airport pursuant to a 2015 agreement with Los Angeles World Airways (LAWA) that ended almost 40 years of control by LAWA of the Ontario International Airport.

“Fredericks is a rising star in the aviation industry and brings a long history of leadership and proven performance to the table. The Board is confident that Kelly can implement our vision of turning Ontario International Airport into a major destination for people and cargo in the western United States”, explained Supervisor Hagman. He noted, “I personally look forward to increasing the number of passengers and amount of cargo handled by Ontario Airport in the next decade and strongly believe the airport will play a major role in the economic revitalization of San Bernardino County and Southern California, adding thousands of new, high paying jobs to our region.”

Fredericks is highly-respected in the airport/aviation industry and boasts 32 years of aviation related experience, having served in a number of management/leadership roles over the course of his career in providing planning, design, operations, and management guidance to a variety of airports as a consultant. Prior to his selection to the position of CEO of Ontario Airport, Fredericks worked as the CEO of Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) which oversees the operation and development of a six airport system. Kelly has also served as the Executive Director of Erie Municipal Airport Authority and worked as a Deputy Aviation Director for the Allegheny County Department of Aviation.

The OIAA is tasked with turning around an airport that saw passenger traffic drop from 7.2 million in 2007 to 3.8 million in 2015. The agency now has the independence and authority to change policies and hire personnel who will fulfill its expansive vision. The most important hire is the new CEO, who has broad authority under the direction of the Board to take actions that will facilitate bringing more airlines and more flights to the airport. OIAA is convinced that Fredericks’ extensive background and success in the aviation industry is the perfect fit to revitalizing Ontario Airport.

Supervisor Curt Hagman has represented the Fourth Supervisorial District since December 2014. Prior to his election as County Supervisor, Curt Hagman served as a State Assemblyman for three terms. He is married to Grace and has two children, Jonathan and Elizabeth. In addition to his public service, Curt is also a small business owner and a member of the California State Military Reserve.

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