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## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AIRPORTS ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE FROM COUNTY POSITION**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – August 5, 2013 – After five years as Deputy Director of San Luis County Airport, Richard Howell will be leaving the County effective, September 27, 2013.**

Richard was appointed to the position of Deputy Director of Airports on September 22, 2008. Prior to coming to the County he served as the Director of Aviation in Waco, Texas. Richard currently provides leadership for San Luis Obispo's two County airports including the Oceano Airport and the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport.

In the last five years, Howell has seen tremendous change in our county airports. "When I arrived in 2008, American and Delta had pulled out of the local market, by 2010 we restored nearly 90% of the lost passenger capacity," said Deputy Director Richard Howell. In addition to restoring airport capacity to the San Luis Obispo County airport, Richard has overseen multiple construction projects such as the airport parking apron and fuel farm. Richard is also proud of the many successful Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) inspections of our County airports. "We just had another successful inspection with not a single write-up," said Howell.

When asked for any parting words, Howell said, "We run the smallest airport in our State and in all the airports I have worked in, this is one of the finest groups of airport staff that I have ever been associated with."

"Richard has done a tremendous job running our County Airports over the past five years. He will be missed," said General Services Director, Janette Pell.

The County will be opening a recruitment to fill the Deputy Director position. Howell will assist in the transition.

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