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(661) 868-3173**Kern County Board of Supervisors Appoint New Director of Kern County Airports**

BAKERSFIELD, CA— The Kern County Board of Supervisors has appointed Bill LaManque as the next Director of Kern County Airports, effective July 12, 2025, following a competitive nationwide search.

Mr. LaManque brings more than three decades of aviation expertise to Kern County, with a distinguished background that spans airport planning, operations, business development, and flight instruction. Most recently, he served as a Senior Planner for the Virginia Department of Aviation, where he oversaw state airport projects and managed budgets for 31 airports across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Previously, Mr. LaManque served as the Business Development Director at Newport News Williamsburg Airport. There—he played a key role in updating the airport’s master plan and launching a local marketing program to support businesses and community organizations. Mr. LaManque also has more than 20 years of experience as a flight instructor and commercial pilot. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Christopher Newport University and an MBA from Longwood University. He is a certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives. The Kern County Board of Supervisors will formally introduce Mr. LaManque as the incoming Director of Airports during the June 24, 2025, Board Meeting.

About Meadows Field Airport

Meadows Field Airport (BFL) is owned and operated by the County of Kern and serves more than 1.4 million people in and around the southern San Joaquin Valley. It is one of six airports managed by the Kern County Department of Airports. To learn more, visit www.meadowsfield.com.

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