

Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Announces New Executive Director

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – Angela Padalecki has been named the new Executive Director for the Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT). She's replacing Kip Turner, who left in June 2017 to become Director of Aviation at the Eagle County Regional Airport. Grand Junction Regional Airport supports over 1,000 jobs and has a total economic impact of \$380 million per year for the Grand Junction area. GJT has served Grand Junction, CO and the Grand Valley since 1930.

As Executive Director, Ms. Padalecki is accountable to and executes the policies established by the Airport Authority Board, including all strategic, financial, marketing and operational goals and strategies. She will begin her new position on January 8, 2018.

Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority board members said it was her experience with non-aviation revenue building that set her apart from the other candidates.

Ms. Padalecki has worked for Denver International Airport (DIA) since 2013, and is currently the Director of Airline Affairs. During her time at DIA she also served as a Senior Advisor to the Chief Financial Officer. She was part of the founding team for Consumer Financial Protection Bureau from 2011 to 2013, and she served as an economist for the Bureau of Economic Analysis from 2009 to 2011. Ms. Padalecki earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Colorado State University and a Master of Arts in Economics and a Master of Science in Finance from the University of Colorado.

"I am honored and excited to lead the Grand Junction Regional Airport and work with stakeholders to maximize the value of the airport to the community," said Ms. Padalecki.

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