

## The County of Sacramento Announces New Director of Airports



Cindy Nichol

SACRAMENTO, CA – Cynthia Nichol, a longtime airport executive most recently in Portland, Oregon, has been named the new Sacramento County Director of Airports. Ms. Nichol is replacing former Director of Airports John Wheat, who retired earlier this year. Ms. Nichol will be responsible for overseeing the county airport system that includes Sacramento International Airport (SMF), and three other airports. She will begin her new position October 22.

Ms. Nichol brings more than 30 years of aviation business experience to Sacramento. Since 2012, she has served as Chief Financial Officer for the Port of Portland in Oregon, working on a team that manages three airports, port terminals, an industrial park and a dredge. Prior to that, from 2008 to 2012, she was finance director for San Francisco International Airport. She worked earlier at the Massachusetts Port Authority and for private airport consultants.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Carleton College in Minnesota, a master's degree in African Studies from the University of London and a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University.

"Ms. Nichol brings a diverse and extensive background in airport management that is well suited for Sacramento County," County Executive Nav Gill wrote in a statement. "We are pleased to welcome her to her new role."

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