

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **The County of Contra Costa Appoints Greg Baer as Director of Airports**

CONCORD, CA – The County of Contra Costa has named Greg Baer as Director of Airports. In this role, Mr. Baer will manage and operate Buchanan Field (CCR) and Byron Airport (C83). He will also plan for the development of future airport facilities, developing and managing a capital improvement and maintenance program. He will begin his position on May 2, 2022.

“Contra Costa County, our Public Works Department and our two airports are pleased and excited to welcome Greg Baer as our new Director of Airports,” said Brian Balbas, Contra Costa County Public Works Director. “We welcome Greg to our County family and anticipate he will continue the incredible work being done at our airports and provide the leadership to bring the airports to new heights in the years to come.”

Bringing over 20 years of public works experience, including five years in airport management, Mr. Baer most recently was the Airport Manager for Napa County Airport in California. While there, he supervised and directed \$18 million in capital improvement projects. He also served as Assistant Airport Manager for the airport. Previously, he worked for the City of American Canyon, Public Works Department and United Airlines.

“I am honored and excited to join the Contra Costa County Airports team,” said Mr. Baer. “I am thrilled to be part of an organization that embraces emerging technology and innovation. As a long-time Bay area resident and private pilot, I look forward to working together with Contra Costa County’s residents and airport users to continue the great trajectory of Buchanan Field and Byron Airport.”

Mr. Baer earned his bachelor’s degree in Aviation from San José State College of Engineering and went on to receive his master’s degree in Public Administration from Sonoma State University. In 2018, he received the Herman C. Bliss Partnership Award from the FAA Western Pacific Region. He is also a licensed private pilot.

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### **[Buchanan Field](#)**

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