



Welcome to Tom Bahr New Chico Airport Manager

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JetChico would, like to add our warmest welcome to the cities new Airport Manager Tom Bahr. Tom officially begins his stay here next Monday, April 12. After being in Chico for two plus weeks, he will return to AZ to move his family to Chico in mid-May. Tom's email will be tom.bahr@chicoca.gov . Tom kindly agreed to share a short biography which follows:

"I grew up in Payson, UT and have been involved in aviation since 2004 when I began taking flight lessons. I have a commercial pilots license, as well as an Advanced Ground Instructor rating. I completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Southern Utah University, and initially taught high school science for a several years. After teaching for a number of years, I chose to leave teaching science to pursue a career in aviation. After completing my commercial pilots license, I went on to gain a Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in aviation management.

I have worked in the industry since 2012, starting as an intern at an FBO in Spanish Fork, UT. I soon grew to the assistant manager position in that same FBO, and then left there to teach college courses in aviation at Utah Valley University in 2015. Then in 2017 I was offered a position as Airport Manager at the Show Low Regional Airport, where I have been until now. I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to teach as an online adjunct professor of aviation at Utah Valley University since coming to Show Low.

I also have a wonderful wife and two daughters. Both my family and I look forward to making our move to Chico."

Please join us in welcoming Tom to the Chico Airport!



Rod Dinger – Chico Airport Strategist

Before the selection of Tom as the new permanent Airport Manager, Mr. Rod Dinger served as our Interim Airport Manager. Rod is well known to JetChico and served our City very well as the Interim Manager. Now that we have a new permanent manager, Rod has been asked by the City to continue in a role whose primary objective is to bring commercial air service back to our airport. His new title is Airport Strategist. We fully support this action and want to assure him that he will have JetChico's full support and cooperation going forward. Like Tom, Rod has considerable experience in the Aviation Industry and has worked toward establishing Commercial Air Service to smaller airports in the past. He has also been kind enough to supply a short biography which is as follows:

Rod Dinger's experience has been in the public sector and it is extensive. Prior to his retirement from full-time public service in 2015, Rod had direct oversight of six internal City of Redding divisions that included Airports, Solid Waste, Information Technology, Fleet, Building Maintenance and Purchasing. Rod had managed the City of Redding's two airports since 1996.

Rod came to the City of Redding in 1991 as the Airports Operations Manager. Prior to Redding, he worked at the Long Beach Airport as the Noise Abatement Manager and Operations Intern at the San Jose International Airport. He is a 1987 graduate of San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautics. Rod proudly served in the United States Air Force and has been a pilot since 1976.

Since his retirement, he has served as interim airport manager for five different airports (MVY, ACV, RDD, VCB and CIC). In each case, filling a temporary need while the airport operator was completing their search for a permanent airport manager.

Rod is an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE). He is a past president of the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE); served as a National Board Member for the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE); and is also a past president of the California Airports Council (CAC).



With respect to air service development, Rod was instrumental in the City of Redding receiving three (3) Department of Transportation (DOT) Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) Grants. The City of Redding was the first tri-recipient of these types of grants.

Rod was one of the main principals that stirred public interest in the creation of a significant revenue guarantee to support the return of scheduled passenger service to and from LAX. The RDD program was recognized by DOT nationally as innovative and was instrumental in Redding receiving their third SCASDP Grant. Other air service development successes include the initial Horizon Air Q-400 service that connected RDD with ACV for daily service with LAX.

Rod was also successful in securing adequate Federal Aviation Administration funds and Passenger Facility Charges to coordinate a significant remodel of the Redding passenger terminal building that was completed in 2015. Those improvements included: improved passenger flow, consolidation of the airline's counters to one general location, expansion of the passenger lobby, screening and hold room.

Rod enjoys spending time with family and friends. He loves to travel, camp and is an avid golfer. He grew up in rural Pennsylvania but has spent most of his life in California near his family.

The City of Chico and Jet Chico are fortunate to have Rod working for our goal of Commercial Air service and we look forward to working with him.