# General William J. Fox Airfield



ocated in the City of Lancaster, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield facilitated over 48,500 general aviation aircraft takeoffs and landings during 2018. The airport is home to just under 200 based aircraft, the U.S. Department of Forestry's air tanker base, an aeronautical museum, and numerous aviation businesses. With an Air Traffic Control Tower operating daily, state-of-the-art navigational aids, and weather reporting equipment , the airport safely and efficiently accommodates a wide range of fixed -wing and rotary-wing aircraft ranging from small two-seat, single-engine propeller aircraft to much larger and higher capacity jet or turbo-prop aircraft.

Owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles, the airport is self-sufficient. All income generated by the County at the airport is reinvested back into the airport or the County's system of airports.

Over the next 1-2 years, the County anticipates investing over \$12 million in various capital im-



provement projects at the airport, to include reconstruction of the runway. The majority of funding for capital projects comes from Federal Airport Improvement

Program grants or State grants from the California Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics. Additional funding for capital and other projects comes from the County's Aviation Enterprise Fund.

Overall, the airport plays a vital role in the nation's integrated system of airports and is a valuable asset to the local communities, serving the diverse constituents of the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, the Antelope Valley and the broader County of Los Angeles.

## Serving General Aviation and the Antelope Valley since 1959

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

## **General Aviation Products, Services, and Facilities**

- \* Business / Corporate Travel
- \* Aircraft Charter / Air Taxi
- \* Flight Training & Personal Flying (Recreation and Training)
- \* Utility/Pipeline Patrol & Inspection
- \* Aerial Surveying & Observation
- \* Aircraft Storage
- Aviation Businesses (Aircraft Fueling, Maintenance/Repair, and Rental, Sale of Parts and Supplies, etc.)

#### **Emergency Preparedness & Response**

- Aerial Fire Fighting Support (U.S. Department of Forestry, L.A. County Fire and other support agencies including the California Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft)
- \* Law Enforcement / National Security
- \* Disaster Relief / Search & Rescue

#### **Community Services & Facilities**

- \* Aeromedical / Air Ambulance Flights
- \* News, Weather & Traffic Reporting
- \* Events (Annual Air Fair, Airport Tours, etc.)
- \* Youth Organizations / Educational Programs
- \* Restaurant, Aircraft Viewing Area and Meeting Facilities
- \* Aeronautical Museum

#### **Destination & Special Events**

- The airport hosts the annual Los Angeles County Air Show featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds or the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.
- Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (4 mi.), NASA Dryden Flight Research Center and U.S. Air Force Flight Test Installation—Plant 42 (15 mi.)

#### **Employment**

 The airport directly supports approximately 115 jobs. Accounting for the multiplier effect, the airport creates roughly 158 jobs, with associated labor income of nearly \$6.8 million annually.

#### **Economic Impact**

\* The airport and the surrounding communities benefit from the estimated \$14 million in total airport-related (direct, indirect and induced) spending each year.



(**General Aviation** includes all civilian flying exclusive of scheduled passenger airlines and military.)

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