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**SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECEIVES FAA FUNDING OF
\$4.3 MILLION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS**

Mike Burrows, Assistant Director of the San Bernardino International Airport, announced that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved a new grant in the amount of \$4.3 million to fund airport improvements. These improvements will include the construction of a fuel farm, including fuel reservoirs, which must meet strict safety compliance standards, and hangar improvements. This grant is being approved under the special Military Airports Program (MAP) of the FAA. This program assists airports converting from military to commercial aviation use.

Chuck McCormick, Program Manager at the FAA Los Angeles Airports District Office, stated that "MAP funds will be used to construct a MAP-unique aviation fuel farm and renovate former military hangars. These projects will result in increased airport revenue, making it more financially self-sufficient and valuable to the national aviation system."

In addition to the FAA's determination as a MAP eligible airport, the FAA's approved \$4.3 million grant will fund the construction of a fully operational fuel farm at the Airport. The Interim Executive Director, Don Rogers, indicated that "a Jet Fuel Line already exists between Colton and the Airport. It will have to be reactivated but the basic infrastructure is already in place. This important connecting line can mean lower fuel costs for Airport users." The pipeline, which will be operated by Kinder Morgan Partners, has the capacity to transfer fuel in very large quantities for storage at Airport reservoirs, pending fueling of larger commercial aircraft. The line was placed into service during military operations and has been deliberately preserved by the Airport Authority Commission.

Mayor of Loma Linda and Vice President of the Airport Authority, Bob Christman, noted that "low cost fuel is essential to commercial development where carriers must be highly cost conscience in the competitive aviation market, particularly in the cost of fuel. A jet fuel farm is one of the items on every commercial carrier's checklist." Penny Chua, the Airport's Director of Economic Development & Marketing, indicated that "this is another great tool and asset to be able to effectively market the Airport in today's competitive climate."

Colton Councilmember and Airport Authority Commissioner, John Mitchell, expressed enthusiastically that this will mean "additional revenue to a very important business located in the City of Colton while providing a less expensive delivery cost to the Airport. This is a Win-Win for all of us."