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Press Release

McClellan-Palomar Airport (CRQ) partners with FBOs to offer VIP support for new User Fee Customs Service.

New VIP phone line will provide information and link to facilitators.

Carlsbad, CA, April 3, 2008: The County of San Diego's Airports Division and FBOs at McClellan-Palomar Airport (CRQ) have partnered to open a VIP phone line to support the new User Fee Customs Service. The new customs service began operation in mid-January and offers aircraft operators arriving in the US an alternative entry point. Already popular with aircraft operators based at McClellan-Palomar the service could prove very beneficial to travelers with final destinations in Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties.

Callers to the VIP phone line will receive information as to the procedures and then have the option to connect to any one of the airports FBOs for further support or with Customs and Border Protection. Each FBO will have customs specialists ready to get users through the process easily and quickly. Arriving aircraft will require an overflight permit from CBP allowing them to bypass the normal point of entry. Overflight permits are being issued in as little as 24 to 48 hours and aircraft arriving from Canada are exempt from the requirement. "The process is really easy and with users now getting walked through the process it's even easier", states Ginna Reyes, County Special Projects.

With San Diego's Brown and Lindbergh Fields several miles south and LAX and Ontario airports even further north the new service opens much more of Southern California to international travelers.

As a User Fee Service, aircraft operators must pay a fee to recover the costs charged by US Customs and Border Protection to provide the entry clearance away from a Port of Entry. Fees are determined by aircraft size and vary from \$50-\$500 during regular business hours. The fees are collected by the FBOs. Despite the fees the savings to aircraft operators could be significant. Landing at a Port of Entry to just clear customs and taking off again to get closer to a destination is time consuming and costs in fuel and aircraft wear.

VIP Line: 877-848-7766