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#### **Aviation Division Overview**

- > Riverside County owns and Operates 5 General Aviation Airports on more than 7,000 acres of land
  - French Valley Airport
  - Jaqueline Cochran Regional Airport
  - Hemet-Ryan Airport
  - Blythe Airport
  - **Chiriaco Summit**

Angela Jamison **County Airports Manager** 





## **Riverside County Airports**





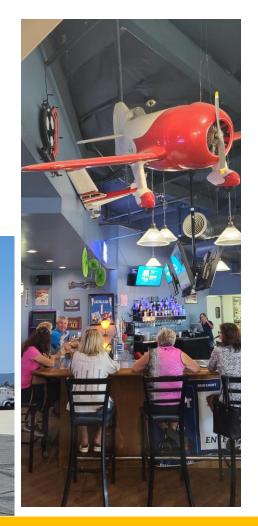


## French Valley Airport (F70)

Flighting training, business operations, and tourism to visit nearby golf courses, resorts and spas, fine restaurants, award-winning wineries and shopping.







## **Authority Over Aircraft**

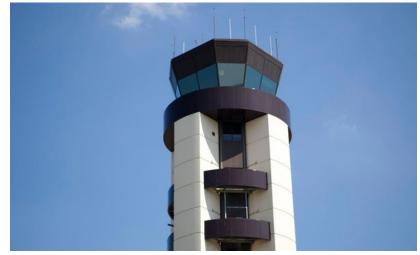


- Riverside County has authority of aircraft while on the ground.
  - The County does not have authority over aircraft in flight, taking off or landing.
  - The County cannot dictate when, where, or how aircraft fly.
- FAA has jurisdiction of aircraft above the ground
  - Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) rules prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) governing all aviation activities in the United States. The FARs are part of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).
  - Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) is the FAA's official guide to basic flight information and air traffic control (ATC) procedures.

#### What is a Contract Air Traffic Control Tower?



- A partnership between the airport sponsor and the FAA to improve airport safety.
  - The airport sponsor (County) provides the facility and equipment
  - The FAA reimburses staff cost
- The primary purpose of a control tower is to separate air traffic, expedite the flow of air traffic and increase the level of safety for pilots and surrounding local communities
- Contract Towers represent 49% of all Federal air traffic control towers in the US.







#### **Air Traffic Control**

- Air Traffic Control will provide increased safety and operational efficiency
- FAA Contract Tower Program:
  - Accepted into program in 2022 for TRM and F70
  - Have 5 years to build towers
  - FAA to reimburse staff cost





# Thank You