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Sacramento Port of Entry Status is Official

Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently announced that Sacramento will be established as an international port of entry on October 5, 2006. Previously, Sacramento was part of the San Francisco port. After a thorough review process, CBP determined that Sacramento has more than a sufficient amount of international arrivals to support the expense of the new office.

Since its first international flights launched in 2002, Sacramento International Airport has been designated as a user-fee airport by the CBP, which cost Sacramento County Airport System approximately \$500,000 a year in fees. The Airport System will enjoy a significant cost savings under the port of entry designation.

Sacramento's port of entry will serve a wide geographic area and include multiple shipping and airport facilities in Sacramento, Solano, San Joaquin and Yolo counties. In addition, the new designation will allow the Port Director to use his resources more effectively.

"We are excited about Sacramento's designation as a port of entry," said Hardy Acree, Director of the Sacramento County Airport System. "It benefits regional businesses with international ties, as well as international air trade development."



September 2006 - The International Arrivals building at Sacramento International Airport, where the airport's customs facilities are located.

Continental Airlines is Moving

On October 1 [Continental Airlines](#) is moving its ticket counter and gate facilities at Sacramento International Airport from Terminal A to Terminal B-2. Terminal B-2 also houses Alaska Airlines, Horizon Airlines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Mexicana Airlines and Northwest Airlines.

Continental passengers will have easy access to the CNBC Store, Chili's too, Starbucks, Prospector's Pub and the Wolfgang Puck kiosk on the lower level of Terminal B-2. A Gordon Biersch restaurant and brewery is located in the gate area for ticketed passengers.

For more information about Terminal B-2, including parking choices, visit www.sacairports.org.

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Executive Airport Feature Tenant: Executive AutoPilots

Eleven years ago, Ron Hitchcock decided to pair his commitment to excellent customer service and high quality work with his extensive experience in avionics and autopilot installation and repairs. His dedication has paid off. Since 1995, Executive AutoPilots, Inc. has grown from a one-man shop into a full-service avionics and autopilot facility with 11 employees and \$2 million in gross annual revenue.

Avionics are the electronic systems on any aircraft. Executive AutoPilots specializes in repairing and installing avionics instrument panels and autopilot systems. The experts at Executive AutoPilots work on General Aviation aircraft in various sizes, from a two-seat Cessna-150 to a 10-seat King Air. Executive AutoPilots is one of the few shops in the Western United States with expertise in autopilot systems. The company also recently joined forces with SacJet, another Airport System tenant, to provide avionics service to larger General Aviation aircraft that use Sacramento International Airport.

Recently, Executive AutoPilots added two exciting new products to their shop. The purchase of a panel-cutting machine allows them to offer customized instrument panels to aircraft owners. In addition, they are now one of only two shops in California able to sell the new Alliant Glass Cockpit for the King Air 200.

Executive AutoPilots is a valuable member of the Executive Airport family. Ron Hitchcock and his co-owner and wife Carolyn offer a unique service to local pilots. As business owners they have extensive ties to the Sacramento community. They contribute to Civil Air Patrol search and rescue missions and Angel Flights. They also support a local little league team and donate to holiday charities.

"I've been working on avionics for 37 years," said Ron Hitchcock, owner of Executive AutoPilots, "and I still firmly believe in providing quality work at fair prices and tailoring our services to our customers' needs."

For more information about Executive AutoPilots, Inc. visit www.execap.com or call (916) 399-5969.



Example of an instrument panel installed by Executive AutoPilots.



Executive AutoPilots hangar at Executive Airport.

Flight Numbers		August 2006	August 2005	Last 12 Months 2006	Last 12 Months 2005
Air freight at Mather Airport was up 32.7% in August 2006 compared to August 2005. Air freight for the whole Airport System was up 20.6%.	International Airport				
	Passengers	948,365	947,996	10,295,436	9,988,718
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,551	5,785	68,135	66,075
	Aircraft Operations	16,024	16,405	173,079	163,496
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	11,040	13,206	114,800	114,394
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	7,909	5,960	66,983	57,139
	Aircraft Operations	7,593	8,507	82,261	73,601

Travel Tip

Most liquids and gels not allowed in the cabin of an aircraft can be packed in your checked luggage. Use plastic zip-close bags to prevent leaks and spills.

For more information on liquid restrictions visit www.tsa.gov.