

Susan K. Thorpe
Yuma County Administrator
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RE: Contract and License Agreement Rolle Airfield

Ms. Thorpe,

The City of San Luis (the “City”) would like to provide the County of Yuma (the “County”) written confirmation of its support for the County to consider terminating the current agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (“BOR”) and allowing the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc. (“the YCAA”) to become the Licensee to the Rolle Airfield License and Contract Agreement (the “Agreement”) in which the US Department of the Interior allows 640 acres of its land located in San Luis, Arizona to be utilized for the purpose of operating Rolle Airfield.

As you know, the current Agreement between the County and the Bureau of Reclamation (the “BOR”) is set to expire in 2024 and the YCAA has requested it become the “Licensee” to a new agreement, rather than the County. To that end, the YCAA has completed necessary environmental reviews, an airfield master plan and has obtained the BOR’s written assurance it will consider such a change if the County so agrees.

The City joins the County in considering the YCAA an expert in aviation management and development matters, as well as an ally in its economic development efforts. The City concurs with the YCAA’s belief that the future of the City’s only improved airfield would benefit by moving forward with the YCAA as a principal to the Agreement rather than simply as an “agent” of the County. As an example, the City understands that becoming a principal to the Agreement will immediately allow the YCAA to become eligible for capital infrastructure and airfield maintenance grant funding necessary to achieve the development goals outlined within the Rolle Airfield Masterplan.

The City appreciates the YCAA’s efforts to promote and foster civil aviation in Yuma County and will continue to do what it can to support this vital work.