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SUBJECT: Salinas Airport Manager named Airport Executive of the Year by the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Gary Petersen, Airport Manager and new Director of Public Works for the City of Salinas was recently recognized by the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE) as Airport Executive of the Year. SWAAAE is comprised of Airport Executives and Managers from Arizona, California and Nevada. The award was given at the SWAAAE Summer Conference where Petersen was acknowledged for his 30 years in Airport Management and for his willingness to support the growth and development of his fellow professionals.

Salinas Mayor Dennis Donohue acknowledged Gary for his award stating “We are proud of Gary who is a good example of the many talented employees who are recognized for their efforts well beyond the City of Salinas. Gary's skill and expertise is also an additional reason why I am excited about the role the airport can play in Salinas' future.”