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March 3, 2026

The Honorable Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support of FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending for French Valley Regional Airport

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, I write to express our strong support for Riverside County's Community Project Funding request to construct a contract Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70).

French Valley Airport serves as a critical component of the region's transportation infrastructure and economic development strategy. Located in one of the fastest-growing parts of Southern California, the airport plays an essential role in supporting general aviation, emergency response, business travel, and regional mobility.

The addition of an air traffic control tower at French Valley will significantly enhance aviation safety, improve airspace efficiency, and support the airport's continued growth. It will also help attract new investment and bring high-quality jobs to the region—benefiting not only Riverside County but the surrounding cities that rely on the airport's operations for economic activity and emergency access.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to investing in critical infrastructure that strengthens our communities. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact Carolina Herrera, Director of Legislative Advocacy & Governmental Affairs at the County of Riverside Executive Office (951) 955-1180 or cshe-rrera@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Chair, County of Riverside Board of Supervisors



City of Temecula

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April 10, 2025

The Honorable Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives 2205
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Temecula, I am writing to express our strong support for Riverside County's Community Project Funding request to construct a contract Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70).

French Valley Airport serves as a critical component of the region's transportation infrastructure and economic development strategy. Located in one of the fastest-growing parts of Southern California, the airport plays an essential role in supporting general aviation, emergency response, business travel, and regional mobility.

The addition of an air traffic control tower at French Valley will significantly enhance aviation safety, improve airspace efficiency, and support the airport's continued growth. It will also help attract new investment and bring high-quality jobs to the region – benefiting not only Riverside County but the surrounding cities that rely on the airport's operations for economic activity and emergency access.

Our city recognizes the importance of this project and fully supports Riverside County's efforts to secure federal funding to bring this much-needed infrastructure improvement to fruition.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to investing in the critical infrastructure that strengthens our communities. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance in advancing this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Alexander".

Jessica Alexander
Mayor



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03/08/2026

Congressman Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0541

Dear Congressman Calvert,

I am writing as a tenant and active operator at French Valley Airport (F70) to request your support for federal funding through the Airport Improvement Program for construction of a contract air traffic control tower at the airport.

AIE, Inc. has operated at French Valley Airport since 2002. We are an FAA-certified repair station specializing in avionics, and we are among a limited number of avionics repair stations in Southern California. We support aircraft owners, government agencies, operators, and businesses across California.

French Valley Airport has experienced sustained growth in aircraft activity, including increased jet and business aviation operations. This growth is a positive sign for the region, but it also creates higher traffic density and more complex operations. A control tower would improve safety, reduce pilot workload, and significantly improve the sequencing and flow of arriving and departing aircraft. This is not only a safety improvement, it is also an operational capacity improvement that helps the airport function reliably as activity continues to increase.

A tower at F70 will expand economic opportunity. Predictable traffic flow and more efficient operations will make the airport more attractive to visitors and will improve schedule reliability for additional aviation services, including commuter and charter aircraft, as well as broader business investment. For our business specifically, improved and more orderly inbound and outbound traffic will support more customer visits, strengthen local tourism, increase the number of based aircraft, and drive greater demand for specialized avionics services that are currently limited in this part of the region.

One of our tenants is an air medical operator that conducts flights at all hours, from scene response and patient pickup at accident locations to interfacility medical transfers. The ability to manage traffic efficiently and provide priority handling for these flights can reduce delays during peak activity periods. In emergency medical situations, minutes matter, and a tower can make a life-saving difference.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support of this important Airport Improvement Program Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Engelman', is written over a faint, circular stamp.

Ryan Engelman

President



The Honorable Congressman Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives

2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0541

Re: Support for Airport Improvement Program Funding – Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70)

Dear Congressman Calvert,

AEVEX Aerospace is a leading aerospace and defense company operating at French Valley Airport (F70) in Murrieta, California. I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding through the Airport Improvement Program to construct a contract air traffic control tower at the Airport.

AEVEX employs more than 600 personnel worldwide, including over 100 aircraft engineers, mechanics, supervisors, and managers based at our French Valley facility. From this location, we conduct the design and modification of large and mid-size jet and turboprop aircraft supporting defense and civil special mission operators. French Valley Airport is essential to our operations and provides meaningful employment and economic impact within Riverside County.

The Airport is experiencing sustained operational growth, increased jet traffic, and expanding business aviation activity, resulting in greater traffic density and operational complexity. Establishing an air traffic control tower would significantly enhance safety, improve traffic sequencing efficiency, reduce pilot workload during peak periods, and strengthen coordination within the National Airspace System and surrounding controlled airspace.

As a facility included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, French Valley Airport serves as a critical reliever and general aviation airport in Southern California. A control tower is necessary to ensure the Airport can continue to meet growing demand safely and efficiently.

We respectfully urge your support for this important Airport Improvement Program Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Raduenz".

Brian Raduenz

Founder and Executive Chairman

AEVEX Aerospace

BRaduenz@aevex.com



Copperhead, LLC

February 28, 2026

The Honorable Congressman Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0541

Re: Support for Airport Improvement Program Funding – Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70)

Dear Congressman Calvert,

Copperhead LLC is a major land tenant of the County of Riverside at the French Valley Airport (F70) in Murrieta, California. I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding through the Airport Improvement Program for construction of a contract air traffic control tower at the Airport.

Since February 2000, Copperhead LLC has built and managed approximately 65,000 square feet of hangar and office facilities at the Airport, providing continuous employment for over 100 aircraft engineers, mechanics, supervisors and managers supporting aerospace and defense activities throughout Riverside County, the United States and worldwide for aircraft modification, maintenance and certification of large executive to mid-size special missions aircraft. The French Valley Airport plays a critical role in supporting these activities as well as other business aviation, flight training, emergency response, and regional economic development.

Due to sustained operational growth, including increased jet traffic and business aviation activity, the Airport currently experiences significant aircraft traffic density and complexity. The addition of an air traffic control tower will materially enhance safety, improve traffic sequencing efficiency, and reduce pilot workload during peak operations. It will also improve coordination with the National Airspace System and surrounding controlled airspace. The Airport is included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and serves as a critical reliever and general aviation facility within Southern California. A tower will ensure the Airport can continue to meet demand safely and efficiently.

We respectfully urge your support for this important Airport Improvement Program Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

John A. Zublin
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Chief Executive Officer
Copperhead LLC



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March 4, 2026

Congressman Ken Calvert
400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Suite 125
Corona, Ca 92882

Re: French Valley Airport control tower project

Dear Congressman Calvert,

As a 23 year tenant at the French Valley Airport and a resident of your district, I wanted to thank you for your recent success in securing \$5 million for the air traffic control tower project. I have spoken to the airport manager and we collectively recognize you have placed us significantly closer to seeing this project come to fruition. However, I'm sure you realize that despite your funding advocacy along with that of the County of Riverside, we are still well short of fully funding the project. French Valley Airport is a thriving part of our community and the National Airspace System, but with the growth we have experienced significantly higher air traffic counts and an increasingly perilous flow of aircraft. Please continue to advocate for funding our control tower project so we can increase the safety of French Valley's flight operations and the surrounding communities.

Please call me if you have any questions, or if there is specific action I can take to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel T Ybarra".

Daniel T Ybarra

03/02/2026

The Honorable Congressman Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0541

Re: Support for Airport Improvement Program Funding – Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70)

Dear Congressman Calvert,

As a tenant and active operator at French Valley Airport (F70), I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding through the Airport Improvement Program for construction of a contract air traffic control tower at the airport.

Flight Ventures Aviation Academy has operated at F70 since 2022, employing approximately 15 local employees and supporting aviation activity throughout Riverside County and the broader Southern California region. As a Rotor and Fixed Wing Flight School, we actively train hundreds of students each month. The airport plays a critical role in supporting business aviation, flight training, emergency response, and regional economic development.

Due to sustained operational growth, including increased jet traffic and business aviation activity, the airport now experiences significant traffic density and complexity. The addition of an air traffic control tower will materially enhance safety, improve traffic sequencing efficiency, and reduce pilot workload during peak operations. It will also improve coordination with the National Airspace System and surrounding controlled airspace.

The airport is included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and serves as a critical reliever and general aviation facility within Southern California. A tower will ensure the airport can continue to meet demand safely and efficiently.

We respectfully urge your support for this important Airport Improvement Program Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

Joanna Carole

Director of Operations - Flight Ventures Aviation Academy

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From: [KD Aviation](#)
To: [Jamison, Angela](#)
Cc: [KD Aviation](#)
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:50:42 AM

The Honorable Ken Calvert

U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0541

Re: Support for Community Project Funding – Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70)

Dear Congressman Calvert,

French Valley Flyers proudly supports Riverside County Aviation’s request for federal funding to construct an Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70).

Since opening in April 2025, French Valley Flyers has become an active contributor to the local economy and aviation workforce pipeline. We employ staff members and partner with multiple independent Certified Flight Instructors who provide private, instrument, and commercial pilot training. Our operation supports aspiring professional pilots, recreational aviators, and individuals pursuing aviation careers throughout Riverside County and Southern California.

Flight training is not only a business activity; it is workforce development. Every student trained at F70 represents future participation in commercial aviation, business aviation, emergency services, and national transportation infrastructure. As demand for pilots continues nationwide, regional training airports like French Valley play a critical role in meeting that need.

Airport activity at F70 has increased in both volume and complexity. The mix of student pilots, turbine aircraft, business aviation, and transient traffic creates a dynamic operational environment. The addition of an Air Traffic Control Tower would significantly enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and increase operational efficiency. It would also strengthen the airport’s capacity to accommodate continued growth without compromising safety standards.

Investment in a control tower is an investment in economic stability, aviation workforce

development, and long-term regional growth. Enhanced infrastructure will support job creation, attract additional aviation-related businesses, and reinforce French Valley Airport's role as a key reliever facility within Southern California's airspace system.

We respectfully urge your support of this Community Project Funding request. This project represents a forward-looking investment in safety, economic development, and the future of aviation in Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Daniel Face

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French Valley Airport (F70)

Murrieta, CA



French Valley Hangars LLC

2/28/2026

The Honorable Congressman Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0541

Re: Support for Airport Improvement Program Funding – Air Traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport (F70)

Dear Congressman Calvert,

As a tenant and active operator at French Valley Airport (F70), I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding through the Airport Improvement Program for construction of a contract air traffic control tower at the airport.

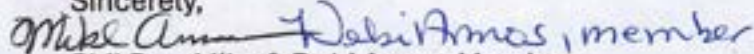
French Valley Hangars, LLC has operated at F70 since 2002, employing approximately 0 local employees and supporting aviation activity throughout Riverside County and the broader Southern California region. The airport plays a critical role in supporting business aviation, flight training, emergency response, and regional economic development.

Due to sustained operational growth, including increased jet traffic and business aviation activity, the airport now experiences significant traffic density and complexity. The addition of an air traffic control tower will materially enhance safety, improve traffic sequencing efficiency, and reduce pilot workload during peak operations. It will also improve coordination with the National Airspace System and surrounding controlled airspace.

The airport is included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and serves as a critical reliever and general aviation facility within Southern California. A tower will ensure the airport can continue to meet demand safely and efficiently.

We respectfully urge your support for this important Airport Improvement Program Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,


Phil Roy, Mike & Debi Amos, Members

French Valley Hangars, LLC



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Congressman Ken Calvert
400 S. Vicentia Avenue
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March 2nd 2026

Subject: French Valley Airport Control Tower Project

Dear Congressman,

Following a twenty year period as an owner pilot at French Valley Airport and in my capacity as President of EAA Chapter 1279, I wanted to thank you for your efforts in securing the \$5million of funding for the subject project.

Within our Chapter 1279 membership of 183 we have 75 owner pilots along with a very active junior membership of 35, four of whom have won prestigious national scholarships over the last four years. The glue that binds us all is the pursuit of aviation safety which is brought into clear focus as the traffic density along with a growing mixture of twin jet and propellor driven aircraft provide daily challenges to those who have the privilege to use this great facility.

Whilst applauding your efforts, I also commit Chapter 1279 members to playing any role which you would seem fit in continuing the process of funding and subsequent installation of an Air traffic Control Tower at French Valley Airport.

Sincerely

Peter Griffiths
President EAA Chapter 1279