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Fuel Farm Helps Air Quality and Saves Money

On January 13th, Sacramento International Airport celebrated the grand opening of a new aircraft fuel farm. The facility helps improve air quality and roadway safety by eliminating the need for regular deliveries of fuel. A consortium of airlines lead by Southwest Airlines, Sacramento County Airport System, Sacramento County, Allied Aviation and Wickland Oil collaborated to complete this innovative project.

Previously, approximately 20 trucks delivered 8,000 gallons of fuel to the airport each day. The new farm, which sends fuel via an underground pipeline to three large storage tanks, will reduce annual nitrogen oxide emissions by approximately four tons and help improve regional air quality.

In addition to the environmental benefits, the fuel farm saves money for the airlines. The three tanks can store 10,900 more barrels of fuel than the former facilities. The increased capacity allows airlines to purchase reserve fuel when prices are low.

Sacramento International Airport's Master Plan includes a new state-of-the-art terminal. The area once occupied by the old fuel farm will be used to add new taxiways to support this project.



December 2005 - Three new fuel tanks at Sacramento International Airport. Photo by Paul Bennett.

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SMF served
10.2 million passengers in
2005.
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details.

Record 10.2 Million Passengers at SMF

The latest annual passenger numbers at Sacramento International Airport (SMF) marked another consecutive year of record-breaking growth with 10.2 million travelers flying in and out of Sacramento International Airport during 2005.

The 2005 numbers follow news released in October that passenger numbers for a single 12-month period, between September 2004 and August 2005, surpassed 10 million for the first time.

"Sacramento International Airport has yet to see a year in which it experienced stagnation of growth," said Roberta MacGlashan, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chairperson. "This is a testament to the Airport System's ability to plan for the future instead of focusing only on the present. The new terminal concept and other elements contemplated by the Sacramento International's Master Plan will help prepare the airport for continued growth."

A recent annual airport survey by VIA Magazine compared passenger traffic and preferences at four Northern California commercial service airports: San Francisco International, Oakland International, San Jose Mineta International and Sacramento International. The survey concluded that 1 in 4 airline passengers who had flown in the last six months of 2004 had not only used Sacramento International Airport, but preferred

Sacramento International over Bay Area airports.

"Everyday we are quickly becoming the airport of choice for more Northern Californians," said Sacramento County Executive Terry Schutten. "We do this by offering ease and convenience that is difficult for the congested Bay Area airports to match. We also seek new ways to improve customer service."

Schutten credits Sacramento International Airport's increasing popularity to one quality: convenience. No bridges, no bay area traffic jams, no tolls, no parking hassles and an abundance of non-stop, direct or connecting flights to virtually anywhere a traveler could want to go for business or pleasure are features that are beyond compare.

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New Art Exhibit in Terminal B at SMF



January 2006 - Photography on display in Terminal B at Sacramento International Airport. Photo by Paul Bennett.

A new art exhibit on display in Terminal B is titled: "Light on Clay: Photographs of Gladding, McBean Pottery" by Gene Kennedy.

The exhibit features 24 black and white gelatin silver prints and will run through April 30, 2006.

Display cases showing the photographs can be found throughout the Terminal B concourse and gate areas. All airport visitors are welcome to tour the displays on the lower level.

Flight Numbers

Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 6.9% year-to-date in November compared to last year.

Air freight at Mather Airport was up 14.8% in November 2005 compared to November 2004.

	November 2005	November 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
International Airport				
Passengers	844,049	796,627	10,185,377	9,504,206
Air Freight (Tons)	5,429	5,174	67,410	64,983
Aircraft Operations	14,264	12,400	167,763	164,284
Executive Airport				
Aircraft Operations	9,437	8,129	118,145	131,649
Mather Airport				
Air Freight (Tons)	5,731	4,990	63,587	64,262
Aircraft Operations	7,977	6,057	86,376	81,231