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**WestJet Airlines to launch new seasonal flights
from San Diego to Calgary, Canada**

SeaWorld penguins will greet and welcome passengers

What: WestJet Airlines is launching new seasonal service from San Diego International Airport to Calgary International Airport in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, starting June 1 to October 30, 2009. The Canadian airline will provide international service four days a week to Calgary, an important hub and gateway to Western Canada and Alberta. Every year over 270,000 passengers travel between San Diego and points in Canada. The route will not only foster continued growth in tourism for both cities, but will serve the biotech, information technology and wireless telecommunications business sectors prominent in both destinations.

When: Monday, June 1, 2009
12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Ceremony for inaugural San Diego/Calgary flight:

- 12:30 p.m. Refreshments, giveaways and arrival of SeaWorld penguins
- 12:50 p.m. Arriving passengers from Calgary
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome remarks
- 1:15 p.m. Ribbon cutting

Who: ■ Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO, Airport Authority
■ Sean Barr, Consul and Trade Commissioner of Canada for San Diego
■ Richard Bartrem, Vice President of Culture & Communications, WestJet

Visuals: Live SeaWorld penguins

Where: San Diego International Airport, Terminal 2 East, Gate 22
Media are requested to meet at 12:30 p.m. at the top of the escalators at Terminal 2 East, second floor. Upon arrival, contact Sharie Shipley (619/843-8245) or Steve Schultz (619/993-4684) of the Airport Authority, who will escort the media through security checkpoint as they go through the security screening process to Gate 22. (Validated media parking will be available in the Terminal 2 parking lot, east end.)

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region's long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport — funded through user fees and not local taxes — served 18.1 million passengers in 2008 and generates some \$10 billion in annual economic impact for the region.

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