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**Airport Authority celebrates re-opening of Gates 1 & 2,  
Terminal 1 at San Diego International Airport**  
Newest commissioned public art “A Day at the Beach”  
38-foot tile mosaic unveiled

**What:** San Diego International Airport is opening its newly expanded and improved Gates 1 & 2 in Terminal 1. The centerpiece of this area is the most recent commissioned public art piece by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority - a colorful 38-foot wall mosaic by acclaimed artist Tracy Sabin of Carlsbad. The area was converted into fully dedicated arrival and departure gates with an expanded and streamlined passenger security checkpoint area. New “ground-loading jet bridges” offer an efficient, convenient way for all passengers to board, including those with mobility restrictions. Southwest Airlines, who serves more than a third of the total passenger volume at SDIA, will occupy the space.

**When: Friday, May 27, 2005**  
**9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Ceremony reopening of Gates 1 & 2, Terminal 1**

- 9:30 a.m. Refreshments & band performing Beach Boys & Jimmy Buffet songs
- 10:00 a.m. Welcoming remarks
- 10:15 a.m. Ribbon cutting
- 10:20 a.m. Media tour of “ground loading jet bridges”

**Who:** ■ Xema Jacobson, Board Member, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority  
■ Tracy Sabin, Artist of “A Day at the Beach”  
■ Mike Parrish, Station Manager, Southwest Airlines

**Where:** San Diego International Airport, Terminal 1, Gates 1 & 2  
**Media are requested to meet at the event registration table at the TSA Security Checkpoint area in Terminal 1, Gates 1 & 2. Upon arrival, contact Sharie Shipley (619/459-3129) or Steve Shultz (619-993-4684) of the Airport Authority for passes to be escorted through security. (Media parking will be available at the Cell Phone Waiting lot located between Commuter Terminal and Terminal 1 on Air Lane Road.)**

*The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region’s long-term air transportation needs. A nine-member appointed Board representing all areas of the County governs the Airport Authority. San Diego International Airport – funded through user fees and not local taxes – is the nation’s busiest single-runway commercial service airport, serving some 16.4 million passengers in 2004.*

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