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## San Diego International Airport Named Recycler of the Year by City of San Diego

**May 22, 2003 – San Diego, CA** – In recognition of its success in implementing recycling programs, San Diego International Airport was presented with a Recycler of the Year Award by Mayor Dick Murphy at a ceremony hosted last week by the City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department and Earthworks organizations.

“For the Airport, an important part of being a good neighbor is working toward being a ‘green’ neighbor,” said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, which operates San Diego International Airport. “We will continue our commitment to reduce waste and act in an environmentally responsible manner.”

The Recycler of the Year award recognizes innovative San Diego businesses and organizations that implement successful waste reduction and recycling programs. San Diego International Airport recently began a waste recycling and reduction program that has resulted in the diversion of 95 percent of the waste from two recyclable compactors and three dumpsters away from landfills.

In addition, as part of the new program, the Airport:

- established a staff committee to address recycling issues
- placed 50 custom recycle bins throughout the Airport terminals for use by passengers and visitors
- provided each Authority staff member with a recycle canister
- increased the utilization of recycled paper throughout the Authority offices

The Airport also continues to feature landscaping that is 95 percent drought tolerant.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law to operate San Diego International Airport and address the region’s long-term air transportation needs. The Airport Authority is governed by a nine-member appointed Board representing all areas of the County. San Diego International Airport – celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003 – is the nation’s busiest single-runway commercial airport, serving some 14.9 million passengers in 2002.

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