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San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Welcomes Daniel Kuperschmid to Board of Directors

SAN DIEGO, CA — March 25, 2026 – The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority) welcomes Daniel Kuperschmid to the Board of Directors. Mr. Kuperschmid currently serves as President and CEO of the San Diego Tourism Authority (SDTA) and was appointed by San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria.

“We welcome Daniel Kuperschmid to the Airport Authority Board,” said Airport Authority Interim Board Chair James Sly. “Mr. Kuperschmid brings a depth of experience and understanding of San Diego travel and tourism. His leadership and insight will be immensely helpful as we continue the development of the second phase of our new Terminal 1. The Airport Authority is extremely grateful to outgoing Board Chair Gil Cabrera for his dedicated service and leadership during his term.”

“It’s an honor to be appointed to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board,” Mr. Kuperschmid said. “The airport is often the first and last impression of our destination, and its success is closely tied to the visitor experience. I look forward to working with the Board to strengthen the connection between air service, accessibility, and the continued growth of San Diego’s tourism economy.”

“I am looking forward to working with Mr. Kuperschmid,” said Atif Saeed, President & CEO of the Airport Authority. “His role at the San Diego Tourism Authority positions him to well to advance the Authority’s main purpose, which is to create an exceptional airport experience for the community and the world.”

Mr. Kuperschmid was appointed to the board seat previously held by Mr. Cabrera, who recently resigned from the Board.

Mr. Kuperschmid’s appointment began on March 17, and he will serve the remainder of Mr. Cabrera’s term through January 31, 2027.

The Airport Authority is governed by a nine-member Board, with three additional members serving ex officio. Board members serve three-year terms and may be reappointed. For more information about current Airport Authority Board Members, please visit [Airport Authority Board Members - SAN Airport](#). For more information about SAN, click [here](#).

****For a headshot of Mr. Kuperschmid, please [click here](#).****

ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)

Owned and operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority), San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the third largest airport in California. SAN is a single-runway commercial service airport conveniently located minutes from Downtown San Diego. SAN serves 11 nonstop international routes to Europe, South America and Asia and it contributes nearly \$12 billion in economic activity for the San Diego region. In September 2025, the Airport Authority opened the first phase of the new Terminal 1, a larger and more efficient facility that has greatly enhanced the customer experience at SAN. Once the New T1 project is complete in 2028, it will feature a total of 30 gates and will have generated more than \$4.5 billion for San Diego’s economy and created more than 25,000 jobs, paying a total of \$2 billion in wages to local workers. For more information about SAN, please visit san.org.

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