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Newest Airport Authority Board Member sworn in

SAN DIEGO – February 24, 2009 Former Coronado Mayor Tom Smisek was sworn in as the newest member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board at a ceremony at the Airport Authority offices on February 5, 2009.

Tom Smisek was appointed to the Board by the mayors of South County’s cities of Coronado, National City, Imperial Beach and Chula Vista. He was appointed to serve a term ending on January 31, 2012.

A long-time resident of Coronado, Mr. Smisek was elected Mayor of Coronado in November 1996 and re-elected in November 2000 and 2004. Active in his community, he served as City Councilmember and Planning Commissioner for the City of Coronado for eight years before becoming mayor. He also served as a Board member on the Metropolitan Transit System Board and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board. He has completed 25 years of flying with Western Airlines and Delta Airlines as a captain.

With Tom Smisek being sworn in, the twelve members of the Board, along with their respective appointing authorities, are:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Appointing Authority</u>
Alan D. Bersin, Chairman*	Mayor, City of San Diego
Bruce R. Boland	Mayor, City of San Diego
Jim Desmond, Mayor	North Inland Area Mayors
Ramona Finnila*	North Coastal Area Mayors
Colonel Christopher E. O’Connor	Ex Officio Member
Pedro Orso-Delgado	Ex Officio Member
Jim Panknin	East County Area Mayors
Thomas L. Sheehy	Ex Officio Member
Tom Smisek	South County Area Mayors
Robert J. Watkins, Vice Chair*	Sheriff, County of San Diego
Anthony Young, Councilmember	Mayor, City of San Diego
Charlene Zettel	Governor, State of California

* These members make up the Airport Authority Board’s three-member Executive Committee.

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 some 18.1 million passengers in 2008. # # #

