

Sacramento International Airport Breaks Passenger Traffic Record



Bolstered by new flights and additional destinations, Sacramento International Airport (SMF) broke its record for passenger traffic in 2017, making last year the busiest ever for the region's commercial airport.

Sacramento International Airport served 10.9 million passengers in 2017, surpassing the previous record of 10.7 million set in 2007. SMF served about 800,000 more passengers in 2017 than 2016.

Monthly travel also leapt to historic highs. September, October, November and December 2017 broke single-month records for passenger travel.

Growth is expected to continue in 2018, as airlines have increased seat capacity and added new destinations. New service beginning in 2018 includes:

- » Saturday service to Cabo San Lucas and Sunday service to New Orleans on Southwest
- » Daily service to St. Louis and Austin on Southwest
- » Daily service to Orlando, beginning in May on Southwest
- » Daily service to Vancouver, beginning in May on Air Canada

"The airport's record-breaking numbers reflect strong community support, demand for air travel helped by a surging local economy, and the airport's successful efforts to reduce operational costs," said John Wheat, Director of Airports, Sacramento County. For more information on SMF, visit <http://www.smf.aero>.





Board Approves New Contracts for Homeless Outreach

In January 2018, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors authorized the County to pool \$5,092,500 to support contracts with qualified nonprofit agencies for the provision of intensive case management services and property-related tenant services under the Flexible Supportive Rehousing Program (FSRP).

The FSRP is a new approach and program adopted last year as part of the County's homeless initiatives. **It will support 250 people experiencing long-term homelessness transition to permanent housing and stability.**

The goal of FSRP is to engage and support people who frequently use County systems, including County jail and Behavioral Health Services, but who have not been able to resolve their chronic or long-term homelessness. A preliminary study showed an average annual cost of more than \$42,000 for the top 250 individual most frequent recipients in Sacramento County.

Success of this program will be measured by the number of enrolled individuals who are housed and retain housing within one year of housing placement.

FSRP is modeled after Los Angeles County's Housing for Health Program, which permanently housed 890 individuals over two and half years. A recently concluded Rand Corporation study



reported 96 percent retained housing for at least one year with a nearly 60 percent drop in the use of public services within that first year.

Visit the website for more information on the programs and services offered by the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance at www.dha.saccounty.net.

For more information on the state of homelessness in Sacramento County, visit the Responding to Homelessness website at www.saccounty.net/Homelessness.

Voting is Changing in Sacramento County!

Beginning with the June 2018 Primary Election, Sacramento County will be one of five counties in California to implement the Voter's Choice Act (VCA).

With the passage of the VCA, all registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail, and Vote Centers will be offered

in place of traditional polling places. Vote Centers will be located throughout Sacramento County, offering voters more flexibility and additional opportunities to participate in the election process.

Vote Centers are open to all voters, giving individuals the power to choose when, where and how they want to vote. Each Vote Center will feature three accessible ballot marking tablets providing voters with disabilities a convenient, accessible and secure voting experience.

Beginning 29 days before each election, all voters will automatically be mailed a

Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot. Once receiving a VBM ballot, voters can make their selections and return the ballot in the envelope provided, either by mail or by dropping it off at any of the County's drop-boxes or 78 Vote Centers.

A list of all drop boxes and Vote Center locations will be provided with the voter's VBM ballot as well as in the official County Voter Information Guide.

For additional information about the June 2018 Primary Election, the VCA and to learn more about how voting is changing in Sacramento County, visit the Department of Voter Registration and Elections website at www.elections.saccounty.net.





Recycle it Right!

With all that goes in your recycling cart, do you know what it means to recycle it right? For starters, it means not placing garden hoses in your green waste cart or household batteries in your mixed recycling or garbage cart.

Even though recycling has been around for a long time, it can still be very confusing about what goes where. What you do really does matter – a lot! Because, if you are not disposing of your items correctly, chances are, neither are your neighbors and that can add up to a big contamination problem. Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling (DWMR) encourages everyone to recycle it right!

Let's sort out recycling!

When you load up your recycling cart with clean metals, glass beverage and food containers, and paper, and then you throw in just one unacceptable item such as Styrofoam, a light bulb, or even garbage – especially if it is a greasy pizza box or other food-soiled material – you have just contaminated all your recyclables. When those contaminated recyclables are added to our trucks, it contaminates your neighbor's recycling, so by the time our truck finishes the route, the entire load will be a mess.

Why is contaminated recycling such a big deal?

When a truckload of recycling has too much contamination, recycling processors either have to slow down the sort line to effectively recover the recyclables, which substantially increases the cost to recycle, or they have to reject the entire load and it's sent to the landfill. This hurts our program and the environment, which ends up wasting the value of the material and filling up landfill space.

What's in and what's out?

Now that we know the importance of recycling it right, there are many resources available to help you remember what to put in and what to leave out of your curbside carts! Visit www.SacGreenTeam.com to review acceptable and unacceptable curbside recycling materials, how to recycle or properly dispose of specific items, or check out the lineup of Recycling Brochures.

There are also a host of short recycling videos on the County's YouTube channel. Search "County of Sacramento".

Customer outreach – more on recycling it right!

We all have busy lives and are bombarded with information every day. DWMR is currently developing a customer outreach campaign to remind residents about the importance of recycling it right and could include a door hanger "packet" with information on acceptable and unacceptable items for the garbage, green waste, and recycling carts. Additionally, DWMR is researching other measures to reduce contamination in curbside recycling carts before they end up in collection truck. It is our goal that this outreach will help remind

customers what, and what not to put in each cart. By working together, we can reduce contamination and protect our environment.

For waste management and recycling questions:

Visit www.SacGreenTeam.com; Call Customer Service, 916-875-5555, M–F, 8am – 4:30pm; or, Use the [online Customer Service Form](#).



We're Hiring!

As the region's second largest employer, Sacramento County has more than 11,000 employees working across 40 departments in fields such as technology, health care, finance, waste management, social services, law enforcement, parks and voter registration.

If you're looking for a career with purpose, visit www.SacCountyJobs.net to view a list of all the positions currently accepting applications and subscribe to emails to be alerted when a specific job is available.

Stay Safe in Parks and Waterways!

Summer is coming and the river will be calling your name. It's time to grab your friends and head out to the water. Visiting Sacramento County public waterways, rivers and lakes is such an excellent way to cool off and enjoy the outdoors.

Life Looks Good on You! Drowning Doesn't

Life Looks Good on You and so does a life vest. Before you dive in, put on a life vest. If you don't have one, there are borrowing stations along Sacramento's waterways and at local fire stations.

Don't look bad making excuses

We know, we have heard them all before...

- » They are uncomfortable
- » They are not cool
- » I am a great swimmer, I don't need one

Even the strongest swimmer can be pulled under. Stopping by a free life vest borrowing station before you hit the water protects you from drowning - which is not such a great look.

Borrow Life Vests for kids



You can borrow a kid-sized life vest at any of the many borrowing stations along Sacramento's public waterways. It's the law

for kids under 13.



More Tips for Staying Safe Around Public Waterways

- 1. Learn how to swim** – Even with life jackets, it is important to know how to swim
- 2. Obey the signs** – Read any signs you may see in the area before you enjoy any type of recreation
- 3. Alcohol, drugs and water sports don't mix**
- 4. Keep an eye on children** – Never leave children unattended near water
- 5. Wear sunscreen** – Spending all day at the river can give you a painful sunburn. Be sure to wear SPF 15 or better and reapply frequently
- 6. Never use rope swings or jump off bridges** – No matter how deep the water is, these activities can result in serious injury or death
- 7. Respect the plant and animal inhabitants** – Do not bother animals, and watch out for stinging insects and poison oak