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**SACRAMENTO AIRPORT EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS PACIFIC FLYWAY REGION**

Sacramento, CA-- *Welcome to the Pacific Flyway* is a natural history exhibition sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC), Arts in Public Places (APP) program which focuses on the Yolo-Sacramento region of the Pacific Flyway zone. The exhibit, which includes ten installations at the Sacramento International Airport, Terminal B, is now open and will run through February 28, 2010.

The focus is placed on the primary elements of the Yolo-Sacramento region flyway which include waterfowl, habitat restoration, and the rice growing economy. Visitors will see exhibits on rice growing and how it supports the flyway zone habitat as well as displays of artifacts including duck decoys, birds' nests and more.

What: EXHIBITION: Sacramento International Airport presents:  
"Welcome to the Pacific Flyway"  
Where: Sacramento International Airport Art Gallery, Terminal B, 6900 Airport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95837  
Note: Some of the installation may only be viewed by ticketed passengers.  
When: November 20, 2009 – February 28, 2010  
Cost: Parking at the Terminal B Hourly Parking Lot.

The Sacramento International Airport Gallery is facilitated through the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, Art in Public Places Program, a City/County Agency, in cooperation with the Sacramento County Airport System. For further information on programs and opportunities through the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission go to:

[www.sacmetroarts.org](http://www.sacmetroarts.org).

**PACIFIC FLYWAY ZONE FACT SHEET:**

Along the Pacific Flyway, there are main rest stops where birds of many species gather to feed and regain their strength before continuing. Some species may remain at these rest stops for the entire season, but most stay a few days before moving on to their destination.

The Yolo-Sacramento region is one of these notable rest stops. Great numbers of these birds can be viewed at the nearby Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, approximately 15 miles south of the Sacramento International Airport.

Congressman Mike Thompson, whose district includes the Yolo Bypass, notes that the wildlife area is home to more than 200 species of birds, calling the flyway “an incredible place where visitors can witness an amazing interplay of waterfowl habitat restoration, a winter flood management system, and a globally significant rice growing economy.”

Available for interview:

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