

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****San Diego International Airport Activates Its First-Ever Hydrant Fueling System**

SAN DIEGO, California — SAN Fuel Company, a consortium of airline partners at San Diego International Airport (SAN), joined fuel operator Menzies Aviation last week in activating the airport's first-ever hydrant fueling system, marking a significant milestone in [modernizing the airport's fueling infrastructure](#).

Designed by [Burns & McDonnell](#), the new fueling system constructs the necessary fuel piping and infrastructure for underground fuel distribution to the west side of the airport. The new hydrant system currently supports Gates 48-51 and is the first phase of an airport-wide hydrant system conversion that enhances environmental safety and operational efficiency.

Since 2016, the SAN fuel program has made improvements to meet future demands. The program expanded fuel storage capacity and transitioned aircraft fuel operations from refueler trucks to a modern hydrant system. These upgrades accompanied significant terminal expansion projects that are currently transforming the airport.

"The new hydrant fueling system is a monumental step forward for San Diego International Airport," says [Jonathan Flores](#), fuel operations manager at Southwest Airlines and chair of SAN Fuel. "This project marks a major advancement in our commitment to enhancing the efficiency, safety and environmental sustainability of aircraft fueling at the gate, while also creating new opportunities for San Diego International Airport's continued growth and development."

"The activation of the hydrant fueling system at SAN is a testament to our commitment to continuous improvement and operational excellence," says Angela Shafer-Payne, vice president and chief development officer of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA). "This system not only enhances our operational capabilities but also significantly improves the passenger experience by reducing fueling times and minimizing environmental impact."

Burns & McDonnell has partnered with SAN Fuel and the SDCRAA to transform the fuel storage and distribution system at SAN. This comprehensive effort has encompassed master planning, program management, design and construction.

"We are excited to see the successful activation of the hydrant fueling system at San Diego International Airport," says [Tyler Curry](#), program manager at Burns & McDonnell. "This milestone, nearly eight years in the making, showcases our commitment to supporting the airlines and the airport as they position for growth."

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