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Department of Aviation Launches Public Awareness Campaign on Expanded Recycling Program

Outreach Includes Internet, Intranet and Brochures Highlighting Recycling Achievements

The Clark County Department of Aviation launched a public education campaign to increase awareness of its recycling program. The airport's goal is to encourage all employees to use resources wisely and to think of new, creative recycling suggestions. As a good neighbor, the airport has recycled and reused materials for many years. With new oversight by a central committee, McCarran is expanding its recycling program. Outreach efforts include the Internet, intranet and brochures to communicate with the public and employees. The program is detailed on the airport's Web site, www.mccarran.com.

"We created a committee early this year," said Randall H. Walker, Clark County Department of Aviation director. "The committee learned that every division within the airport is performing some form of recycling, but there was no central oversight of the program. The committee provides valuable communication among divisions as we expand and promote our recycling efforts."

The airport is committed to protecting the environment and actively maintains an ongoing recycling program. This multifaceted program includes plans to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle products wherever possible. Every bit of recycling makes a difference. The airport partners with local businesses and charities to explore new ways to be a better neighbor in our community.

"Last year McCarran recycled an average of 11 tons of baled cardboard every month, for a total of 135 tons. That's equal to the weight of three Boeing 737 aircraft," said Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, Clark County Department of Aviation deputy director. "We are committed to being a community partner in all aspects, including the protection of our environment."

Much of the recycling McCarran does is not visible to the public. For example, McCarran participates in a carpet-recycling program in which the supplier super-cleans used carpet tiles, reprints the design and sells it as new. In another instance, after updating all the security checkpoints with state-of-the-art metal detection equipment, McCarran donated 23 surplus walk-through metal detectors to the Clark County School District, for use at high schools throughout the valley.

Progressive technology like the DocuShare system, implemented in 2000, helps McCarran reduce paper consumption. McCarran's two servers store more than one million pages, or the equivalent of 2,000 reams of paper. The system stores 142,660 documents and 20,000 engineering drawings currently.

The next phase will be expanding into public areas and making recycling opportunities for passengers. The airport is working to obtain compartmental recycling bins for the terminals' public areas. The final phase of the recycling plan will be to research airlines and concessions tenants' individual recycling programs and incorporate their activities into the airport's plan.

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