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Lorne Cass
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Director, Surface Operations
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Dear Lorne Cass;

SCT is the busiest TRACON in the world providing air traffic services for the entire Southern California area, including two Core 30 airports, San Diego International and Los Angeles International. Through the use of the SWIM Visualization Tool (SVT) controllers and supervisors on the operational floor have the ability to better understand the challenges and demands placed on our tower customers, and thus serve the flying public better.

Your work in establishing the SVT at SCT shows the commitment that the FAA has in embracing NexGen initiatives, and that these programs are vital to the NAS.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you Lorne for your dedication and resourcefulness in making our vision a reality. Your participation on multiple telcons, late at night, working through the issues with us was invaluable. Robert Varcadipane and Mark Marchese ensured we were kept abreast of all changes and spearheaded the entire process. Without their outstanding contributions this would not have been accomplished successfully and on time. Again, thank you so much for providing SCT the ability to have a broader spectrum of knowledge and insight to more efficiently manage the NAS in Southern California.

Sincerely,

Barry Davis
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