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April 28, 2021

TO: Beach Commission  
FROM: Gary Jones, Director *JH "Fog"*  
SUBJECT: **BEACH COMMISSION AGENDA – April 28, 2021**

Enclosed is the agenda for your virtual Commission meeting of April 28, 2021, along with the reports related to Agenda Items 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C and the Beach Commission Attendance Report. The meeting will take place online via Zoom. Information about how to access the meeting online and/or by phone will be emailed to each of you and publicly posted prior to the meeting.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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**AGENDA**

Meeting of the Beach Commission  
April 28, 2021  
Virtual Meeting  
9:30 a.m.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 24, 2021

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Sustainability Roadmap

(PRESENTATION)

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

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*Cris B. Liban, Chair*  
*Peter Olpe,*  
*Vice-Chair*

*Robert Bartlett*  
*Jonathan M. Beutler*  
*Drew Boyles*  
*Kathryn E. Campbell*  
*Rosi Dagit*  
*Erin Darling*  
*Laura Emdee*

*Teresa Furey*  
*Keren M. Goldberg*  
*Al Lay*  
*Margaret Levy*  
*Candace Nafissi*  
*Francine Oschin*  
*Anthea Raymond*

*Scott Sachs*  
*Bruce Saito*  
*Kurt Weideman*

- A. Emergency Warning Testing (PRESENTATION)
- B. Strategic Plan Updates (PRESENTATION)
- C. *Can the Trash!* Clean Beach Poster Contest Winners (PRESENTATION)

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Ongoing Activities Report (REPORT)
- B. Beach Special Events/Activities (REPORT)
- C. Beach Projects Report (REPORT)
- D. Lifeguard Report (REPORT)

**6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Note: Members of the public who call into the meeting who wish to speak during public comment must provide their first and last name, email address, and topic or item number they would like to speak about.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

June 23, 2021 9:30 a.m. / location to be determined.

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13837 Fiji Way  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Marina del Rey Information Center  
4701 Admiralty Way  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Burton Chace Park Community Room  
13650 Mindanao Way

Lloyd Taber – Marina del Rey Library  
4533 Admiralty Way



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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2021, MEETING**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Cris B. Liban, Chair  
Peter R. Olpe, Vice Chair  
Robert Bartlett  
Jonathan M. Beutler  
Drew Boyles  
Rosi Dagit  
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**ABSENCES**

Kathryn E. Campbell  
Erin Darling  
Keren M. Goldberg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Carol Baker, Division Chief, Community and Marketing Services Division  
Kenneth Foreman, Division Chief, Operational Services Division  
Maral Tashjian, Planning Specialist, Planning Division  
Porsche White, Planner  
Krystle Diaz, Acting District Manager, Operational Services Division  
Parjack Ghaderi, County Counsel  
Fernando Boiteux, Chief Lifeguard, Los Angeles County Fire Department

**MEETING LOCATION**

Held online via Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Cris Liban called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., provided meeting instructions to participants and conducted a roll call of the Commission.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Liban requested a motion to approve the February 24, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Robert Bartlett so moved; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Saito. Hearing no objections, Chair Liban declared the minutes approved.

**The minutes were approved.**

**Ayes: 16. Chair Cris Liban, Vice Chair Peter R. Olpe, Commissioners Robert Bartlett, Jonathan Beutler, Drew Boyles, Rosi Dagit, Laura Emdee, Teresa Furey, Al Lay, Margaret Levy, Candace Nafissi, Francine Oschin, Anthea Raymond, Scott Sachs, Bruce Saito, Kurt Weideman**

## **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. DEPARTMENT BUDGET UPDATE AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

Chair Liban introduced Department of Beaches and Harbors Community and Marketing Services Division Chief Carol Baker, who provided an update on the Department's budget and COVID-19. Out of 113 employees affected by COVID-19, 29 tested positive. The Department implemented teleworking, staggered work schedules, and contact tracing, among other protocols. Information was also posted on the Department's internal website.

Due to the pandemic, the Department's budget was cut 8%—a \$3.6 million reduction. The Department presented the recommended budget for fiscal year 2021-22 to the Chief Executive Office on January 5, 2021. A budget request for the W.A.T.E.R. Program expansion has already been approved. The Department is seeking an additional procurement aide and \$10 million revenue restoration; these requests will be addressed at the April 20, 2021, meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. For the County overall, revenue losses were less severe than expected due to sales tax revenue from online purchases, so the deficit was reduced from \$200 million to \$50 million. The County is anticipating receiving \$1.9 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Commissioner Laura Emdee explained that sales tax revenues from brick and mortar stores go to the County and to the city, while most sales tax from online purchases goes to the County. To recoup the revenue, some cities have instituted a sales and use tax, also called an internet tax, that goes directly to the respective cities.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**



## A. OVERVIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

Chair Liban introduced Planning Specialist Maral Tashjian, who provided background information on the Department's draft Sustainability Roadmap. Planner Porsche White then gave a presentation outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Department's divisions regarding the roadmap. Of the 159 actions detailed on the County Sustainability Plan, the Department is responsible for leading three actions and partnering with other County agencies to implement an additional 19 actions. Ms. White explained the roadmap's three sustainability categories—resource management, environmental management, and waste management—and their goals and policies. She said Commissioners will receive a copy of the draft document and encouraged anyone with suggestions or comments to contact her or Ms. Tashjian.

Commissioner Rosi Dagit asked who will have access to the document and whether it will be posted on the Department's website. Ms. Tashjian said it is an internal guidance document, and it will be posted online. The Department will update the Commission annually about its progress. Commissioner Dagit noted that making the document public would help education and outreach. Ms. Tashjian agreed that more public input would be helpful, but staffing constraints prohibit a full-fledged public outreach program.

## B. BEACH ACCESS MATS

Chair Liban introduced Acting District Manager Krystle Diaz of the Operational Services Division. Ms. Diaz's presentation focused on beach access mats, which are part of the Department's efforts to increase beach accessibility. She said the first access mat was installed at Zuma Beach about six years ago; seven beaches now have mats. Ms. Diaz explained how a beach is chosen for an access mat, the installation process, and access mat maintenance. Public feedback has been very positive.

Commissioner Bartlett asked if maintenance costs are included in the Department's budget, and whether theft or vandalism occurs. Ms. Diaz said the mats have not been vandalized, and none have been stolen. Operational Services Division Chief Ken Foreman said the mats are securely staked into the sand and left out overnight. Daily maintenance is not required, and costs are included in the beach maintenance budget.

Chair Liban asked where additional mats will be installed and how sites are selected. Mr. Foreman said locations must be ADA-compliant. The next access mat will be installed at Venice Beach within one month.

Commissioner Margaret Levy asked the location of the Venice Beach access mat. Mr. Foreman said it will be installed at the ADA pathway at the end of Venice Boulevard.

Vice Chair Peter Olpe complimented the access mats and asked if they are unique to Los Angeles County. Mr. Foreman said the mats are not unique to the area.

Chair Liban congratulated the Department on the success of the mats, encouraged the Commissioners to promote the mats, and reminded Commissioners that a map of all access mats is available at [beaches.lacounty.gov/access](https://beaches.lacounty.gov/access).

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. ONGOING ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Ms. Baker submitted the report and noted the Board's approval of the W.A.T.E.R. Program expansion.

### **B. BEACH SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Ms. Baker submitted the report. She said the latest revised health orders allow volleyball on the beaches, and permits for organized volleyball sports leagues have been issued. The Dockweiler RV Park opened at 50 percent capacity, and RV park staff have moved to a trailer while the park office is being renovated. Ms. Baker also said more programming has been added at Burton Chace Park, and the W.A.T.E.R. Program expansion should be implemented by the end of the calendar year.

Commissioner Bartlett thanked Ms. Baker for her hard work with the W.A.T.E.R. Program. He asked if participation of the Probation Department and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is new to the W.A.T.E.R. Program and whether they contribute financially. He also asked if busing kids in from schools to beaches is still happening. Ms. Baker said the whole idea for the expanded program is that it can be brought to all kids who need it most, including those in the Probation and DCFS systems. Ms. Baker said van transportation from schools to beaches has been on hiatus because students have not physically been at schools.

### **C. BEACH PROJECTS REPORT**

Mr. Foreman submitted the report. He said eight projects are active, with seven scheduled for completion by the end of May: three restrooms at Point Dume, three restrooms in the South Bay area, and the Dockweiler RV Park expansion. The new RV park office project will continue through the summer. Beach crews took only one week to remove the sand berms this year.

Commissioner Bartlett asked for an update on the Los Angeles Sanitation expansion



pipeline at the White Point area and whether that project hinders the Department's sewer maintenance installation, restroom and septic tank project for that area. Mr. Foreman said he doesn't have an update on the project, but he will provide one by the next Beach Commission meeting. He noted the LA Sanitation project starts inland. It will take years to reach the beach areas, so it will not interfere with the Department's projects at Royal Palms and White Point.

#### **D. LIFEGUARD REPORT**

Chief Lifeguard Fernando Boiteux of the Los Angeles County Fire Department provided the report from the Lifeguard Division. Chief Boiteux said that during the past month, 7.5 million people visited the beaches—a 60 percent increase over the same period last year. During that time period, lifeguards performed 545 rescues and over 1,000 medical assists. About 70 lifeguards are working at vaccination sites; lifeguard operations are preparing for the spring and summer breaks; and 22 ocean lifeguard candidates will be participating in the lifeguard training academy with graduation set for May. Junior Lifeguard Program registration began April 1, 2021, with about 1,600 enrolled.

#### **6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Al Lay said an amendment to the Public Lands Bill (HR803), authored by Rep. Ted Lieu, passed in the House of Representatives and is expected to pass in the Senate and be signed by President Biden. He mentioned several members of Congress who originally co-sponsored the bill five years ago, including then-Rep. Janice Hahn and Rep. Maxine Waters. The legislation directs the National Parks Service to study the possibility of the Los Angeles coast becoming part of the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area or a new National Recreation Area. He noted the Golden Gate National Recreation Area included funding for the Bay Area ferry service, which shows that ecotourism can be supported through the same type of designation. He asked the Commissioners to think about visionary possibilities that could be realized due to the opportunity Rep. Lieu is offering.

Chair Liban applauded Commissioner Lay's involvement with and dedication to Rep. Lieu's legislation.

Commissioner Levy asked for a future presentation on how the legislation will affect the beaches if it passes; requested a status update for repairs to the Venice Pier; and complimented the Department on the ease of renewing her beach parking permit. Mr. Foreman said the pier repairs are being performed by the City of Los Angeles. He will provide an update at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bartlett asked for an update on the parking meter replacement project at White Point and Royal Palms. He also said people are chaining bikes to a corroded sign stand at Cabrillo Beach, and he is concerned it might break. He asked if a bike rack could be installed at that location instead. Mr. Foreman said some parking meters have been received and replacement locations have been identified. He will check the schedule for the White Point area. He said the Department needs to order bike racks; in the meantime, he will have staff inspect the pole and replace it if needed.

Vice Chair Olpe asked who is responsible for trash removal from stairs leading from the Esplanade to the beach. Mr. Foreman said the Department's staff makes sure the stairs are clean, but he is not sure if the city or county is responsible for cleaning the stairs. The Department is currently researching the issue.

Commissioner Scott Sachs asked for more information regarding the copper pollution reduction program. Ms. Baker said the issue is related to Marina del Rey and is typically addressed by the Small Craft Harbor Commission, but she will ask staff to include information during the next sustainability presentation for the Beach Commission.

Chair Liban asked Ms. Baker for an update on Commissioner Weideman's inquiry regarding mandatory diversity and sexual harassment training for Commissioners. Ms. Baker said the Department has been working with the Department of Human Resources (DHR), which provides the training. DHR has not been able to schedule trainings due to current COVID-19 restrictions; she will provide updates on the situation when she receives them.

## **7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments from the public.

The next Beach Commission meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. The location is to be determined.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Liban asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of victims of the violence in Boulder, Colorado. Commissioner Levy so moved; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lay. There were no objections. Chair Liban adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Donalyn Anderson  
Commission Secretary



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April 28, 2021

TO: Beach Commission  
CL for CB  
FROM: Gary Jones, Director

**SUBJECT: ITEM 3A - DBH SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP**

Staff will be available to answer any questions about the Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) Sustainability Roadmap, which was presented to the Beach Commission on March 24, 2021.

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TO: Beach Commission

FROM: Gary Jones, Director *JH "G" Jones*

**SUBJECT: ITEM 4A – EMERGENCY WARNING TESTING**

Safety Officer Randy Dean will present a PowerPoint presentation on the Department of Beaches and Harbors installation and testing of the Beach Emergency Evacuation Lights System (BEELS) at Torrance Beach.

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TO: Beach Commission

FROM: Gary Jones, Director JH "For G"

SUBJECT: **ITEM 4B – STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Department Executive Assistant Stefan Popescu will provide a PowerPoint presentation on updates to the Department of Beaches and Harbors' Strategic Plan as reflected in the following attachments.

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FROM: Gary Jones, Director *JH for CB*

**SUBJECT: ITEM 4C – CAN the TRASH! CLEAN BEACH POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

Program Manager Joan Hernandez will provide an update of Department's *Can the Trash! (CtT!)* 2021 winner selection process. The presentation will include a sneak-peak at some of the winning artwork from the previous year's 2021 CtT! campaign. The presentation will also describe how the 2021 winners will be celebrated and what we can expect for the 2022 campaign.

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March 24, 2021

TO: Beach Commission

FROM: Gary Jones, Director *YH "for CB"*

SUBJECT: **ITEM 5A - ONGOING ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**BOARD ACTIONS ON ITEMS RELATING TO BEACHES**

There are no Board Actions to report.

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FROM: Gary Jones, Director *YH "for CB"*

SUBJECT: **ITEM 5B – BEACH AND MARINA DEL REY SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **BEACH EVENTS**

No beach events are scheduled at this time.

### **MARINA DEL REY EVENTS**

#### **BURTON CHACE PARK YOGA CLASSES**

Burton Chace Park ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey

Enjoy yoga at the water's edge! Join instructor Marie Noe for an outdoor yoga session and connect with nature and community. Classes are offered to all, regardless of age or ability. Children should be able to follow along or sit quietly with a parent/guardian. Please pre-register for each class by emailing [hello@marianoe.com](mailto:hello@marianoe.com)

Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ages: Adult

Fee: \$15 per class



For more information: Call (424) 526-7910 or visit [beaches.lacounty.gov](http://beaches.lacounty.gov)

**BURTON CHACE PARK CARDIO CLASSES**

Burton Chace Park ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey

Jumpstart your cardio workout by incorporating dance into the mix! Join instructor Luly Rivas Michell for multi-week, full-body cardio classes that are filled with fun. Fun & Fit classes are offered for Preschoolers, and Cardio Dance for adults. Class size is limited to 15 people, and registration is required on a first-come, first served basis. Please pre-register for each class by emailing [lulyrivasmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:lulyrivasmitchell@gmail.com).

**Cardio Dance**

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ages: Adult

Fee: \$15 per class

**Fun & Fit**

Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Ages: 3 - 5 years old

Fee: \$10 per class

For more information: Call (424) 526-7910 or visit [beaches.lacounty.gov](http://beaches.lacounty.gov)

**MARINA DEL REY FARMERS' MARKET**

Parking Lot #11 ♦ 14101 Panay Way ♦ Marina del Rey

Saturdays

Senior Hour: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Regular Market Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department), in collaboration with Southland Farmers' Markets Association, is offering the Marina del Rey Farmers' Market on Saturdays. The Marina del Rey Farmers' Market offers fresh, locally grown organic and conventionally grown fruits and veggies. Also available are prepackaged foods and much more! Paid parking is available for 25 cents for every 10 minutes. A face cover and 6-foot physical distancing from others is required.

For more information: Call the Marina del Rey Visitors Center at (424) 526-7900 or visit [beaches.lacounty.gov](http://beaches.lacounty.gov)



**W.A.T.E.R YOUTH PROGRAM SAILING CLASSES**  
Burton Chace Park ♦ 13640 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey

Los Angeles County Lifeguards will instruct the Department's sailing courses that teaches students basic sailing knowledge and terms, boat maintenance and rigging, knot tying, tacking, docking and instruction to ocean sailing. Students will learn to sail on 14-foot Capri sailboats (with main sail and jib) and Laser sailboats. In the final days of the session, students may get experience on Catalina 275 Sport.

Financial aid is available for qualified families. Please call for details.

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**2021 Afternoon Sessions:**

All Levels: April 26 – 30; May 3 – 7; May 10 – 14; May 17– 21; May 24 – 28; May 31 – June 4; and June 7 – June 11

Ages: 11 - 17 years old

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Class Size: 6 – 10 students with 3 Lifeguard instructors

Level: All levels

Fee: \$250 for 5-day session

**2021 Summer Session:**

Beginning: June 14 – June 18; July 5 – July 9; July 26 – July 30; and August 16 – 20

Beginning/Intermediate: June 21– June 25; July 12 – July 16; August 2 – August 6; and August 23 – August 27

Intermediate/Advance: June 28 – July 2; July 19 – July 23; August 9 – August 13; and August 30 – September 3

Ages: 11 - 17 years old

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Class Size: 6 – 10 students with 3 Lifeguard instructors

Level: All levels

Fee: \$355 for 5-day session

\*NOTE: Applicants must successfully complete a 100-yard swim test in 2 minutes and 20 seconds to be eligible for Beginning Sailing.

For more information: Call (424) 526-7888 or visit [marinadelrey.lacounty.gov](http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov)

**BEACH EATS TO GO - GOURMET FOOD TRUCK EVENT**

14101 Panay Way ♦ Marina del Rey  
Thursdays starting May 13, 2021  
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Department will host a “to go” gourmet food truck event in Marina del Rey that offers a variety of delectable savory foods. Order online at [bestfoodtrucks.com/beacheatstogo](https://bestfoodtrucks.com/beacheatstogo) and then pick up your delicious food “to go” from Parking Lot #11 at 14101 Panay Way. A face cover and physical distancing of at least 6 feet from others are required. The weekly assortment of food trucks will vary along with menu options, such as gourmet burgers, hot dogs, tacos, lobster rolls, and more.

For more information: Call the Marina del Rey Visitors Center at (424) 526-7900 or visit [beaches.lacounty.gov](https://beaches.lacounty.gov)

**SUNSET SERIES REGATTAS 2021**

Marina del Rey  
Wednesdays, May 26 - September 8, 2021\*  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Spectators can enjoy these races from the comfort of one of the water-view restaurants on Wednesday evenings between 6:00 p.m. (sailboats leaving the harbor) and 8:00 p.m. (race finishes at California Yacht Club).

\*No racing August 11, 2021

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TO: Beach Commission  
FROM: *Kenneth D. Farnsworth*  
Gary Jones, Director

SUBJECT: ITEM 5C – BEACH PROJECTS REPORT

Item 5C on your agenda provides the Commission with a summary of the Department's beach projects that exceed \$50,000 and are being planned, designed, or are under construction.

#### SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3

- Nicholas Canyon – Replace stair structure – estimated cost \$750,000
- Zuma Beach – Renovate restrooms (#2, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8) – estimated cost \$9,689,000
- Zuma Beach – Install sewer liners – estimated cost \$82,000
- Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard – Purchase and install new above-ground fuel storage tank and decommission existing tanks – estimated cost \$817,000
- Point Dume Beach – Renovate restrooms (#1, #2, and #3) – estimated cost \$2,875,000
- Malibu Surfrider – Renovate restroom – estimated cost \$607,000
- Topanga Beach – Replace viewing deck stairs – estimated cost \$125,000
- Will Rogers Beach – Replace water line – estimated cost \$1,500,000
- Venice Beach – Maintenance Yard renovation (\$1,846,000) and Lifeguard Headquarters demolition (\$654,000) – total estimated cost \$2,500,000

#### SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4

- Dockweiler Beach – RV Park and Office expansion – estimated cost \$4,665,000
- Dockweiler Beach – Service Road Improvements – estimated cost \$1,200,000
- Manhattan Beach – Renovate Marine Street restroom – estimated cost \$1,795,000
- Redondo Beach – Renovate Knob Hill Ave restroom – estimated cost \$3,127,000
- Redondo Beach – Renovate Ave C restroom – estimated cost \$1,779,000
- Redondo Beach – Rehabilitate Upper Walkway – estimated cost \$500,000
- Torrance Beach – Resurface parking lot – estimated cost \$161,000
- Torrance Beach – Beach Concession Rehabilitation – estimated cost \$963,000
- White Point – Sewer Main Installation and Restroom Building Refurbishment – estimated cost \$3,050,000
- Royal Palms – Install new septic system – estimated cost \$1,500,000





### **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3**

#### **Nicholas Canyon Stair Structure Replacement – \$750,000**

The project includes development of plans for approval by Building and Safety to rebuild the stair structure and pylons that were burned during the Woolsey fire.

Status: The Department will utilize its remaining allocation of Proposition A Maintenance and Servicing funds available through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) to complete the project. An earlier estimate is now being updated and staff will work towards scheduling the project to begin in Fall 2021.

#### **Zuma Beach Restrooms Renovation (#2, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8) – \$9,689,000**

The project includes deferred maintenance structural repair, building accessibility improvements, replacement plumbing and electrical, and new exterior and interior finishes.

Status: Construction Documents are being finalized and plan check approvals are expected in May 2021. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin September 2021.

#### **Zuma Beach Sewer Liners Installation – \$82,000**

The project includes installing liners in the sewer lines from restrooms #1 through #9 to the septic system.

Status: Construction drawings are at 100%. Project is scheduled to begin in September 2021.

#### **Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard Fuel Tanks – \$817,000**

The project includes purchase and installation of an above-ground combination diesel and unleaded fuel tank including related infrastructure, removal of existing underground unleaded and diesel fuel tank systems, site restoration, and if needed, remediation of soil, sand, and/or groundwater.

Status: The Department of Public Works (PW) issued a Notice to Proceed to one of its as-needed master agreement vendors for the project's pre-construction activities. The estimated \$817,000 cost is based on the current scope of work including initial funding for as-needed remediation. Total costs for the project including as-needed remediation will be confirmed after the vendor completes removal and subsequent testing of soil/sand and groundwater.

#### **Point Dume Beach Restrooms Renovation (#1, #2, and #3) – \$2,875,000**

The project includes deferred maintenance structural repair, building accessibility improvements, replacement plumbing and electrical, and new exterior and interior finishes.

Status: Construction started on January 13, 2021 and is scheduled through May 2021.

**Malibu Surfrider Restroom Renovation – \$607,000**

The project includes building accessibility improvements, replacement of all fixtures and appliances, sewer lateral repairs, and new exterior and interior finishes.

Status: An application for project funding from DBH's Measure A annual allocations was recently processed by RPOSD staff. The grant agreement is now being routed for signatures. Board approval will be sought and the construction schedule will be finalized when the grant agreement is executed.

**Topanga Beach Viewing Deck Stairs Replacement – \$125,000**

The scope of work includes developing a set of plans for approval by Building and Safety, removing the existing stair structure, and installing a new one with a new tile deck.

Status: Plans have been resubmitted to Building and Safety. DBH is working with the County's Internal Services Department to schedule a project scoping meeting.

**Will Rogers Beach Water Line Replacement – \$1,500,000**

The scope of work includes replacement of approximately 1.5 miles of existing PVC with a new hard copper water line between the Bel-Air Club and lifeguard headquarters

Status: DBH staff are on an in-house project design for permitting purposes. A construction schedule will be obtained when funding is secured.

**Venice Beach Maintenance Yard Renovation and Lifeguard Headquarters Demolition– \$2,500,000**

The project consists of the demolition of the existing lifeguard tower, roof repairs, and general improvements to the maintenance yard. The removal of the tower and subsequent improvements to the maintenance yard will be done in two phases. Phase I will remove the tower and repair the roof structure, with an estimated cost of \$654,000. Phase II will include refurbishment of the maintenance building and yard, with an estimated cost of \$1,846,000.

Status: Plans for Phase I were approved by Building and Safety in August 2020. The project is currently on hold until funding is identified and secured.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4**

**Dockweiler RV Park and Office Expansion – \$4,665,000**

The project includes expansion of the RV Park to provide 23 campervan spaces, ADA accessibility, and dune habitat enhancement. The office expansion consists of improvements to accommodate current and future staff, storage needs, and ADA accessibility.

Status: Construction started on the RV Park expansion in October 2020, reached substantial completion in early April, and is now moving into the habitat enhancement phase. Expansion of the RV Park office started in mid-March 2021 and is scheduled through September 2021.



**Dockweiler Service Road Improvements – \$1,200,000**

The project involves grind, asphalt overlay, and restripe of the existing service road.

Status: DBH is pursuing funding for the proposed project.

**Manhattan Beach Marine Street Restroom Repair – \$1,795,000**

The project includes deferred maintenance structural repairs, building accessibility improvements, and replacement of roof, plumbing, electrical, and interior finishes.

Status: Construction started in December 2020 and is scheduled through May 2021.

**Redondo Beach Restroom Repair – Knob Hill – \$3,127,000**

The project includes deferred maintenance structural repairs, building accessibility improvements, and replacement of roof, plumbing, electrical, and interior finishes.

Status: Construction started in December 2020 and is scheduled through May 2021.

**Redondo Beach Restroom Repair – Avenue C – \$1,779,000**

The project includes deferred maintenance structural repairs, building accessibility improvements, and replacement of roof, plumbing, electrical, and interior finishes.

Status: Construction started in December 2020 and is scheduled through May 2021.

**Redondo Beach Upper Walkway Rehabilitation – \$500,000 (TBD)**

The project consists of an engineering assessment and repairs to the existing upper walkway including access stair handrail replacement (for ADA compliance) and replacement of other protective railing as required for safety.

Status: quotes are being solicited for the railing replacement, and proposals are being reviewed from as-needed consultants for the engineering assessment.

**Torrance Beach Parking Lot Resurfacing – \$161,000**

The project includes repairs of damaged asphalt, crack repairs, grind asphalt 1" deep, repave, ADA path of travel, and restripe. Slurry seal will be applied in 5 years to prolong the life of the asphalt concrete.

Status: A quote has been received from the vendor and the project is expected to start in Winter 2021/22. Cost estimate assumes that work can be accomplished through the County's purchasing process.

**Torrance Beach Concession Building Rehabilitation – \$963,000**

The project involves general rehabilitation of the existing building including partial re-framing and re-roofing, HVAC and exhaust equipment replacement, and re-stuccoing of the building exterior.



Status: the initial cost estimate is based on an assessment conducted under the County's Facilities Reinvestment Program. The County's Internal Services Department is now moving the project into the design phase. Board approval will be sought and the construction timeline will be provided as the project's design progresses.

**White Point Sewer Main Installation and Restroom Building Refurbishment – \$3,050,000**

The project includes the installation of a new sewer line and pump station for the existing park restrooms, refurbishment of the restroom building, including repairs to structural, roof, plumbing, and electrical systems, new interior and exterior finishes, hazardous material abatement, and ADA accessibility improvements.

Status: The Department of Public Works obtained building and safety approval and is working on the project specifications for the sewer main. Plan check approval was obtained for the restroom renovation and associated path of travel. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2021 with substantial completion in May 2022.

**Royal Palms New Septic System Project – \$1,500,000**

The project includes installation of a new onsite wastewater treatment system for the existing beach restroom.

Status: The Department of Public Works obtained all jurisdictional approvals and is now pursuing Board approval.

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# LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION ATTENDANCE REPORT 2021

Commissioner/ Appointed by	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total Meetings Attended 2021
Bartlett/Hahn	X		X							
Beutler/Hahn	X	X	X							
Boyles/Hahn	X	X	X							
Campbell/Hahn	X	X								
Dagit/Yaroslavsky/Kuehl	X	X	X							
Darling/Kuehl	X	X								
Emdee/Hahn	X	X	X							
Furey/Hahn	X	X	X							
Goldberg/Kuehl	X	X								
Lay/Hahn	X	X	X							
Levy/Kuehl	X	X	X							
Liban/Kuehl	X	X	X							
Nafissi/Hahn	X	X	X							
Olpe/Hahn	X	X	X							
Oschin/Kuehl	X	X	X							
Raymond/Kuehl	X	X	X							
Sachs/Ridley-Thomas		X	X							
Saito	X	X	X							
Weideman/Hahn	X	X	X							

INACTIVE MEMBERS (Missed three or more meetings in a row)

\*\* Resigned this year

No regularly scheduled meetings in July, August or December  
due to Expired Term \*\*\*=Board Removal

\*=No meeting

X=Present

☐ =Absent

☒ =Absent

# Vision, Mission, Motto, and Values

## VISION

To preserve and enhance Los Angeles County's beaches and marina as premier destinations for current and future generations.

## MISSION

The Department of Beaches and Harbors is dedicated to caring for Los Angeles County's coastline and Marina del Rey.

## MOTTO

Caring for Your Coast

## VALUES

**Professional**—We are collaborative, action-oriented, respectful, deliberate and ethical in our approach to our responsibilities and the delivery of high-quality services.

**Accountable**—We are responsible for our decisions, behaviors and actions and will manage them in a way that maintains the public's trust.

**Diverse**—We reflect, appreciate and serve diverse populations and both recognize and balance competing interests in performing our duties.

**Conscientious**—We can be counted on to serve the public consistently and with care, building on the investments and achievements of past generations to chart the best course for our future.

**Transparent**—We believe in open, honest government.

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County of Los Angeles  
**Department of Beaches & Harbors**

# Strategic Plan

FY 2014-15 through FY 2016-17

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# Department of Beaches and Harbors Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives

## Goal A

### Access

Enhance access to all our beaches and the Marina for recreational purposes.

#### Objectives

- Ensure that our beaches and Marina are clean, safe and in good condition.
- Expand services, programs and events to encourage Marina and beach use by all.
- Continue to enhance our Marina infrastructure and programs as the premier recreational boating marina in the nation.
- Optimize parking operations.
- Encourage multi-modal access to the Marina and our beaches.
- Collect data on user behavior patterns and preferences to inform decisions on beach and Marina access.

## Goal C

### Environmental Stewardship

Protect and maintain the beaches and Marina in a manner that balances recreational use with environmental resilience for the benefit of current and future users.

#### Objectives

- Build capacity and expertise to more effectively address environmental priorities.
- Strengthen relationships and organizational alliances to foster collaborative approaches to address environmental policies and issues.
- Actively participate and engage with environmental research/educational institutions.
- Educate members of the public on what they can do to help maintain clean beaches and a clean Marina.

## Goal D

### Service Excellence

Provide reliable, high quality services to beach and Marina users and stakeholders.

#### Objectives

- Promote and recognize high quality customer service.
- Raise our public profile as the primary customer service provider.
- Maintain and strengthen relationships with all stakeholder groups.
- Strengthen the Marina del Rey community and civic identity.

## Goal B

### Economic Vitality

Support a vibrant Marina community and promote attractive beaches to expand visitorship and economic opportunities for the region.

#### Objectives

- Develop an Asset Management strategy for the next phase of Marina redevelopment.
- Identify and secure ongoing funding sources for beach infrastructure capital projects and deferred maintenance, as well as an increased contribution for the Marina.
- Enhance public amenities and services to complement private investment in the Marina's leaseholds.
- Strengthen Marina del Rey's image as an inviting place to recreate and live.
- Promote Marina del Rey as a tourist destination.

## Goal E

### Organizational Effectiveness

To best serve the public, maintain efficient and effective internal systems to maximize productivity and achieve our mission and vision.

#### Objectives

- Reorganize the Department's structure.
- Attract, empower and retain a top quality, engaged and motivated workforce.
- Strengthen inter- and intra-departmental communication.
- Strengthen our emergency preparedness function and capability and further instill and integrate risk management practices.
- Optimize and enhance the use of information technology.
- Relocate and consolidate our administrative functions to more central, visible, and easily-accessed locations within the Marina.

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## VISION

To preserve and enhance Los Angeles County's beaches and Marina as choice destinations for all generations

## MISSION

Providing recreational opportunities while sustaining Los Angeles County beaches and Marina del Rey

## MOTTO

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## VALUES

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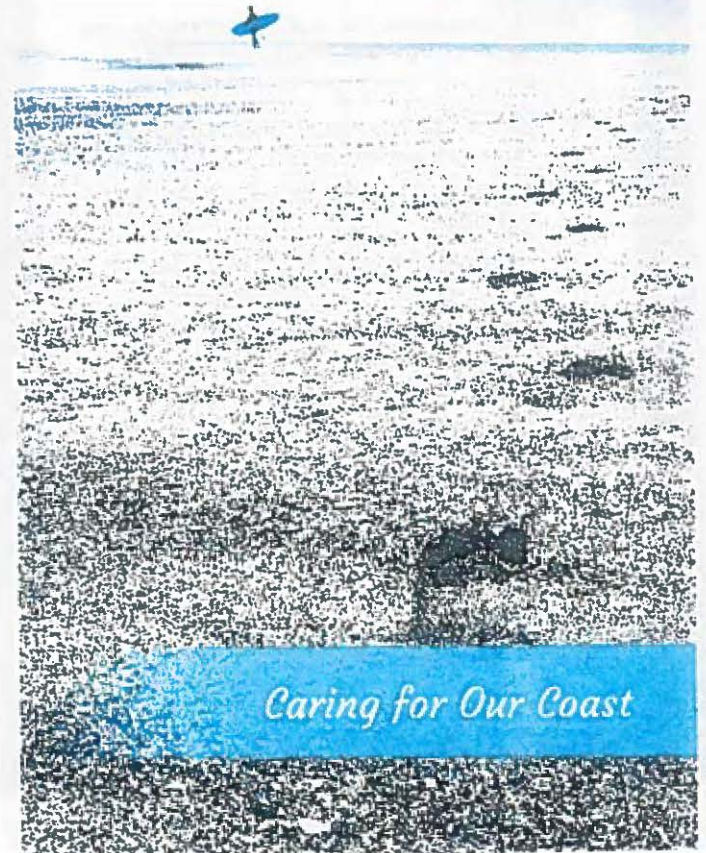
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
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# STRATEGIC PLAN



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## STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES



### Access

Enhance access to our beaches and the Marina and foster an inclusive Marina community

#### Objectives

- Ensure that our beaches and Marina are clean, safe and accessible
- Maintain existing beach and Marina public amenities
- Broaden Marina and beach services and events to reach diverse communities
- Advance tenant and workforce protections in the Marina
- Facilitate multi-modal access to the Marina and our beaches
- Better understand user behavior patterns and preferences to inform decisions on beach and Marina access
- Expand the WATER Program to reach a large youth population unfamiliar with the ocean
- Modernize parking operations and assess feasibility of improving ingress and egress at parking lots affected by high traffic



### Organizational Effectiveness and Service Excellence

Maintain a productive workforce and operational effectiveness to continue to best serve the public and achieve our mission and vision

#### Objectives

- Attract, empower and retain a top quality, engaged and motivated workforce to provide high quality customer service
- Assess reorganization options to ensure focused attention on coastal sustainability, resiliency and infrastructure
- Share information for improved awareness and understanding across divisions
- Continue to focus on emergency preparedness function and capability, including in emergencies when serving as a safe harbor/haven
- Employ information technology to help us best achieve our objectives
- Maintain and strengthen external relationships, ensuring effective communication with the Marina and beach communities
- Secure appropriate user, lessee/ concessionaire and contract city payments to ensure operational stability



### Coastal Vitality and Environmental Stewardship

Protect and maintain the beaches and Marina for the benefit of recreational users and the region

#### Objectives

- Sustain our Marina and beach infrastructure
- Prepare a sustainability roadmap for the Marina and the beaches
- Assess feasibility of approaches to protect beaches from sea level rise and erosion and to meet regulatory mandates with respect to the Marina's water quality
- Balance the operation of urban beaches with the protection of wildlife and natural habitat
- Prioritize beach capital projects funded with voter-approved dollars, as well as priority projects in the Marina able to be funded by the Marina Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund
- Further the Civic Center concept to enhance the County's presence in the Marina as recommended in the 2014 Marina del Rey Vision Statement
- Facilitate Marina leasehold redevelopment