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NEW FARMERS' MARKET HITS MARINA DEL REY!

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. – APRIL 18, 2013 – Los Angeles County's Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH), in collaboration with Southland Farmers' Market Association, will launch the Marina del Rey Farmers' Market on Thursday, April 25. Located in the parking lot at Marina "Mother's" Beach on Admiralty Way just east of Via Marina, the market will offer fresh, healthy, locally grown organic and conventionally grown fruits and vegetables from certified California growers every Thursday, all year round, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Marina del Rey Farmers' Market will also offer prepared and packaged foods, hand-crafted products, cooking demonstrations, raffles and much more!

"Because of the abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables that begin to arrive in spring, this new market's timing couldn't be better," said DBH Deputy Director Gary Jones. "The best way to buy produce is directly from the grower. Not only will the market promote healthy eating, but we also see it as a way to build a greater sense of community here in the Marina." In the coming weeks, customers can expect to find organic strawberries, cherries, carrots, and broccoli; conventionally-grown oranges, apples, artichokes, and kale; and honey, eggs, fresh juices, seafood, bakery items and much more.

Growers or local vendors of healthy foods who are interested in participating in the new farmers' market should email Howell Tumlin of the Southland Farmers' Market Association at Howell@sfma.net or call (310) 455-0181. Following the Marina del Rey Farmers' Market each week, the Beach Eats! gourmet food truck event will continue to take place at the same location from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., making for "Tasty Thursdays" in Marina del Rey.

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