



County of Los Angeles Beach Commission

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AGENDA

Meeting of the Beach Commission
February 26, 2014
9:30 a.m.
Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(January 22, 2014)

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Prioritizing Commission Meeting Topics (DISCUSSION)

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Ongoing Activities Report (DISCUSS REPORT)
 - Board Actions on Items Relating to Beaches
- B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events (DISCUSS REPORT)
- C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report (VERBAL REPORT)
Regarding Beach Maintenance
- D. Capital Projects Status Report/Related Activities (DISCUSS REPORT)
- E. Lifeguard Report (VERBAL REPORT)

Ginny Kruger,
Chair
Wayne Powell,
Vice-Chair

Thomas Barnes
Clare Bronowski
Rosi Dagit
Walt Dougher
Norman Dupont

Jeffrey Jennings
Catherine McCurdy
Kelly McDowell
Charles Milam
Maureen O'Donnell

Scott Sachs
Jeffrey Sallee
Peter Tucker
Mitch Ward
Gregory Woodell

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

8. NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION – Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park Community Room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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February 20, 2014

TO: Beach Commission
Cam Baker for
FROM: Gary Jones, Acting Director

SUBJECT: **BEACH COMMISSION AGENDA – FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

Enclosed is the agenda for your meeting of February 26, 2014, together with the minutes of your January 22, 2014 meeting. Also enclosed are reports related to Agenda Items 3A, 5A, 5B and 5D as well as the Beach Commission Attendance Report.

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

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Enclosures



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2014**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Catherine McCurdy, Chair
Ginny Kruger, Vice-Chair
Clare Bronowski
Rosie Dagit
Walt Dougher
Norman Dupont
Jeffrey Jennings
Charles Milam
Wayne Powell
Scott Sachs
Jeffrey Sallee
Mitch Ward

ABSENCES

Thomas Barnes
Kelly McDowell
Gregory Woodell

STAFF PRESENT

John Kelly, Deputy Director, Facilities/Capital Projects/
Maintenance/Traffic Planning/Harbor Engineering Bureau
Carol Baker, Division Chief, Community & Marketing
Services Division
Kyle Daniels, Captain, Lifeguard Division, Los Angeles
County Fire Department
Kenneth Foreman, Division Chief, Facilities and
Property Maintenance Division
Cesar Espinosa, Planning Specialist, Planning Division
Jules Treffer, Senior Real Property Agent, Asset
Management Division
Linda Nava, Real Property Agent, Asset
Management Division

GUEST SPEAKER

Mathew King, Director of Communication, Heal the Bay
Meredith McCarthy, Director of Programs, Heal the Bay

MEETING LOCATION

Burton W. Chace Park Community Room

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McCurdy called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Chair McCurdy asked Commissioner Bronowski to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commissioners and staff stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McCurdy asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Bronowski, seconded by Commissioner Dougher, and unanimously approved.**

Ayes: 12 – Chair McCurdy, Vice-Chair Kruger, Bronowski, Dagit, Dougher, Dupont, Jennings, Milam, Powell, Sachs, Sallee, Ward.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Chair McCurdy suggested Item 4b be presented first until both candidates are present for the election of officers.

A. Election of Officers

Commissioner Bronowski reported that the Nomination Committee met by telephone conference and unanimously recommend new officers, Virginia Kruger as Chair and Wayne Powell as Vice-Chair. **Commissioner Dupont motioned to approve the Nomination Committee recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Sachs, and unanimously approved.**

Ayes: 12 – Chair McCurdy, Vice-Chair Kruger, Bronowski, Dagit, Dougher, Dupont, Jennings, Milam, Powell, Sachs, Sallee, Ward.

B. Heal the Bay's Storm Response Team Program

Ms. Baker introduced the guest speakers. Heal the Bay's Meredith McCarthy, Director of Programs, and Mathew King, Director of Communications, were there to present on the Storm Response Team program. Ms. McCarthy provided a brief overview of Heal the Bay and how the Storm Response Team program was created. Mr. King discussed ways social media is used to educate and bring the public to the beach after a storm to help with beach cleanup before trash is washed out to the bay. Commissioner Bronowski inquired about the coordination with the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) and if utilizing heavy equipment in the cleanup would help. Ms. McCarthy stated that trucks are not able to be used in the area of the high tied line where the cleanup takes place. Mr. Foreman added that the Department is set up to respond after a storm. Commissioner Ward thanked the presenters for their presentation and recommended they work with the County to educate the public on the source of where the trash is coming from. Commissioner Kruger asked if there was a reference link between the Department website to stories from Heal the Bay. Ms. Baker responded that the Department is notified and information is shared when Heal the Bay tweets and posts information to Facebook. The beach cleanup days are also promoted on the Department website. Commissioner Sallee suggested they seek funding from the cities/special funds associated with tidelands. He also suggested local communities might provide storage space for Heal the Bay.

C. Approval of Concession License Agreements on County Owned or Operated Beaches

Ms. Baker introduced Mr. Jules Trefler, the Department Senior Real Property Agent who presented a PowerPoint on the Invitation for Bids (IFB) process for the Department's beach concession license agreements. Mr. Trefler introduced Linda Nava, a Real Property Agent, who is new to the Department. He discussed the IFB process and provided the list of ten (10) concessionaires who were selected through the bidding process. He also stated the Department is requesting to allow five (5) one-year options to extend the agreements and to allow for conducting a competitive solicitation or to negotiate a sole source contract for Chace Park and whenever an agreement is not renewed. Mr. Trefler asked the Commission to endorse the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (Board). The Commissioners expressed concern with the quality of service and asked if there is a provision in the lease that would allow the County to terminate an agreement. It was recommended to allow for a restaurant tour to come and demolish the current old buildings and to build a new restaurant. Mr. Kelly stated the Department is aware of the aging facilities and they are looking at various options to address that concern. The idea of providing space for a commercial restaurant was discussed. The challenge with a commercial restaurant is gaining approval from the Coastal Commission, the potential elimination of beach parking, and the County requirement for a building permit for parking that is exclusively for the restaurant. Staff is looking into the use of food trucks to make concessions more attractive. The Commissioners recommend that staff solicit business from Pink's Hot Dogs and pop-up restaurants. It was also suggested that, when there is an IFB, staff is to inform the bidders that the recommendation is being brought before the Beach Commission meeting before going to the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Kruger asked if there was a motion to approve the staff recommendation to the Board. **Commissioner Dupont motioned to approve the staff recommendation as it pertains to the award of the beach licenses, and encouraged the Department to continue seeking innovative ways to expand the scope and quality of food offerings, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously approved.**

Ayes: 12 – Chair Kruger, Vice-Chair Powell, Bronowski, Dagit, Dougher, Dupont, Jennings, McCurdy, Milam, Sachs, Sallee, Ward.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Ongoing Activities Report

Ms. Baker presented the report.

B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events

Ms. Baker announce that, for the first time in Marina del Rey, the Polar Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics will be held at Marina Beach and that the Lifeguard Division, along with LASD and the Department, are sponsoring this event.

C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report

Mr. Foreman gave an update on the various projects that were reported at last month's meeting. He informed the Commissioners that the RV Park is closed for repairs for the month of January. Some of

the work that is being done is replacing the waterline, restroom fixtures and walls, and installing a new PA system. He announced that the park will be ready to open on February 1. He reported the berms will be taken down because of the grunion run taking place the first week of March.

D. Capital Projects Status Report

Mr. Espinosa discussed the report and stated that the Coastal Development Permit for Dan Blocker and Surfrider projects was approved by the Planning Commission on January 21.

E. Lifeguard Report

Captain Kyle Daniels provided an update on upcoming events. He stated they are getting ready to launch the Junior Lifeguard Program registration, and for the first time they are having two (2) sessions. All the lifeguards are doing their EMT recertification. He also reported the Lifeguard Division hosted the shark symposium on Friday, January 17. There were over 70 people in attendance, representing 50 different agencies. Commissioner Milam reported there were three Commissioners who attended the event. Captain Daniels reported there was a motion for a subcommittee to work on "Policy and Signage". Commissioner Powell asked if there was an electronic brochure on the "Stingray Shuffle" that can be posted on the city's website. Ms. Baker requested that Captain Daniels provide her with the information and to have the brochure available at the next Commission meeting.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Kruger asked staff to provide the list of Future Meeting Topics that was discussed at the October meeting, and to have this item place on the agenda for the Commission to discuss and prioritize.

Commissioner Powell recommended that a presentation on how the state's drought would impact the Department be added to the list.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kruger adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Sherwood
Interim Commission Secretary



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February 20, 2014

TO: Beach Commission
Carol Baker for
FROM: Gary Jones, Acting Director

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 3A – PRIORITIZING COMMISSION MEETING TOPICS**

Per Commission Chair Kruger's request, the Commission will prioritize future meeting topics. Attached is the list of topics and proposed presentations suggested by the Commissioners at the October 23, 2013 meeting. Please refer to the attached list.

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Attachment (1)



Beach Commission Requested Presentations

1. Ongoing updates on the Lifeguard Division's emerging shark sighting response policy. These may be obtained from the Lifeguard Division during monthly Commission meetings.
2. Snowy Plover/Least Tern presentation – The County has taken great pains to protect these birds. How have the enclosures worked? What's the result? Secure an ornithologist to address this topic.
3. Government jurisdiction/structure over coastal areas. Who is in charge of what? This could be combined with a presentation on revenue collected on beach. Distinguish DPW role vs. DBH in MdR. Outline beaches not maintained by DBH and where DBH does not license/permit activities (at least one of those exceptions apply to Hermosa Beach, Santa Monica, San Pedro, Cabrillo). Lifeguard involvement at beaches not maintained by DBH.
4. Beach erosion, Tsunami risk, plate movement – Commissioner Barnes expressed interest in this topic. Potential presentation options:
 - Presentation by Sediment Management Group, which monitors sand and how erosion fits into policy. Works with Army Corps of engineers (see #5 below).
 - Perhaps an expert on Tsunami risk, how Lifeguards/DBH would prepare
 - Perhaps an expert on plate tectonics and how land is expected to rise
5. Update on beach erosion/renourishment concerning Redondo and Broad Beach; and provide information about the sediment management group, how the county is monitoring beach conditions, and where the monitoring stations are and how that fits into the regional policy. This could involve a presentation by staff and the Regional Coastal Management Plan with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

6. A presentation from the State Coastal Conservancy and/or Santa Monica Bay Restoration regarding sand restoration, Rindge Dam and the Malibu Creek restoration. Staff note: State Parks Dept. and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are completing their EIR and intend to circulate it for comment this year. It's possible they may be willing to discuss the project with the Commission in the future. Due to the costs and logistical hurdles, there is no guarantee that sediment from the dam removal will be placed on our beaches.
7. Prop 84 state funding – Could it be tapped? SMBRC tracks this. Relation to Prop A?
8. Institute for the Environment – Mark Gold, formerly of Heal the Bay, is now there. Find out what they're up to.
9. Projects soon to be underway near the beach and in the South Bay, and potential impacts:
 - AES plant
 - PCH Bridge permit
 - E & B oil drilling in Hermosa
 - Redondo Beach waterfront redevelopment
10. Clean up after storms – Beach Cities Health District and Heal the Bay response to storms. Volunteer cleanup. Heal the Bay. (JANUARY)
11. State Coastal Conservancy – SMBRC great source for presentation ...?
12. Access Roads – Redondo Beach erosion problem ...?
13. "Drought in California" the impact on the Department



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February 20, 2014

TO: Beach Commission
FROM: *Carol Behm for*
Gary Jones, Acting Director

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

BOARD ACTIONS ON ITEMS RELATING TO BEACHES

On January 21, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved the revised total Project budget of \$970,000 for the Marina del Rey Parking Lots 5 and 7 Stormwater Best Management Practices Project, approve an appropriation Adjustment to transfer \$41,000 in Net County Cost for Unincorporated Areas from the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Quality Improvements and award a construction contract in the amount of \$498,500.

On January 28, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved a recommendation to allocate \$200,000 in Cities Excess Funds and \$500,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District, to the City of Malibu for a grant to be awarded after the City assigns the right to apply for the grant to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for the Dan Blocker Beach General Improvement Project located at 26200 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu.

Also on January 28, 2014, the Board of Supervisors presented the Marina del Rey Maintenance Dredging Team for an LA County STARS a Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness award.

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February 20, 2014

TO: Beach Commission
FROM: *Carrie Baker*
Gary Jones, Acting Director
SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 5B – BEACH AND MARINA DEL REY SPECIAL EVENTS**

BEACH EVENTS

DOCKWEILER YOUTH CENTER TAI CHI

Dockweiler Youth Center ♦ 12505 Vista Del Mar ♦ Los Angeles
Mondays and Thursdays
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Come and join us for our ongoing Tai Chi class to learn and practice the forms that promote relaxation, balance, coordination, flexibility and strength.

For more information call: (310) 726-4128

DOCKWEILER YOUTH CENTER MEDITATION CLASS

Dockweiler Youth Center ♦ 12505 Vista Del Mar ♦ Los Angeles
Wednesdays
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our meditation class to learn, build and apply meditation to your life.

For more information call: (310) 726-4128

DOCKWEILER YOUTH CENTER MAKE IT AND TAKE IT CRAFT DAY

Dockweiler Youth Center ♦ Lobby ♦ 12505 Vista Del Mar ♦ Los Angeles
Saturdays
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

We are offering a FREE crafts class every Saturday morning. All children under 12 are welcome with an adult.



For more information call: (310) 726-4128

MARINA DEL REY EVENTS

BURTON CHACE PARK WALKING CLUB

Burton Chace Park ♦ Lobby ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The Department is sponsoring a FREE one-hour walking club. Get your exercise while taking in the beautiful view of the Marina del Rey harbor. Please RSVP by calling (310) 305-9595.

For more information call: (310) 305-9595

BURTON CHACE PARK FITNESS CLUB

Burton Chace Park ♦ Lobby ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey
Wednesdays
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Department is offering FREE outdoor group workout sessions. Come get in shape with an experienced instructor in beautiful Burton Chace Park. Ages 13 and up. Please RSVP by calling (310) 305-9595.

For more information call: (310) 305-9595

BURTON CHACE PARK SENIOR RECREATION PROGRAM

Burton Chace Park ♦ Lobby ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Department is offering a new recreational program for senior citizens at Burton Chace Park. Come join fellow seniors for bingo, dancing, art projects, exercising and more.

For more information call: (310) 305-9595

MARINA DEL REY FARMERS' MARKET

Marina "Mother's" Beach ♦ 4101 Admiralty Way ♦ Marina del Rey
Thursdays
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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The Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department), in collaboration with Southland Farmers' Markets Association, is offering the Marina del Rey Farmers' Market on Thursdays. The Marina del Rey Farmers' Market offers fresh, locally-grown organic and conventionally grown fruits and veggies. Also available are prepared and packaged foods, hand-crafted products and much more! Paid parking is available at beach parking lot #10 for 25 cents for every 15 minutes.

For more information call: Marina del Rey Visitors Center at (310) 305-9545

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February 20, 2014

TO: Beach Commission

FROM: *Cam B...*
Gary Jones, Acting Director

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 5D – CAPITAL PROJECTS STATUS REPORT/RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Item 5D on your agenda provides the Commission with a status report on the Department's four beach capital projects and other projects of interest.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Supervisorial District 3

(1)	Will Rogers State Beach - Coastline Drive Development	\$ 9,512,000
(2)	Dan Blocker-West Improvement Project	5,500,000
(3)	Beach Restroom Septic System Replacement Program	13,788,000
(4)	Surfrider Beach Tank Preservation	<u>529,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$29,329,000

(1) Will Rogers State Beach – Coastline Drive Development

The project includes: reconstruction of the parking lot; construction of an engineered seawall and slope; removal of the existing wooden pilings to below grade; construction of a view deck and ADA-compliant beach access ramp; and landscaping, irrigation and security lighting improvements.

Status: Construction is ongoing and on schedule. The seawall is expected to be completed within the next two months.

(2) Dan Blocker Beach-West Improvement Project

The project involves the development of an unimproved westerly portion of this beach site, all of which will be ADA-complaint and includes a small paved parking lot; restrooms; bluff top trail; benches and picnic facilities with protective railings; new perimeter fencing; and bluff top and slope native planting, with minimal irrigation for erosion control.



Status: At its January 21, 2014 meeting, the City of Malibu's Planning Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application. On the same date, the Board of Supervisors approved the revised project and budget, adopted plans and specifications, and allowed advertising for construction bids. A pre-bid meeting was held onsite on February, 13 2014. Bids open on February, 25 and the contract is expected to be awarded at end of March. Construction is anticipated to start early April.

(3) Beach Restroom Septic System Replacement Program

This program consists of replacing septic systems and leach fields at 16 County operated beach locations in the Topanga and Malibu areas. Each project includes the removal of existing septic pumps and tanks and installation of an advanced treatment septic system, including pumps, tanks, telemetry monitoring system, filter pods, and leach field.

Status: The Department of Public Works is awaiting County Public Health's design approval before continuing to work with the City of Malibu on the CDP. Replacement of the septic systems at Zuma restrooms Nos. 2, 7, 8 and 9 is expected to begin March 2014.

(4) Surfrider Beach Tank Preservation

The abandoned saltwater concrete tank was uncovered during the storms of 2004-05. This project is to leave the tank in place on the beach. The tank will be filled with slurry to prevent collapse, sealed, and covered with beach sand.

Status: At its January 21, 2014 meeting, the City of Malibu's Planning Commission approved the CDP application. DPW continues to work on retaining a JOC for the job. Construction expected to begin in March 2014.

OTHER PROJECTS

Zuma Beach Underpass

The Department maintains the Zuma Beach Underpass, an access road that runs under Pacific Coast Highway to the main entrance to Zuma Beach. The sediment in the adjacent creek causes storm runoff to flow onto the road. The project is to remove the sediment in the creek to restore its capacity.

Status: The project has been placed on hold pending an investigation into possible code violations that affect Zuma Creek and the County's property.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION ATTENDANCE REPORT 2014

Commissioner/ Appointed by	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total Meetings Attended 2014
Sachs/Ridley-Thomas	X										
Bronowski/Yaroslavsky	X										
Dagit/Yaroslavsky	X										
Dupont/Yaroslavsky	X										
Jennings/Yaroslavsky	X										
Kruger/Yaroslavsky	X										
Woodell/Yaroslavsky											
Barnes/Knabe											
Dougher/Knabe	X										
McCurdy/Knabe	X										
McDowell/Knabe											
Milam/Knabe	X										
O'Donnell/Knabe	*										
Powell/Knabe	X										
Sallee/Knabe	X										
Tucker/Knabe	*										
Ward/Knabe	X										
Vacant/Molina											
Vacant/Yaroslavsky											
Vacant/Knabe											
Vacant/Antonovich											

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

No regularly scheduled meetings in August or December *=No meeting X=Present Blank=Absent