



County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation



Report to the Community July 2008 - June 2010



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Welcome to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation!



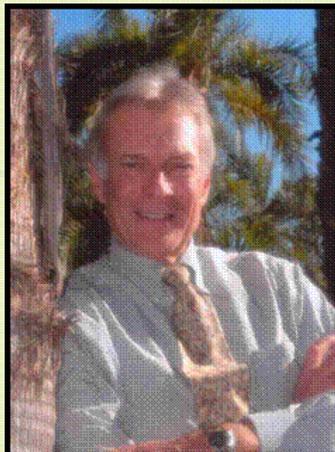
Given the recent economic climate, the past two years at the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation have been about innovation, creativity and efficiency. We know the public relies on our services for their health, recreation and increased quality of life, so their reliance on the low-cost and free services offered by the Department has never been more crucial.

In 2008, we launched our Department-wide Efficiency Now! Initiative – the first in Los Angeles County. The Chief Executive Office recognized the need for efficiencies, and approved funding to implement several cost-saving and environmentally-conscious ideas established by our employees. Our Department's Efficiency Now! Initiative generated many ideas from our very creative employees and our Efficiency Committee. These ideas included methods for both financial efficiencies and environmental conservation.

To date the Department has received slightly more than \$5 million in funding to implement several of our top efficiency ideas. Beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009, the Department estimated savings of approximately \$222,000 per year for the following projects: water cooled pumps; pumps to chlorinate lake swim areas; waterless urinals; and an automated central reservation system. The \$222,000/year savings is expected to continue indefinitely.

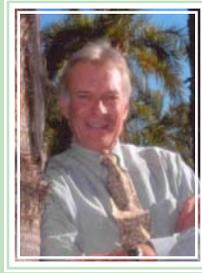
Starting in 2009-10, the Department's installation of smart controllers; water reclamation equipment; video conferencing facilities; and induction lighting is estimated to save approximately \$608,000 per year for these efficiency projects. The \$608,000 per year savings is expected to continue indefinitely.

The Department of Parks and Recreation takes our responsibility to demonstrate conservation and sustainable "green" practices seriously. Two years ago we developed a successful, comprehensive program to inspire and cultivate sustainable practices to help save costs and increase revenues throughout our own operations. We continue to encourage this type of responsible behavior in our employees and department practices.



Russ Guiney
Director

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



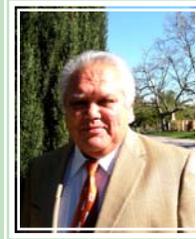
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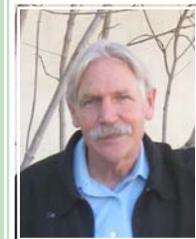
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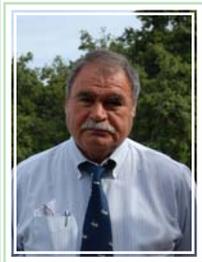


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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



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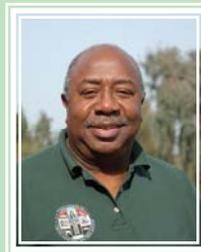


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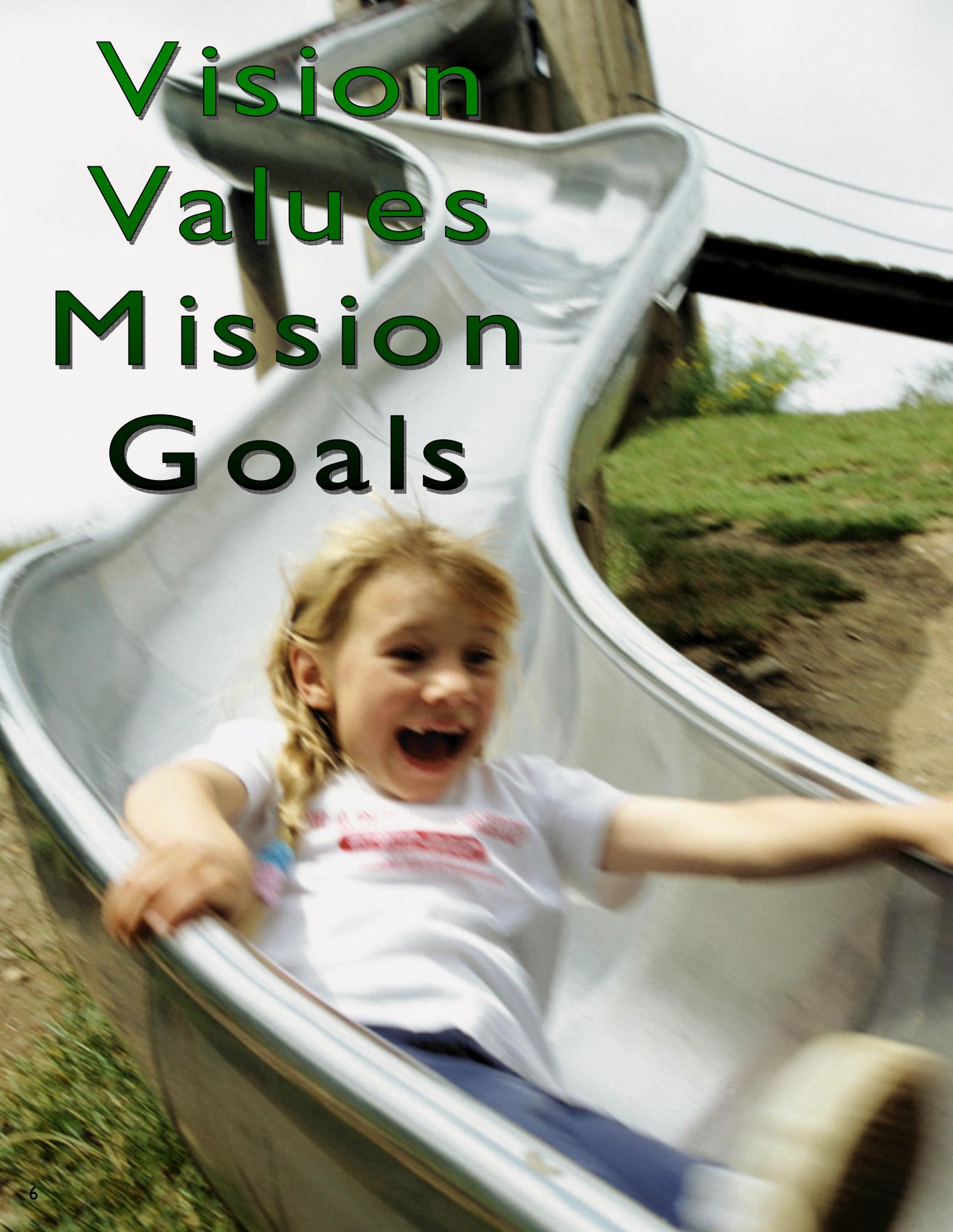
More than 21 million visits to
County of Los Angeles parks annually

153 Recreational Facilities

82 Local and Regional Parks
19 Community Regional Parks
10 Regional Parks
4 Arboreta and Botanic Gardens
19 Nature Centers and Wildlife Sanctuaries
19 Golf Course Facilities

AMENITIES INCLUDE:

13 Lakes
158 Playgrounds
28 Swimming Pools
110 Tennis Courts
337 Miles of Hiking and Equestrian Trails
90 Basketball Courts
174 Ball Fields (Baseball/Softball/Soccer)
35 Computer Labs
51 Multipurpose Rooms

A young child with blonde braids is sliding down a white slide. The child is wearing a white t-shirt and blue pants, and is smiling broadly with their mouth open. The slide is set outdoors on a grassy area. The text 'Vision Values Mission Goals' is overlaid on the top left of the image in a green, bold, sans-serif font.

Vision
Values
Mission
Goals

OUR VISION

Our purpose is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high-quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

OUR VALUES

Customer Service
Professionalism and Integrity
Teamwork
Communication
Health and Safety
Positive Attitude
Respect
Creating Community Connections
Environmental Stewardship
Responsibility and Pride



OUR MISSION

We will provide the residents and visitors of Los Angeles County with quality recreational opportunities that promote a healthy lifestyle and strengthen the community through diverse physical, educational and cultural programming, and will enhance the community environment by acquiring, developing and maintaining County parks, gardens, golf courses, trails, and open space areas.



OUR GOALS

Organizational Effectiveness
Environmental Leadership
Community Partnership
Staff Cohesion
Healthier Communities
Community Cohesion

BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009

Gross Total: \$151,557,000
Less Intrafund Transfer & Revenue \$42,269,000
Net County Cost \$109,288,000

Total Volunteers 5,739
Total Volunteer Hours 424,889
Total Cost Enhancements \$8,604,002.25

Total Grants Awarded:
Capital Projects \$7,021,764
Proposition A Grants \$7,993,673
Play for Life! \$135,000

Total Budgeted Positions: 1,605

Youth Employment Program

405 at-risk youth, ages 14 to 24 provided 133,639 hours of assistance

Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010

Gross Total: \$154,743,000
Less Intrafund Transfer & Revenue \$44,046,000
Net County Cost \$110,697,000

Total Volunteers 3,910
Total Volunteer Hours 346,110
Total Cost Enhancements \$7,112,560.50

Total Grants Awarded:
State Grants \$13,770,544
Proposition A Grants \$150,000
Miscellaneous \$183,932
Completed Capital
Projects: \$11,310,805

Total Budgeted Positions: 1,461

Youth Employment Program

363 at-risk youth, ages 14 to 24 provided 70,229 hours of assistance



Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) funds the acquisition, development, improvement, restoration, and rehabilitation of real property for parks and park safety, senior recreation facilities, gang prevention, beaches, recreation, community and cultural facilities, trails, wildlife habitats, and natural lands. The District was established by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions, which were approved by Los Angeles County voters on November 3, 1992, and November 5, 1996. The District's costs are fully revenue offset through an annual direct benefit assessment on virtually all the 2.4 million parcels of land within the County. Approximately \$963 million of District funds has been allocated for projects in 1,316 grants to grantees large and small, including 123 government agencies and 61 nonprofit organizations. Notable projects that have had significant milestones through FY2009/10 include:

- The Los Angeles Conservation Corps project, Encanto Nature Walk, completed in fall 2010, is a 1,600 foot-long nature trail along the San Gabriel River's west bank in the City of Azusa. Beginning at the historic Puente Largo Bridge it features a wide path to accommodate both pedestrian and equestrian users; new fencing and shade trees; interpretive signage describing the local ecosystem; and native plant landscaping to create additional habitat for wildlife. The nature trail culminates with a scenic viewpoint that extends nearly 200 feet into the river channel and offers 360-degree views of the surrounding area.
- Athens, Alondra and Ladera County parks are 2010 recipients of state-of-the-art outdoor fitness zones from a partnership between the County and the Trust for Public Land. The fitness zones promote general health and the workout equipment can withstand the harshest weather. Through a long-standing relationship with the Open Space District, Trust for Public Land grants have funded fitness zones in County parks in all five supervisorial districts.
- The Elephants of Asia Project helped fund the development of the largest exhibit in the history of the Los Angeles Zoo. The more than six-acre exhibit focuses on the connection between the elephants and their homelands in Asia. The habitat allows visitors to see the elephants enjoying bathing pools, a waterfall, sandy hills and other topographical features. The enclosure's barn offers the latest in animal care facilities for elephants of all ages. Completed in summer 2010, the exhibit opened to the public before the end of the year.
- The West Branch Greenway and Bikeway Project in the City of Bellflower developed 2.3 miles of old rail tracks into an urban pedestrian path and bicycle trail. The path runs from Lakewood Boulevard to Caruthers Park and features an 8-foot-wide asphalt path with new security lighting, trees, shrubs, ground-cover and irrigation, benches, drinking fountains and trash receptacles, as well as trails signage and traffic signal lighting. The project was dedicated in November 2009.
- The Adult Recreation Center, in the heart of downtown Glendale, involved the demolition of an outdated Senior Center, replaced by a modern facility offering more than 32,600 square feet of indoor and outdoor space for seniors. Features include a large multi-purpose room for social events and senior lunch services, meeting, classroom, game and counselling rooms and the latest in gymnasium equipment. Outdoor space includes patios, terraces, gardens, seating and game areas. The Center celebrated its grand opening in summer 2010.

Play for Life!

Phase II



Aside from maintaining beautiful and clean facilities, the Department of Parks and Recreation institutes initiatives that promote healthy living and a high quality of life through active programs and recreational pursuits. From swimming in one of the Department's many public pools and lakes to golfing at one of the department's 19 public golf courses, virtually any sport is available in a myriad of venues that span the entire Los Angeles County area.



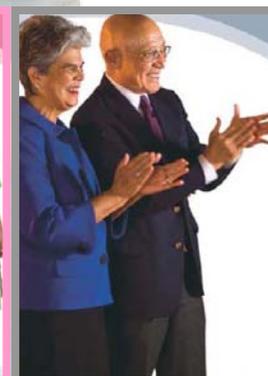
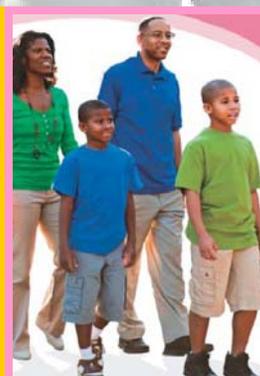
In early 2008, the department launched the *Play for Life!* campaign, whose message to youth, seniors, families and everyone in between embodies the Parks and Recreation mission to promote health, wellness, a high quality of life and varied recreational resources for Los Angeles residents. The high energy, fun and colorful campaign's specific calls to action were manifested in short, catchy slogans with double meanings to encourage everyone to *Play for Life!* by utilizing Los Angeles County's many beautiful parks and recreational facilities. Each phrase encouraged people to engage in an enriching activity, but also specifically referenced a feature of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation services and facilities.



The Second phase of the Department of Parks and Recreation's Public Information Campaign *Play for Life!* was implemented in 2009. This year's campaign, sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission, features real people who use our recreational facilities and who are helping encourage other members of the community to do the same by taking part in the many fun and healthy activities and programs available to them.



Colorful posters and other promotional materials featuring the Department's spokespeople were distributed throughout park facilities as well as County Libraries and other locations and light pole pennants were hung at different locations throughout the County of Los Angeles in each Supervisorial District.





Special Event Highlights...

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NORTH AGENCY

2008 – 2009

The Back-to-School Children's Fair in September 2008 brought together almost two dozen youth-serving agencies at El Cariso Community Regional Park to promote community awareness of available children's services and provide on-the-spot free health screenings and dental exams, library cards, and free backpacks and school supplies.

More than 7,000 residents attended the annual "Juneteenth Celebration" at Jackie Robinson Park, from June 19 through June 21, 2009. The 3-day event celebrated the emancipation of Black Americans and featured live entertainment on three stages, food, arts and crafts and a carnival.

In July 2008, Richard Rioux Memorial Park hosted a 4th of July Fireworks Show that drew more than 8,000 attendees.

Heal Our Neighborhood Community Festival & National Circus promoted active lifestyles with informational booths, entertainment, food vendors, a carnival and the National Circus of Mexico. The festival was held from June 12, 2009 through June 14, 2009 at El Cariso Community Regional Park with 4,000 people in attendance.

Local Altadena churches joined host Farnsworth Park to present the free annual Unity Concert of choir and praise music. The concert took place in February 2009 with approximately 400 attendees.

2009 – 2010

The REAACH Program, a five-month training program designed to provide high school juniors through college sophomores the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a successful career that includes 588 hours of paid work experience at County parks, hosted its first class of 65 students in May 2010. The program was sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

The Antelope Valley Kid's Healthy Cook-off, a collaborative effort involving six agencies, offered meal planning, cooking and food safety lessons to interested youth and their families. The program received an honorable mention from the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission.

The Countywide Grounds Maintenance Forum held in June 2010 at Farnsworth Park brought together 400 Department Grounds Maintenance staff for a day of training, building camaraderie and fostering teamwork.



Special Event Highlights

In June 2010, More than 6,800 people attended the 3-day Jackie Robinson Juneteenth Celebration, an event that celebrates the emancipation of African-Americans and features live entertainment, food, arts and crafts and a carnival.

In August 2009, 65 youth and their families participated in Aquatic Adventure Camp, a ten-day program with eight days of intensive instruction in water sports, swimming and water safety at each of the North Agency pools. This was followed by an overnight campout at Castaic Lake where they were introduced to camping, ecology and wildlife demonstrations.

SOUTH AGENCY

2008 – 2009

Approximately 300 people attended the Compton Revitalization Fair and South Agency Pool Opening Day celebration on June 20, 2009 at Roy Campanella Park. The event also featured the dedication of the community room to Ms. Annie Payne, a long time Second District Parks and Recreation volunteer. There was a “Kid Zone” that featured crafts, popcorn and the G-O-MAT as well as face painting. Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas was the guest of honor.

Approximately 3,000 people attended the Second Annual Educate and Celebrate Festival at Adventure Park on August 16, 2008. Hundreds of vendors, food booths, health professionals, play areas, activities and a live performance by the L.A. Blue Band were available. The event was co-sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the City of Cerritos honored mosaic artist Kim Emerson on Monday, January 26, 2009 during the dedication of her sculpture piece titled Water Henge: H2o = Life. The display can be found at Cerritos Community Regional Park on the corner of 195th Street and Bloomfield, west of the play area and north of the pool.

The Second Annual Mark Ridley-Thomas Swim Invitational took place on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at Victoria Park. The Second District had three competing teams. The City of Downey Dolphins finished 4th place, the Jesse Owens Park Pirates finished in 3rd place, the Victoria Park Victorians finished in 2nd place, and the Ted Watkins Park Penguins finished in 1st place.

Approximately 500 people attended Pathfinder Park’s Sixth Annual Taste of the Heights event on May 27, 2009. Eleven food vendors provided free food samples and coupons to participants. Live music was provided by The Hodads Band the kid zone featured face painting, bouncers, food and a magician.



Special Event Highlights

2009 – 2010



The Aquatic Training Center at Ted Watkins Park celebrated its grand opening.

Approximately 2,500 people attended the Fourth Annual Educate and Celebrate Festival at Adventure Park on August 7, 2009. Free groceries were provided to 450 families, 300 backpacks and school supplies were given away and attendees received free hair cuts, dental exams, job fair and information from more than 30 Los Angeles County Departments.



Nearly 500 youth ages 3 to 15 participated in the 14th Annual Knabe Family Fishing Derby on September 18, 2009 at La Mirada Community Regional Park. Youth and parents enjoyed a free pancake breakfast and were offered free angling lessons from baiting to casting the line.

Approximately 464 volunteers participated in the Heal the Bay event at Cerritos Community Regional Park on September 25, 2009. Volunteers collected more than 720 pounds of trash from the three-mile long Coyote Creek located behind the park.

National Basketball Association and Euro League basketball star Josh Childress hosted a free youth basketball camp for 75 local children at Enterprise Park in July 2009. Participants also received free jerseys, shorts and sneakers.



EAST AGENCY

2008 – 2009

The Chivas USA Mini Clinic was held on July 19, 2008. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Park soccer league participated in a soccer clinic where professional players shared soccer strategies. Approximately 300 young players took part in the clinic.

More than 500 people participated in the “Get Up, Get Moving” Health Fair on July 12, 2008 at Belvedere Community Regional Park.

On August 23, 2008, the first synthetic soccer field in Los Angeles County was officially dedicated at Bassett Park. Professional soccer players from Chivas USA conducted a soccer clinic as part of the opening festivities for about 300 participants.

The East Agency was the recipient of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) “Outstanding New Sports Facility Award” for the installation of a synthetic soccer field at Bassett Park.

One hundred-eighty parents received a certificate of completion and enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Parent Project Graduation Ceremony at City Terrace Park in June 2009. Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka and local Judges congratulated the parents for taking positive steps to better the lives of their children and communities.



Special Event Highlights

2009 – 2010

The annual National Night Out at Rimgrove Park was held in August 2009. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness.

Dalton Park successfully recruited talented volunteers and Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) workers who assisted with the summer camp program. The volunteers and youth workers helped provide an enjoyable and safe environment for the 2010 summer campers.

GOYA Foods donated and distributed 150 Thanksgiving food baskets to families in the Ruben F. Salazar Park community.

Kingsford Charcoal donated four Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant picnic tables, six grills and four benches for refurbishment and beautification of picnic areas at Franklin D. Roosevelt Park.

In collaboration with Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina and Los Angeles County Arts Commission, summer Concerts and Art Festivals were held at the East Los Angeles Civic Center during the summer months beginning July 2010. Approximately 30 artists from the East Los Angeles area displayed and sold their art and local bands performed throughout the concert series.

REGIONAL FACILITIES AGENCY

2008- 2009

The Renaissance Pleasure Faire returned to the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area for their fifth year from April 5 to May 17, 2009. The Renaissance Pleasure Faire, owned by Renaissance Entertainment Productions, is a commercial re-enactment of a market faire in a 17th Century England town.

The Los Angeles Garden Show was held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens from May 1 through 3, 2009. The theme of growing your own food was an amazing success. More than 12,000 people from all over the greater Los Angeles area and surrounding counties enjoyed this three day event, featuring garden displays, a marketplace of unique plants, and educational talks for professional and novice gardeners.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich sponsored two trail ride events to highlight the many miles of multi-use trails in the Fifth Supervisorial District. Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park held the Michael D. Antonovich Trail Duster Ride on October 26, 2008 on the Michael D. Antonovich Trail through Walnut Creek. Vasquez Rocks Natural Area hosted the Michael D. Antonovich Trail Duster Ride on May 31, 2009, with over 200 participants. Both events included a pancake breakfast, a trail ride, a barbeque lunch and entertainment by



Special Event Highlights

a live Country Western band.

The Army Reserve Units from South El Monte honored their fallen soldiers along with the Native American Caucus/Marine Corps with a ceremony at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in November 2008. The event included informative booths, a military museum exhibit and a tour.

The 2nd Annual Aid Africa 5K Fundraiser was held at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in May 2009. The event helped raise funds and created awareness for humanitarian aid for impoverished people in Africa.

The Gifts for Guns program, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was also held at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in May 2009. This program collected approximately 60 guns in exchange for a \$100 gift certificate per gun.

Descanso Gardens hosted the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) National Conference in 2008 at which more than 750 public garden directors, staff and employees attended from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and 24 other countries. The Conference draws public garden communities who come together through the APGA to share ideas, experiences, and concerns with a view towards strengthening its member gardens, which combined serve more than 70 million visitors a year.

2009 – 2010

Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park hosted the Jazz Festival in July 2009 with more than 10,000 attendees. Everyone enjoyed a jazz concert, vendors and food booths. Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park also hosted the popular Puerto Rican, Cuban and Columbian Festivals, each attracting more than 3,000 attendees.

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area hosted the “Cinco De Mayo” festival that celebrated Mexican Independence Day with world-famous musical groups, various vendors and food booths with attendance of more than 50,000.

Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park hosted “Concerts in the Park” which featured various musical acts ranging from jazz to rock to classical.

South Coast Botanic Garden celebrated 50 years of offering the public 87 acres of beautiful flowers, abundant wildlife and plants and diverse programming and recreation.

The Schabarum Support Foundation held the Spring Blossom Festival at Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park that featured dance, fitness, exercise classes and demonstrations. The Spring Blossom Festival helped to enrich the surrounding community and cultural experience.





Accomplishments...

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NORTH AGENCY

2008-2009

Commencing in 2008 and completed in time for the 2009 summer swim season, El Cariso Park swimming pool and pool house underwent extensive renovations to the pool shell, pool deck, plumbing and filter systems, as well as renovations to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the pools, restrooms, showers and drinking fountains.

Phase II of renovations was completed at Acton Park and included a new baseball field, basketball court, a Community Pavilion and picnic shelter cover, three flag poles and additional picnic tables.

A beautiful new ADA-accessible playground, the largest playground structure in any Los Angeles County park, was installed at Pacific Crest Park.

At Jake Kuredjian Park, a new ADA-accessible restroom building and drinking fountain was built. Security lighting was installed in the park and a storage area was also built.

At Richard Rioux Memorial Park, two new tennis courts and a practice court were installed, along with an ADA-compliant walkway, drinking fountain and 12 new horseshoe pits.

2009 – 2010

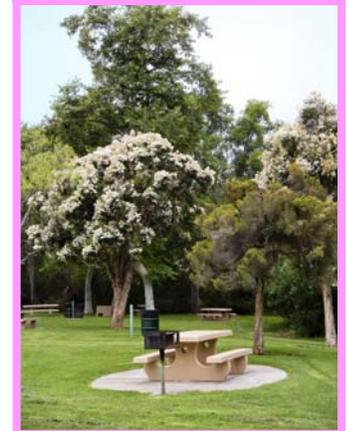
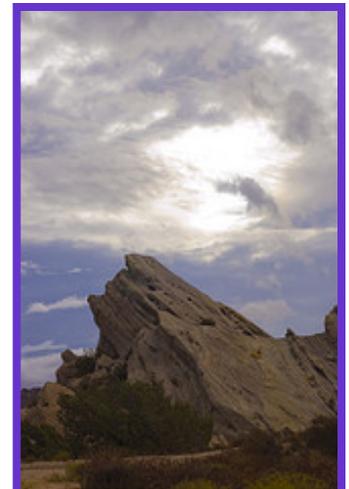
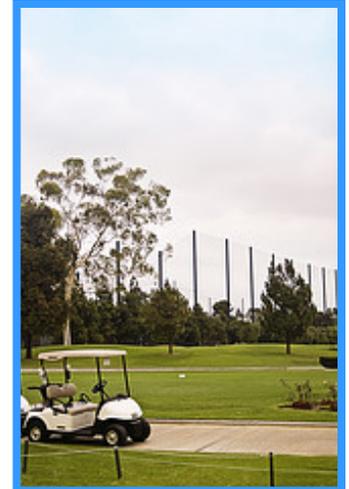
The North Agency opened West Creek Park in January 2010, when Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Director Russ Guiney and representatives of Newhall Land officially dedicated the park with amenities that include a basketball court, picnic shelters, playgrounds, a par course, an office and amphitheatre seating area.

Everett Martin Pool and bath house renovations were completed, including replacement of the pool deck and all mechanical equipment, new perimeter fencing, extensive renovations and ADA improvements to the pool and bath house

The basketball court was resurfaced at Richard Rioux Memorial Park.

Fitness Zones were installed at Jackie Robinson, Charles White and El Cariso Parks in spring 2010. A grant from the Trust for Public Land funded the Fitness Zones— state-of-the-art, durable and easy-to-use outdoor exercise equipment.

Beautiful, new, ADA-accessible playground and shade structures were installed at Everett Martin Park in November 2009 and at Acton Park in December 2009.



Accomplishments

SOUTH AGENCY

2008 – 2009

The Department of Parks and Recreation, British Academy for Film and Television Arts—Los Angeles, C.U.R.E. and community residents and leaders joined Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new \$6.8 million community building project at Helen Keller Park in September 2008. The project includes a lobby, surveillance cameras, media room and computer lab.

A \$3.2 million project at Mary M. Bethune Park that included refurbishment of the existing pool building and pool and replacement of the pool deck was completed. The Lennox Park Pool Building Improvements were also completed and included a \$3.5 million replacement of the pool dressing room, equipment building, pool deck and pool. The Roy Campanella pool and bathhouse refurbishment was completed and ADA parking lot improvements totaling approximately \$3 million dollars.

The \$2.7 million Rueben Ingold Park Slope Repair and Trail Improvements Project included slope drainage repairs. In addition, new signage, jogging path and exercise stations were constructed.

An ADA compliant decomposed granite walkway and exercise path was constructed at Adventure Park in May 2009. The project included picnic tables, benches, par course stations and lighted bollards.

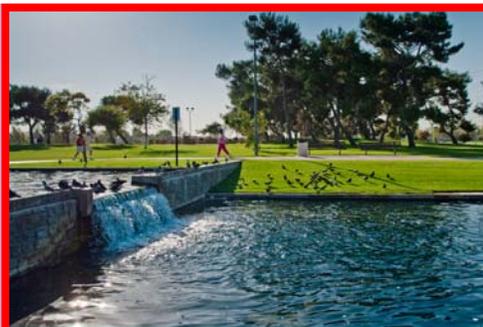
Infield sprinklers were installed at Pathfinder Park, Rowland Heights Park and Adventure Park. New sod was installed at Adventure and Rowland Heights Park which also included laser grading, installation of pegs, pitching rubbers and home plates.

2009 – 2010

Approximately 30 teens participated in an art project with the Los Angeles Arts Commission. With the help of the “Create Now” artists, the youth painted and completed the new mural at Lennox Park, replacing the old mural surrounding the pool area.

Approximately 250 youth and adults registered for more than 20 classes and sessions for the 2010 Parks After Dark (PAD) summer program. Activities included youth basketball, Kids’ Zone and aqua aerobics. More than 2,000 people participated in the Parks After Dark activities and programs at Ted Watkins Park.

The summer lunch program took place throughout South Agency Parks 2010. A total of 2,873 lunches and 2,867 snacks were served to youth ages 18 and under, in five Fourth District Parks and a total of 17,581 lunches and 18,151 snacks were served to youth ages 18 and under, in 17 Second District Parks.



Accomplishments

Another successful recreational swimming season took place in summer 2010. Thirteen pools offered summer swim; approximately 365,065 people visited the pools during the summer season.

EAST AGENCY

2008-2009

Bassett Park provided new amenities for the public including a skate park and splash pad areas, new shade shelters and tables, new benches, trash cans, flower pots and decorative fencing.

Amelia Mayberry Park's basketball courts were refurbished and additional lighting added. Braziers were added to the area adjacent to splash pad and the picnic shelters' weather damaged wood was replaced and painted.

The stage inside Ruben F. Salazar Park Gym was upgraded with new carpet and wood flooring. The walls along the pool were repainted and vines planted.

Renovations at Ruben F. Salazar Park included a new lifeguard office, men's and women's restroom, locker rooms, and showers, gymnasium renovations, a gym office for park staff, a storage closet and a multipurpose exercise room.

East Agency received the Quality and Productivity Commission 22nd Annual Productivity and Quality Award "The Power of Productivity" for the Fitness Zone Program in collaboration with Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Trust for Public Land and the Southern California Kaiser Permanente.

2009-2010

New splashpads opened at Atlantic Park, City Terrace Park and San Angelo Park.

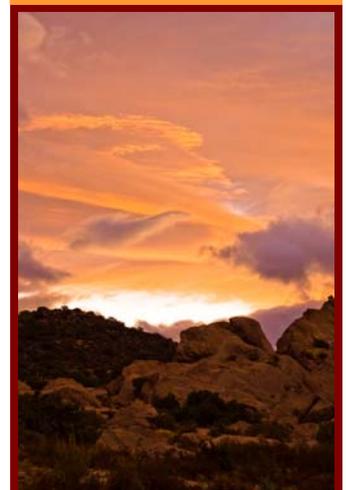
Talented volunteers and Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) workers worked at Dalton Park to assist with the summer camp program.

On June 28, 2010, Citibank held a soccer clinic at Franklin D. Roosevelt Park and presented a \$5,000 check to Roosevelt Park's Soccer League.

REGIONAL FACILITIES AGENCY

2008 – 2009

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area improved and renovated the Legg Lake Fishing Pier, Equestrian Center drainage, recreation area septic system, picnic areas, six playgrounds, model boat area, concession stand and model airplane shade structures. Other projects completed included the installation of adult fitness



Accomplishments



zones, urban reforestation, and updated ADA paths of travel.

Placerita Canyon Nature Center was remodeled to specifications set by the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design-Existing Building (LEED-EB) certification. Approximately 75 tons of materials were recycled, the old septic system was replaced, the pedestrian bridge was rebuilt and fortified with stronger, long lasting, synthetic materials, the historic Walker Cabin was remodeled with a new, fire rated roof.

Descanso Gardens received a \$2.1 million gift for design and construction of a new art gallery at Boddy House to be named the "Stuart Haaga Gallery of Art." The adaptive re-use/new construction project will be at the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED-Silver level. Additionally, Descanso Gardens installed 45 new, rare yellow-flowering camellia cultivars from two distinct lines developed in Japan.



Virginia Robinson Gardens Entry Terrazzo Terrace, at the front of the main house, was completely refurbished following the guidelines for restoring historic structures. The large crack in the brick and stucco wall at the driveway entrance was patched and restored, as was the designated area in the Italian Terrace Garden.

Improvements at South Coast Botanic Garden included the completion of two new greenhouses, service yard improvements, pathway solar lighting, fencing refurbishment, and a new entrance sign.

2009 – 2010



Placerita Canyon Nature Center received the first LEED-EB Silver Rated Certification for a Los Angeles County facility. The designation is given by the United States Green Building Council, acknowledging the Department's achievements in development of environmentally responsible facilities, services and programs.

Satellite controlled irrigation smart controllers were installed at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Frank G. Bonelli Park, Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, and the Hollywood Bowl for more efficient delivery of water to turf and landscaped areas.

New chlorine distribution lines were installed at Frank G. Bonelli's swim beach. Installation of new chlorine distribution lines to the swim beach recirculated lake water to mix with chlorine, eliminating domestic water sources.

William S. Hart Park underwent Historical Restoration and Building Refurbishment in the museum's chauffeurs quarters, tea room, gift shop/office and storage barns.

The Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Soccer Field Trail Enhancement Project developed a 2,800 linear foot exercise trail with five fitness stations adjacent to the soccer fields.

Awards



National

Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation received the 2009 National Association of Counties (NACO) Achievement Award for the **Efficiency Initiative** program.

The Annual South Whittier **“Educate Celebrate Festival”** received the 2008 NACO Achievement Award.

The **Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Camp** received the 2008 NACO Achievement Award.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation **Play for Life! Public Information Campaign** received the 2009 NACO Achievement Award.

The **East Agency Board Club** received the Parks and Recreation Award from NACO.

Los Angeles County Park Foundation Second District Commissioner, **Stan Lee**, received the National Association of Counties Park and Recreation Official's (NACPRO) Outstanding Public Official Award.

Castaic Sports Complex volunteer **Kimberly Rhoads** received the Outstanding Volunteer Award from NACPRO.

The **Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates** received the Outstanding Support Organization Award from NACPRO.

Department Facility Planner I **Jim McCarthy** was honored by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) with its 2008 Professional Fellow Award, an award bestowed on one recipient nationwide each year.

State

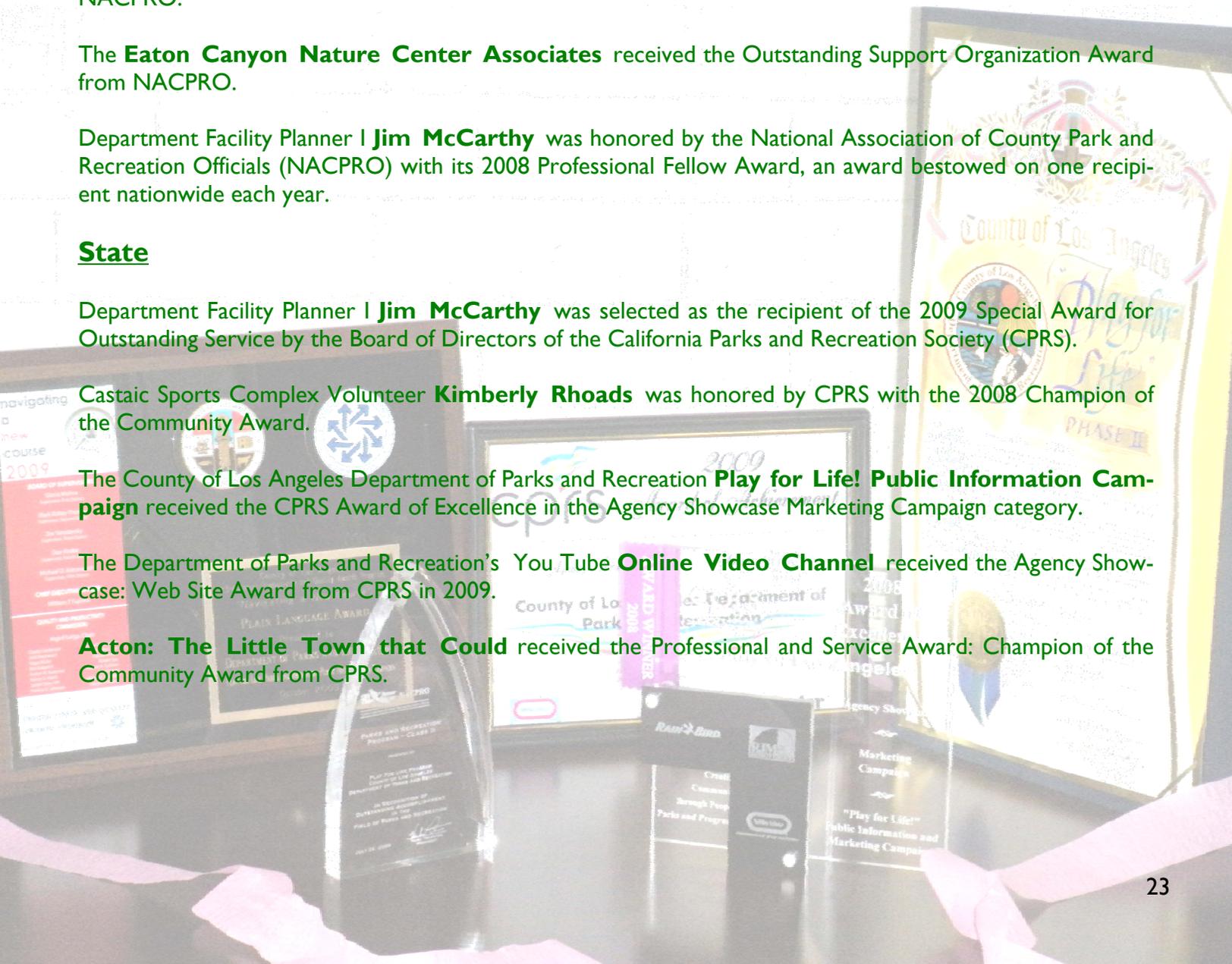
Department Facility Planner I **Jim McCarthy** was selected as the recipient of the 2009 Special Award for Outstanding Service by the Board of Directors of the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS).

Castaic Sports Complex Volunteer **Kimberly Rhoads** was honored by CPRS with the 2008 Champion of the Community Award.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation **Play for Life! Public Information Campaign** received the CPRS Award of Excellence in the Agency Showcase Marketing Campaign category.

The Department of Parks and Recreation's YouTube **Online Video Channel** received the Agency Showcase: Web Site Award from CPRS in 2009.

Acton: The Little Town that Could received the Professional and Service Award: Champion of the Community Award from CPRS.



County

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation employee **Ron Cox** received the L.A. County STARS! Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness Award October 2009.

Peter F. Schabarum Park Superintendent, **Connie Douglas** received the L.A. County STARS! Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness Award in March 2010.

Randy Garcia, youth volunteer at El Cariso Park, was named the County of Los Angeles 2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Castaic Sports Complex volunteer **Kimberly Rhoads** received the Adult Volunteer of the Year Award from the County of Los Angeles for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Hollywood Indies Youth Sports Program received the Traditional Plaque from the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation **Play for Life! Public Information Campaign** received the Plain Language Award from the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission.

The Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission recognized **Farnsworth Park Task Force** with an honorable mention.

People for Parks awarded **Maria Lopez** from Bassett Park with the 2008 Teen Urban Hero Award.

Albert Gomez was honored by the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) in July 2008 for his work with the Parenting Program.

Matt Gastaldo, volunteer coach and mentor at Castaic Sports Complex, was posthumously recognized with a 2008 L.A. Park Hero Award.

Michael Baham, Pool Manager at Loma Alta and El Cariso was recognized with an L.A. Park Hero Award.

Assistant Regional Recreation Director **Al Evans** received the L.A. Park Hero Supervisor Award.





Some of our Programs!

Recreation

- ♫ Boating
- ♫ Camping
- ♫ Concerts in the Park
- ♫ Fishing
- ♫ Hiking
- ♫ Mobile Recreation Unit
- ♫ Mountain Biking
- ♫ Pet Adoption Clinics
- ♫ Playgrounds
- ♫ Swim Beaches
- ♫ Water Skiing
- ♫ Moonlight Kayak Tours

Instructional

- ✍ Musical Instruments
- ✍ Computer Classes
- ✍ Naturalist Training
- ✍ Typing Classes
- ✍ Healthy Cooking
- ✍ Self Defense
- ✍ Family Camp
- ✍ Crime Scene Investigation Camp (CSI)

Youth

- 🚲 Aerobics and Nutrition
- 🚲 After –School Programs
- 🚲 Bookworms
- 🚲 Day Camps
- 🚲 Drum Corps
- 🚲 H.E.A.T.
- 🚲 Junior Rangers
- 🚲 Mommy and Me
- 🚲 Mom ‘n’ Dad Play Club
- 🚲 Pre-school
- 🚲 Surf Bus
- 🚲 Teen Scene
- 🚲 Teen Club
- 🚲 Tennis Lessons
- 🚲 Tiny Tots
- 🚲 Young Chefs
- 🚲 A.Y.S.O Soccer

Fitness

- 🦶 Aerobics
- 🦶 Jazzercise
- 🦶 Walking for Wellness
- 🦶 Bird Walks
- 🦶 Nature Walks
- 🦶 Plant Walks
- 🦶 Tai Chi
- 🦶 Moonlight Hikes
- 🦶 “Tae Bo for the Average Joe”
- 🦶 Yoga
- 🦶 Pilates

Aquatics

- 🏊 Dive Team
- 🏊 Recreational Swimming
- 🏊 Junior Lifeguards
- 🏊 SCUBA
- 🏊 Water Aerobics
- 🏊 Surfing
- 🏊 Synchronized Swimming
- 🏊 Water Polo
- 🏊 Skin Diver

Sports

- 🏹 Gymnastics
- 🏹 Basketball
- 🏹 Tennis
- 🏹 Youth Wrestling
- 🏹 Youth Flag Football
- 🏹 Fencing
- 🏹 Volleyball
- 🏹 Badminton
- 🏹 Family Olympics
- 🏹 Golf
- 🏹 Junior Golf
- 🏹 Boxing
- 🏹 Soccer
- 🏹 Softball
- 🏹 Indoor Tennis
- 🏹 Table Tennis
- 🏹 Martial Arts
- 🏹 Baseball
- 🏹 Disc Golf

Games

- 🎧 Bingo
- 🎧 Chess
- 🎧 Mah Jong
- 🎧 Checkers
- 🎧 Shuffle Board
- 🎧 Board Games

Crafts

- ✂ Ceramics
- ✂ Brush Painting
- ✂ Topiary
- ✂ Quilting
- ✂ Knitting
- ✂ Oil Painting

Dance / Cheer

- 🎤 Hula
- 🎤 Ballet Folklorico
- 🎤 Movement of the Arts
- 🎤 Tap Dancing
- 🎤 Dance Squad
- 🎤 Line Dancing
- 🎤 Ballroom Dancing
- 🎤 Cheerleading

Seniors

- 👴 Senior Tennis
- 👴 Senior Aerobics
- 👴 Senior Lawn Bowling
- 👴 Senior Computer Class
- 👴 Senior Water Aerobics
- 👴 Senior Chair Exercise
- 👴 Senior Citizens Club
- 👴 Senior Fitness Club
- 👴 Senior Cooking Class



Partners

Arts Commission

Programming at the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre and support of artistic components of capital construction projects

Beaches and Harbors

Joint recreation programming at Burton Chace Park and collaboration on Goal 3

Chief Executive Office

Capital project development assistance and funding at various parks and land acquisition and trespass issue resolution

Children and Family Services

Foster youth employment program

Community Development Commission

Park programming grants and park development in East Los Angeles and Avocado Heights

Community and Senior Services

Coordinate community and senior services throughout Los Angeles County

County Counsel's Office

Legal services and advice

District Attorney

Parenting classes at Ruben F. Salazar Park and other parks

Department of Animal Care and Control

Low cost pet vaccinations, pet adoption events and managing stray animals in parks

Department of Consumer Affairs

Informational workshops regarding real estate, finance, fraud and senior abuse

Department of Health Services

Assistance in dealing with homeless issues in parks

Department of Mental Health

Assistance in dealing with homeless issues in parks

Department of Probation

Probation Officer in-park assistance at Athens, Belvedere and Pamela Parks

Department of Public Health

Public information and educational programs at parks

Department of Public Social Services

Assistance in dealing with homeless issues in parks

Department of Public Works

Capital Project construction management

Department of Regional Planning

Assistance with including trails and parks in local area plans and new residential developments

Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

Park development on landfills in Palos Verdes and Puente Hills

Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector

Refinancing of the Regional Park and Open Space District

Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN)

Partners in improving the lives of abused, neglected and at-risk children through multidisciplinary efforts that support the identification, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Junior Golf Foundation

Support of Junior Golf programs

Public Library

Joint programming in parks, Public

Library Book Mobile, Reading in a Box and Play for Life! Campaign

Public Social Services

Assistance in dealing with homeless people in parks

Quality Productivity Commission

Quality and Productivity Managers Network, Productivity and Quality Awards Program, Productivity Investment Fund, and other quality enhancement

Sherriff's Department

Law enforcement services and gang task force for parks

ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

ABC 7

Promotion of water safety through public information and education

Amigos de Los Rios

Partners in development of the Emerald Necklace Park and open space areas along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers

Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles

Program and funding support for swim programs

BAFTA/LA and C.U.R.E

Film and movie screenings and special events

Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Capital projects, signage, and long-range planning

Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

Partners in acquiring and preserving land in Baldwin Hills

California Highway Patrol

Partners in the development of the CSI Camp

California Office of Traffic Safety
Public information programs on the importance of wearing a seat belt

California State Parks
County operation of three state parks and grant programs

Catalina Island Conservancy
Operation of the Santa Catalina Island Interpretive Center

CBS / KCAL
Summer Defeat the Heat Program promoting water safety and relief from the summer heat

Center for Natural Land Management
Joint powers in the Newhall Ranch High Country Joint Powers Authority

Central Basin Water District
Joint power partners in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center

City of Santa Clarita
Joint powers in the Newhall Ranch High Country Joint Powers Authority

Descanso Guild
Operation of Descanso Gardens

Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates
Program support at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area

Fish and Game Commission
Support urban fishing programs

Friends of Virginia Robinson Gardens
Support and preservation of the gardens

Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation
Support of facility and programs, including volunteer support at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden

Los Angeles City Police Department
Partner in the development of the CSI Camp

Los Angeles Conservation Corps
Urban Reforestation Project

Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council
Partners in advocating reform of children's systems in the Los Angeles area

Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
Programming and capital project support at the Hollywood Bowl

Los Angeles County Parks Foundation
Non-profit foundation supporting the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Mountains Restoration Trust
Land acquisition and management in the Santa Monica Mountains

National Park Service
Partner in land acquisition and community planning

Newhall Land and Farming Company
Joint power partners in the Newhall Ranch High Country Joint Powers Authority

Park Summit of Los Angeles County
A roundtable of eighty-eight cities and other park and recreation providers developed to exchange ideas and work on common goals

A Better LA
Sponsorship of special events

Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates
Program support at the Placerita Canyon Nature Center

Professional Disc Golf Association

Co-sponsored professional and amateur disc golf tournaments

Public Links Golf Association Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Joint power partners in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center

San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy Authority
Partners in land acquisition and management at Marshall Canyon Regional Park and operation of Nature Center at Santa Fe Dam

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Joint power partners in the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

South Coast Botanic Garden Association
Support of facility and programs, including volunteer support at South Coast Botanic Gardens

State Department of Fish and Game
Support of urban fishing programs

Trust for Public Land
Partners in land acquisition and management at Marshall Canyon Regional Park

Upper San Gabriel Water District
Joint power partners in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center



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