

Marine Mammal Care Center Parking Fee Waiver

The Marine Mammal Care Center (MMCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been a leader in marine mammal health and conservation in Southern California since its founding in 1992. MMCC is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of marine mammals, as well as public education and scientific research. Operating year-round, MMCC serves the entire Los Angeles County coastline, including Catalina Island.

In the spring of this year, MMCC responded heroically to a surge in domoic acid toxicosis, a harmful algal bloom that causes severe neurological symptoms and, in many cases, proved fatal to marine mammals along the Southern California coast. On June 4, 2025, MMCC celebrated the successful rehabilitation and release of four young sea lions at a public event on Venice Beach. Community members were invited to witness the joyful return of the pups to the ocean. The event not only marked the end of the toxic algae bloom but also launched a new preparedness campaign aimed at mitigating the impact of future outbreaks.

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BARGER	_____

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors to retroactively waive the parking fees in the amount of \$540.00 for 60 vehicles, excluding the cost of liability insurance, at the Washington Avenue Parking lot in Venice for the guests that attended the Marine Mammal Care Center Event on June 4, 2025.

Daily Parking Fee Rate:

Venice Summer Weekday Rate \$9

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