

Blue Flag U.S.A. Beaches Eco-Award



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES & HARBORS
COMMUNITY SERVICES CLUSTER – 1ST JUNE 2022



BLUE FLAG USA



American Shore & Beach Preservation Association

**NATIONAL
WILDLIFE
FEDERATION®**



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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

- Environmental Education Activities
- Blue Flag Information Board
- Beach Code of Conduct

WATER QUALITY

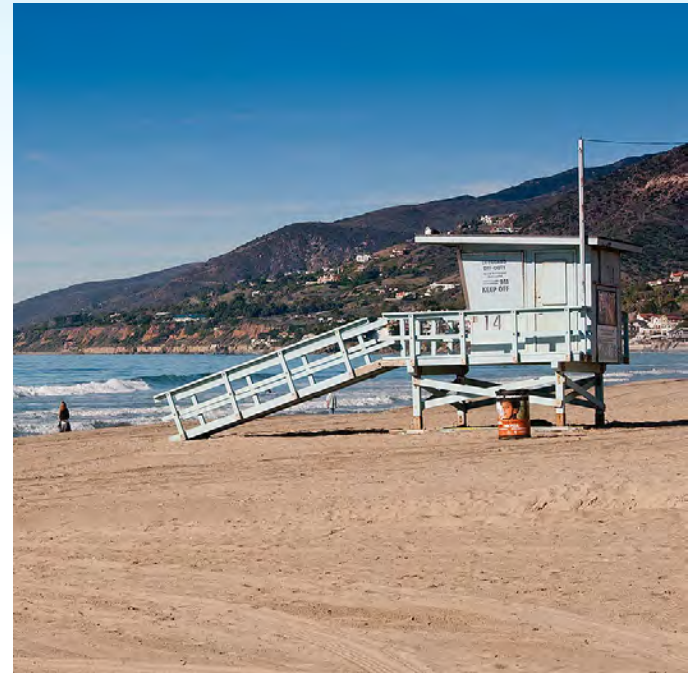
- Frequent Water Sampling
- Excellent Bathing Water Quality

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Environmental Management Plan
- Proper Waste Management
- Adequate and Clean Facilities

SAFETY AND SERVICES

- Emergency Plans
- Lifeguards and First-aid Equipment
- Accident Prevention Measures
- Must be a USLA Certified Lifeguard Agency
- Access for All



Blue Flag Pilot: Zuma Beach



DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS BEACH EMERGENCY EVACUATION LIGHTS SYSTEM (BEEELS)



Community Services Cluster Presentation
June 1, 2022

Caring for Our Coast



Background / Purpose

- Deaf and hard of hearing community only have access to audio notifications on beaches
- BEELS provides immediate and simultaneous lights and audio notifications
- Will be activated for emergency incidents
- Beach evacuations take 15-25 minutes, so time is of the essence



Pilot Program

- Board of Supervisors passed motion approving BEELS pilot at Torrance Beach
- Installed on four building structures
- Uses LED lights and loudspeakers and broadcast in English and Spanish
- Activated using computer, smart devices and manually



Expansion Plans / Other

- Final testing at Torrance Beach underway
- Department management to further discuss expansion plans
- Local and state interest expressed
- Social media kit being prepared
- 2022 NACo Achievement Award Winner
 - Risk and Emergency Management Category





PARKS & RECREATION CAREER PATHWAYS

AQUATICS SERIES



Lifeguard
Ready
Training



Cadet



Recurrent



Permanent

- Lake
- Pool

AQUATICS SERIES

BUILDING CAREER
PATHWAYS TO OTHER
DEPARTMENTS WITH
AQUATICS

- ✓ Beach Lifeguard
- ✓ EMT / Paramedic
- ✓ Firefighter



RECREATION SERIES



Partner
with
WDACS
to Recruit
Youth @
Work



Park Aide
(created in
2021)



Recurrent
Rec
Services
Leader
(part time)



Permanent
Part-time
Rec
Services
Leader
(in process)



Permanent
Rec
Services
Leader
(full time)

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERIES



Partner with
WERC to Recruit
Corps/Systems-
involved Youth



Certification
Program



Grounds
Maintenance
Worker I / II /
Supervisor

INCREASE NUMBER OF WOMEN AS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS



Grounds
Maintenance
Worker I



Certification
& Training
Program



Grounds
Maintenance
Worker II



Supervisor
Training
Program

INCREASE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN TRADES



Recruit
Apprentices
from WERC
and WINTER



Apprenticeship
Program for
Women



Full-time
Trade
Positions

TREE TRIMMER SERIES



Conservation
Corps/Systems
-involved Youth



Certification
Program



Tree Trimmer

- DPR & Other
Departments
- Private Sector

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