



County of Los Angeles Beach Commission

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AGENDA

Meeting of the Beach Commission
October 23, 2013
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

(September 25, 2013)

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nominating Committee
- B. Future Meeting Topics

(DISCUSSION)
(DISCUSSION)

5. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Ongoing Activities Report
 - Board Actions on Items Relating to Beaches
- B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events
- C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report
Regarding Beach Maintenance

(DISCUSS REPORT)
(DISCUSS REPORT)
(VERBAL REPORT)

Catherine McCurdy,
Chair
Ginny Kruger,
Vice-Chair

Thomas Barnes
Clare Bronowski
Rosi Dagit
Walt Dougher

Norman Dupont
Jeffrey Jennings
Kelly McDowell
Charles Milam

Wayne Powell
Scott Sachs
Jeffrey Sallee
Mitch Ward
Gregory Woodell

- D. Capital Projects Status Report/Related Activities
- E. Lifeguard Report

(DISCUSS REPORT)
(VERBAL REPORT)

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- 8. NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION** – Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park Community Room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Department of Beaches and Harbors
Administration Building
13837 Fiji Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Marina del Rey Information Center
4701 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Burton Chace Park Community Room
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Lloyd Taber – Marina del Rey Library
4533 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

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Gary Jones
Acting Director

Kerry Silverstrom
Chief Deputy

John Kelly
Deputy Director

October 17, 2013

TO: Beach Commission

FROM: *Carol Baker for*
Gary Jones, Acting Director

SUBJECT: **BEACH COMMISSION AGENDA – OCTOBER 23, 2013**

Enclosed is the agenda for your meeting of October 23, 2013, together with the minutes of your September 25, 2013 meeting. Also enclosed are reports related to Agenda Items 5A, 5B and 5D as well as the Beach Commission Attendance Report.

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

GJ:CB:ms

Enclosures



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Catherine McCurdy, Chair
Ginny Kruger, Vice-Chair
Thomas Barnes
Clare Bronowski
Rosi Dagit
Jeffrey Jennings
Charles Milam
Wayne Powell
Scott Sachs
Jeffrey Sallee
Mitch Ward
Gregory Woodell

ABSENCES

Walt Dougher
Norman Dupont
Kelly McDowell

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Jones, Acting Director
John Kelly, Deputy Director, Facilities/Capital Projects/
Maintenance/Traffic Planning/Harbor Engineering Bureau
Carol Baker, Division Chief, Community & Marketing
Services Division
Kyle Daniel, Captain, Lifeguard Division, Los Angeles
County Fire Department
Kenneth Foreman, Division Chief, Facilities and
Property Maintenance Division
Cesar Espinosa, Planning Specialist, Planning Division
Maya Saraf, Administrative Analyst, Planning Division

GUEST SPEAKER

None

MEETING LOCATION

Burton W. Chace Park Community Room

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McCurdy called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Chair McCurdy asked Commissioner Sachs to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commissioners and staff stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair McCurdy asked Ms. Baker to update the Commission on the status of the Department interim Director. Ms. Baker informed the Commission that on August 20th the Board of Supervisors appointed Gary Jones as the Acting Director. Ms. Baker asked Mr. Jones to discuss his goals and objectives. Mr. Jones reported that the Department was successful in securing funds which allowed for hiring additional staff for maintaining the beaches; the focus next would be on using an automated system

instead of paper-based for tracking and reporting work orders. Mr. Jones is working on advocating for a systematic way of funding beach projects for improving concession buildings, restrooms and maintenance yards. He also stated the department is working on promoting and increasing their presence in the community in which it serves through social media and other communications efforts. Recently the department implemented a new logo, and soon to follow is a redesigning of the website's homepage. Mr. Jones emphasized his commitment to creating ways for the public to interact with the department in obtaining services in the marina and beaches. Chair McCurdy congratulated Mr. Jones on his new role.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McCurdy asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. **Motion to approve by Vice-chair Kruger, seconded by Commissioner Woodell, and unanimously approved.**

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Climate Change/Sea Level Rise

Ms. Baker introduced Ms. Maya Saraf, who worked at the department through the administrative intern program and was recently hired as a permanent county employee, and Mr. Cesar Espinosa, who recently was promoted to Planning Specialist. They will present both agenda items. Mr. Espinosa informed the Commissioners of the Board motion that prompted different departments to look at various studies regarding climate change. The studies were; UCLA Climate Change Studies, National Research Council Sea-Level Rise Study, and the State of California Sea Level-Rise Guidance Document. Ms. Saraf presented information on the research studies and showed a short video of Gary Griggs, Director of Institute of Marine Sciences at UC Santa Cruz, detailing the studies. Ms. Saraf discussed what the next step would be for the department. Commissioner Barnes recommended that a sea level rise scenario maps be provided to this Commission when long term projects are being considered. Mr. Espinosa stated that various grant applications have been submitted that would provide maps for this region. The Commissioners provided a variety of recommendations to staff, such as funding resources through the state or past bond measures from the Coastal Commission and Coastal Conservancy. The study done by Long Beach Aquarium should be looked at, in part to find out what other agencies are doing for the port areas. It was also recommended that staff work with SCAG, South Bay City Council of Governments, Environmental Services Center, and the Independent Cities Association. Vice-Chair Kruger thanked staff for the informative presentation and asked that a follow-up presentation be provided. Chair McCurdy suggested that once staff is ready to report back to the Board they can provide a report to this Commission at that time.

B. Unfunded Capital Project

Mr. Espinosa discussed the list of Unfunded Capital Beach Project that was provided to the Commissioners. The list consists of buildings and facilities along the coast that either need to be improved or replaced. In Supervisorial District Three, there are eight projects and one improvement project, which include restrooms, parking lots, infrastructure and replacement and upgrade of utilities. Supervisorial District Four has the same amount of projects and improvements, including restrooms, a maintenance yard, and accessways at Redondo Beach. Mr. Espinosa informed the Commission that District Four received funding to repair a total of five restrooms at El Porto, Redondo, and Royal Palms. Commissioner Barnes inquired about the priorities of the list and about the cost estimate. Mr. Espinoza responded that the list priorities and cost estimate has not been done because funding has not been identified. Mr. Jones stated one of his goals is to look at facilities along the beach and coastline, identify what needs to be done and to advocate for funding. Mr. Espinosa discussed the process of how a project becomes an approved capital project. When funding becomes available, the Commissioners requested they be presented with the information to provide their input and recommendations. They are requesting that staff provide a rough cost estimate for each project. Commissioner Barnes thanked staff for providing the list.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Ongoing Activities Report

Ms. Baker presented the report.

B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events

Mr. Baker announced the summer camps went smoothly with no major incidents with the operators, and increases in activities for kids at Dockweiler Youth Center. She reported that staff has been patrolling the beach and citing unlicensed rogue operators. Commissioner Sachs inquired about the number of citations written, and suggested going after websites that offer deals for the classes or activities. Ms. Baker estimated that 14 citations were given out and stated she will discuss his suggestion with County Counsel. Commissioner Powell announced two events that are being held on October 27th in Manhattan Beach, the Annual Friendship Circle Pier to Pier Walk and the pumpkin races.

C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report (No report was given.)

D. Capital Projects Status Report

Vice-Chair Kruger expressed concern over the septic system replacement and what would happen if the sea level rises. Mr. Kelly stated the current septic system requirements are sophisticated and that seasonal berms are in place to deal with the storm surge, high tide, and sea level rise for the short-term.

E. Lifeguard Report

Captain Kyle Daniel, in charge of Youth Programs/Communities Services, currently stationed at The Strand, provided an update and statistical report. He reported over 45 million visitors came to the county beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend. The Junior Lifeguard program had over 3,700 kids complete the program. The Division is looking at splitting the program in half to accommodate the growth. Captain Daniel reported there have been a few great white shark sightings, and they are in the process of creating a policy on how to handle shark sightings and potential threat. L.A. County Lifeguard's hosted a national lifeguarding competition at Manhattan Beach, and six lifeguards attended the International Competition in Japan in which the U.S. came in third. He reported one of the lifeguards has a documentary series that can be viewed online at www.sippingsailing.com.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Milam announced he volunteers at the Exposition Park and California Science Center on Wednesday afternoons and extended an invitation to provide a personalized tour to the staff and Commissioners.

Commissioner Woodell encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Coastal Process class on October 30th.

Commissioner Barnes commended Mr. Jones for his proactiveness.

Commissioner Sachs requested to have agenda material be printed double sided.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2013, 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Sherwood
Interim Commission Secretary



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Chief Deputy

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Deputy Director

October 17, 2013

TO: *Carol Bo* Beach Commission

FROM: *me* Gary Jones, Acting Director

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

BOARD ACTIONS ON ITEMS RELATING TO BEACHES

There were no Board action items related to the beaches since the last report to your Commission.

GJ:CB:ms





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October 17, 2013

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

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 5B - BEACH AND MARINA DEL REY SPECIAL EVENTS**

MARINA DEL REY

MARINA DEL REY FARMERS' MARKET

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

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

"BEACH EATS" GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS

Marina "Mother's" Beach ♦ 4101 Admiralty Way ♦ Marina del Rey
Thursdays
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Department is sponsoring gourmet food trucks in Marina del Rey on Thursday evenings, offering delectable dishes, plus a chance to picnic on the beach. The *Beach Eats* gourmet food truck events are held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The assortment of trucks varies week to week. 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

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

FALL YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP

Burton Chace Park ♦ Lobby ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey
November 25th – 27th 2013 7:30am – 6:30pm
\$99 for 3 days / Boys & Girls / Ages 6 – 10 years old

Fall membership includes three days of sports, recreation activities, health and fitness programs, arts & crafts, lawn games and so much more! Registration is open until the program is full.

Call (310) 305-9595 to reserve your space.

FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WEEKEND CONCERT SERIES

Sponsored by Pacific Ocean Management, LLC

All concerts are from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

Yes Ma'am, playing Blues

Sunday, October 20

Floyd & The Fly Boys, playing Contemporary Jazz/R&B

Saturday, October 26

Michael Haggins & Friends, playing R&B

Sunday, October 27

Jimi Nelson & The Drifting Cowboys, playing Country

For more information call: Pacific Ocean Management at (310) 822-6866

BEACH EVENTS

SKECHERS PIER TO PIER FRIENDSHIP WALK

City of Hermosa Beach

Sunday, October 27, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This annual Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk is a 3.4-mile event, from Manhattan Beach Pier to the Hermosa Beach Pier and back, raises money for education and children with special needs. At the finish line, there will be live music and entertainment, refreshments and exciting activities for all ages.

For more information: visit www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com

23RD ANNUAL WORLD FAMOUS PUMPKIN RACE FESTIVAL

Manhattan Beach Pier

Sunday, October 27, 2013

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Family and friends are welcome to Pumpkinrace Land, where guests can make their own Pumpkin Racecar and race for fun and the coveted Championship Trophy.

For more information: visit www.pumpkinrace.com

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 SHORE FISHING

Dockweiler Youth Center ♦ Lobby ♦ 12505 Vista Del Mar ♦ Los Angeles
Saturdays
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

We are offering an introduction to Shore Fishing. Fishing poles and bait are provided at no cost. All ages welcome – anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants over 15 years of age must have a fishing license.

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

DOCKWEILER YOUTH CENTER NATURE WALKS

Dockweiler Youth Center ♦ Meet in Lobby ♦ 12505 Vista Del Mar ♦ Los Angeles

November 23, 2013 and January 11, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

We are teaming up with the Los Angeles Audubon Society to offer nature walks focusing on general beach ecology with emphasis on the federally threatened Snowy Plover. Binoculars for the duration of the walk will be provided.

For more information call: (310) 726-4128

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October 17, 2013

TO: Beach Commission

FROM: 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

Supervisory District 3

(1)	Will Rogers State Beach - Coastline Drive Development	\$ 9,514,000
(2)	Dan Blocker-West Improvement Project	4,790,000
(3)	Beach Restroom Septic System Replacement Program	13,788,000
(4)	Surfrider Beach Tank Preservation	<u>394,960</u>
TOTAL		\$28,486,960

(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 in four 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.

Commission in November 2013. All other regulatory permit applications (Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Caltrans) are pending review. The 100% construction plans are under review by Building and Safety, and the Department of Public Health.

(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: Replacement of the septic systems at Zuma restrooms Nos. 2, 7, 8 and 9 is expected to begin February 2014. The City of Malibu is currently reviewing the coastal development permit application. As requested by the Department of Public Health, additional percolation tests at each site will be conducted by the end of October 2013.

(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: The permits for the City of Malibu, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Army Corps of Engineers continue to be under review. The Board Letter to adopt the environmental document and approve the project and its budget is tentatively scheduled for the November 5 Board meeting.

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 City of Malibu coastal development permit and the Department of Fish and Wildlife permit have been received. The Army Corp of Engineer has extended the expiration date of the permit that was issued to Beaches and Harbors (Department) a few years ago. The Department will meet with Caltrans before the end of October 2013 to discuss the encroachment permit requirements and hopefully get the permit before end of this year.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION ATTENDANCE REPORT 2013

Commissioner/ Appointed by	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July Meeting Cancel	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total Meetings Attended 2013
Sachs/Ridley-Thomas	X	X	X		X	X	*	X			
Bronowski/Yaroslavsky	X	X		X	X		*	X			
Dagit/Yaroslavsky	X	X			X	X	*	X			
Dupont/Yaroslavsky			X	X	X		*				
Jennings/Yaroslavsky		X		X	X		*	X			
Kruger/Yaroslavsky	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X			
Woodell/Yaroslavsky	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X			
Barnes/Knabe					X	X	*	X			
Dougher/Knabe	X	X	X	X	X	X	*				
McCurdy/Knabe	X	X	X	X		X	*	X			
McDowell/Knabe	X	X	X	X		X	*				
Milam/Knabe	X	X	X	X	X	X	*	X			
Powell/Knabe		X	X		X	X	*	X			
Sallee/Knabe	X	X			X	X	*	X			
Ward/Knabe	*	*	*	*	X	X	*	X			
Stern/Yaroslavsky		RETIRED									
Pratt/Knabe	RETIRED										
Rohrer/Knabe	X	RETIRED									
Vacant/Molina											
Vacant/Yaroslavsky											
Vacant/Knabe											
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