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MAINTENANCE VEHICLE STRIKES WOMAN ON BEACH

LOS ANGELES – May 14, 2014 – A 49-year-old woman was struck and injured by a beach maintenance vehicle today at Venice Beach.

The victim, whose name was unavailable, was taken to UCLA Medical Center in Westwood following the incident that occurred about 10:30 a.m. on the Via Marina Peninsula beach, just north of the main channel of the Marina del Rey Harbor.

The driver of the vehicle, a veteran employee of the Department of Beaches and Harbors' beach maintenance division, had stopped to survey and arrange for the removal of several large pieces of debris near the shoreline. As he attempted to depart, turning his Nissan Xterra SUV away from the shore, the vehicle struck the woman, who had been lying face down in the sand, unseen by the driver.

Lifeguards from the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Lifeguard Division and Los Angeles City Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene. The woman, who was alert and oriented following the incident, was transported to UCLA Medical Center in Westwood, where she was listed in serious condition.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Traffic Division also responded to the scene and interviewed the driver, who later was released. The Department of Beaches and Harbors will continue to review the incident.

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