

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### General Election Information – Important Reminders

Residents will recall during the City Council meeting of August 18, 2020, the City's **Municipal** Election was canceled due to the appointments of the sole candidates (Councilmember Cruikshank and Councilmember Alegria) to the two vacant seats. The **General** Election for November 3, 2020, is fast approaching, and below are some helpful links and reminders to ensure safe and secure voting.



CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS at:

<https://lavote.net/vrstatus>

REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 19, 2020 at:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration>

SAMPLE BALLOTS:

Official sample ballots will be mailed to each registered voter between September 24 and October 13. If you have not received your sample ballot by October 13, please visit the County's website at <https://lavote.net/> or by calling (800) 815-2666 and pressing Option 2.

You can also request an E-sample ballot by subscribing at:

[https://apps1.lavote.net/SECURED/e\\_sb/](https://apps1.lavote.net/SECURED/e_sb/)

VOTING BY MAIL:

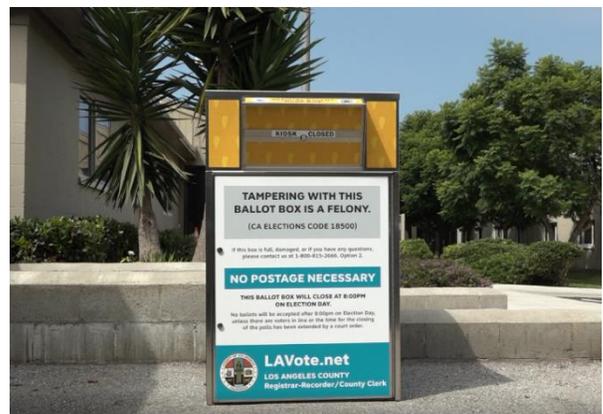
All registered voters will be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot to ensure safe and accessible voting during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are multiple options to return your ballot:

- By Mail- with no postage necessary (ballot **must** be postmarked by Nov 3)
- At **any** Ballot Drop Boxes\*

Ballot drop boxes to securely return your vote-by-mail ballot will be installed throughout LA County where voters can drop-off ballots 24-hours per day at **any** location between October 5 to November 3

- In person at **any** Vote Center in L.A. County (list forthcoming from County)  
LA County voters can vote at any Vote Center in the county and are no longer limited to local polling places as in previous elections. Election workers will follow County and State COVID-19 protocols to provide a safe voting environment. Please remember to wear clean face covering and maintain 6 feet of distance from other voters and election workers.

\* Currently, there is a permanent drop box available outside City Hall near the flagpole at 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, which will be accessible 24 hours per day, beginning the week of October 5. Additional information on vote centers and drop boxes will be available from the county and we will post the information in future City Manager reports, on the City’s website, and other social media.



#### HOW TO TRACK YOUR BALLOT:

To receive text messages, emails, or automated voice messaged regarding your vote by mail ballot *confirming* that your ballot was received and tallied, register at:

<https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

If you prefer to track, it online go to: [https://www.lavote.net/av\\_inquiry](https://www.lavote.net/av_inquiry)

**TRACK YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

Subscribe to Where's My Ballot to receive real-time notifications

**Where's My Ballot?**

Tracking your ballot - when it is mailed, received, and counted - has never been easier.

[california.ballottrax.net](https://california.ballottrax.net)

## Construction Complete on Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project

After several weeks of construction on the second half of the artificial reef, work concluded September 22 on the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project.

According to the Vantuna Research Group at Occidental College, all vessels and equipment should be off-site today following final confirmation of placement and positioning of the reef modules.



As a reminder, this project by the Southern California Marine Institute involved dropping tens of thousands of tons of quarry rock into the ocean just off the RPV coast to build 18 reef modules on the seafloor to restore fishing resources destroyed by decades of chemical dumping off the coast. For more background, see the attached [August 31 Daily Breeze article](#).

The Vantuna Research Group has documented the project on its [website](#) and [Twitter](#).

Anyone with questions or concerns about the project can contact Cassidy Teufel at the Coastal Commission at [Cassidy.Teufel@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:Cassidy.Teufel@coastal.ca.gov). Staff will continue to monitor any updates associated with this project.

### Having Trouble with Your Cox Communications Internet Connection?

In response to a flood of inquiries from residents experiencing problems with their internet connection and are concerned about staying connected for distance learning, a representative from Cox Communications will give a presentation during the **October 6 City Council meeting**.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in McTaggart Hall at Fred Hesse Jr.



Community Park with safety protocols to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, though virtual participation is highly encouraged. The meeting will be live-streamed on the City website and televised on RPVtv Cox 33/Frontier FiOS 38.

A staff report and PowerPoint presentation for this topic will be posted on [rpvca.gov/agendas](http://rpvca.gov/agendas) on September 29. **Please submit your questions and concerns to the City Council in advance of the meeting by emailing them to [cc@rpvca.gov](mailto:cc@rpvca.gov).** If you would like to provide comments during the meeting or leave a pre-recorded voice message, please complete a form at [rpvca.gov/participate](http://rpvca.gov/participate).

If you are a person with a disability and need an accommodation to participate in programs, services, activities and meetings, contact the City's ADA Coordinator/Risk Manager at 310-683-3157, [adarequests@rpvca.gov](mailto:adarequests@rpvca.gov), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, at least 48 hours in advance to request an auxiliary aid or accommodation.

### **Letter to Assemblymember Muratsuchi**

This week, Staff sent a letter to Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi thanking him for voting against Senate Bill No. 1120, which nearly made it to Governor Newsom's desk in the recent legislative session, but failed to advance due to time constraints (see attachments). Authored by Senator Toni Atkins of San Diego, the bill would have required local governments to ministerially approve urban lot splits and housing developments containing two units in single-family residential zones. SB 1120 was one of 20 development bills threatening local control that the City Council formally opposed in August. Staff will continue to monitor development bills in the state Legislature.

### **Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Annual Legislative Forum October 2**



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce hosts its **Annual Legislative Forum at 12 p.m. on October 2** virtually via Zoom (see attachments). Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with local legislators Rep. Ted Lieu, Senator Ben Allen, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, and L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn. Tickets are \$25 for chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

For more information and to register, visit

<https://www.palosverdeschamber.com/events/annual-legislative-forum>

## Cal Water Update

Last week, Cal Water announced that as part of the 30-day acceptance period for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Water Reliability Project, crews have been closely monitoring the new drinking water pipeline and pump station to ensure that it continues to operate optimally. Based on this monitoring, Cal Water determined that some finishing work is needed near the intersection of Crest Road and Crenshaw Boulevard that will require temporary traffic control.

Work was scheduled to begin this week between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., with temporary, partial lane closures on Crest Road to facilitate work, and vehicles able to travel in each direction at all times. **Please expect delays and use alternate routes, where possible.**

Earlier this month, Cal Water announced that the new pump station and a drinking water pipeline are officially in service! The 30-day acceptance period began on August 31.

Crews are continuing minor restoration and finishing work along the pipeline route to ensure that all areas where construction took place are returned to the same - or better - condition. All work is taking place from Monday to Friday, with some intermittent Saturday work. There may be small, temporary closures when needed for safety, but there will always be at least one lane open in all directions.

Below is an overview of the areas where you may see this work taking place:

- Crenshaw Boulevard, between Crest Road and the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

- Crenshaw Boulevard, at the new pump station, north of Silver Spur Road (between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.)
- Lariat Lane and along the Botanic Garden Trail (between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.)
- Rolling Hills Road (private road) (between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the project team at [PVPWaterProject@CalWater.com](mailto:PVPWaterProject@CalWater.com).

## **Los Angeles Times Article on Rancho LPG Facility**

On September 21, the [Los Angeles Times published an article](#) highlighting longstanding concerns surrounding the Rancho LPG storage facility in San Pedro that has been renewed following a massive and deadly explosion of ammonium nitrate last month in Beirut, Lebanon (see attachments). Located on North Gaffey Street, the Rancho LPG facility consists of two aboveground storage tanks containing a combined 25 million gallons of refrigerated butane and five horizontal tanks that each hold 60,000 gallons of propane. Over the years, residents of San Pedro, the Eastview area of Rancho Palos Verdes, and others have brought concerns to the City Council about the facility, including the potential for a catastrophic explosion. Plains All American Pipeline, which owns the facility, has defended its safety record and procedures.

The article notes that in response to these renewed concerns, the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and Rep. Nanette Barragán of San Pedro are advocating for a new risk assessment of the site. Staff will continue to monitor this issue.

## **Invitation to Virtual Investigatory Hearing on Homeowners' Insurance Availability and Affordability**

On Oct. 19, California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara will host an investigatory hearing where homeowners, industry experts, and insurance providers, among others, can give their input into regulations that would offset rising premiums with discounts for mitigating wildfire risks (see attachments). City Staff will be attending the investigatory hearing to glean a better understanding of how the City can avoid premium hikes and reduced insurance availability for residents and neighborhoods interested in fire hardening homes.



### **Time is Running Out! Complete Your Census Today.**

Have you completed your 2020 census? Responses to the census shape decisions about how billions of dollars in federal funds flow into communities each year for the next 10 years for critical services, including health care, emergency response, schools and education programs, and roads and bridges. The COVID-19 pandemic underscores the importance of census data and census participation.

**As of September 21, Rancho Palos Verdes had a self-response rate of 80.1%**, above state and national averages, but behind our goal of 100% participation. The U.S. Census Bureau, however, has extended the official deadline to participate in the census to September 30 in response to the evolving COVID-19 crisis. If you haven't already done so, complete your census form online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mail if you receive a paper form.

## COVID-19 Community Updates

The City continues to monitor the spread of the novel coronavirus in Los Angeles County and distributes **COVID-19 Community Updates via listserv and social media on Thursdays**, though any major announcements in between will be shared with the community. The newsletter provides a range of information, such as up-to-date case numbers for the City, and the neighboring Peninsula cities, along with information on resources and services available.



If you haven't done so already, sign up for COVID-19 Community Updates by subscribing to the Breaking News listserv at [rpvca.gov/notify](http://rpvca.gov/notify). An archive of COVID-19 Community Updates is available at: <http://rpvca.gov/1304/Community-Updates>

A webpage on the City website with coronavirus updates, resources and information is continuously being updated at [rpvca.gov/coronavirus](http://rpvca.gov/coronavirus)

And be sure to follow the City on [Nextdoor](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)!

## COVID-19 Cases

As of September 22, there are 262,133 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across Los Angeles County (population 10.17 million), including the South Bay, so the public should not think one location is safer than another, and everyone should be aware and practice physical distancing. The total includes 297 cases in Rancho Palos Verdes (population 41,731), 96 in Palos Verdes Estates (population 13,190), 41 in Rolling Hills Estates (population 8,066), 11 in Rolling Hills (population 1,874), and 10 in the unincorporated areas of the Peninsula. Countywide, 6,401 people have died.

According to the Department of Public Health, 13 deaths have been reported in Rancho Palos Verdes. The City extends its deepest condolences to the families of these residents.

For a list of cases broken down by city, demographic characteristics, and settings, visit:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

For an interactive dashboard with maps and graphs showing testing, cases, and death data by community, poverty level, age, sex and race/ethnicity visit:

[http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19\\_surveillance\\_dashboard/](http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/)

An interactive dashboard of COVID-19 cases in the South Bay maintained by the City of Torrance is available at [bit.ly/2XB1fv1](http://bit.ly/2XB1fv1). The dashboard reflects information sourced by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

## Local Clinic Conducting COVID-19 Vaccine Trial

Last week, the [Daily Breeze published an article](#) on a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial administered by the Palos Verdes Medical Group in Rolling Hills Estates (see attachments). PVMG is one of 11 clinics conducting a Phase 1 and Phase 2 trial of the vaccine candidate developed by Sanofi and GSK. Among trial participants is Pat Brewster, an RPV resident who lost her husband, Bob Brewster, to COVID-19 in April and is [speaking out about her loss](#) to encourage the public to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. Learn more about the vaccine trial at [peninsularesearch.com/covid-19](http://peninsularesearch.com/covid-19).

## SCE Safety Guidelines for Outdoor Business Operations

To ensure expanded outdoor business areas are created safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, Southern California Edison (SCE) offers cities and businesses safety guidelines to assist with their efforts in making outdoor expansion decisions. Learn more by reading the attached handout.



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## Emergency Preparedness

### Wildfire Preparedness

With an uptick in recent brush fires across the Los Angeles County region, Peninsula residents are reminded to be on heightened alert and to be prepared for wildfire.

- If you see something, say something. Report any sign of smoke or fire immediately to your local fire department by dialing 9-1-1. If you dial 9-1-1 from your cellphone, be sure to know your location.
- Have your Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan in place. It is critical for residents to be familiar with the Ready! Set! Go! program that provides important pre-planning and evacuation information. To download the Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan and view informational how-to videos, visit [fire.lacounty.gov/rsg](http://fire.lacounty.gov/rsg)
- Find more preparedness tips at [ready.lacounty.gov/fire](http://ready.lacounty.gov/fire)
- Sign up for Alert SouthBay emergency alerts by texting “alerts” to 888-777 Stay connected and get updates from the City by following RPV on [Nextdoor](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

## Wildfire Home Hardening

Recently, the Los Angeles Times published an editorial article entitled “A better way to help Californians survive wildfires: Focus on homes, not trees” (See Attachments) which highlights the importance of wildfire Home Hardening. City staff would like to remind residents that the most successful approach for mitigating rapidly-spreading wildfire is for neighbors to join together to fire harden their residences. The Los Angeles County Fire Department and Cal Fire recommend the following information on how residents can hardening their homes from a wildfire by creating a defensible space around their residence through vegetation management.

### Defensible Space:

Creating and maintaining defensible space is essential for increasing your home’s chance of surviving a wildfire. It’s the buffer that homeowners are required to create on their property between a structure and the plants, brush, and trees or other items surrounding the structure that could catch fire. This space is needed to slow the spread of wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending your home.

Two zones make up the required 100 feet (200 feet in high hazard areas) of defensible space:

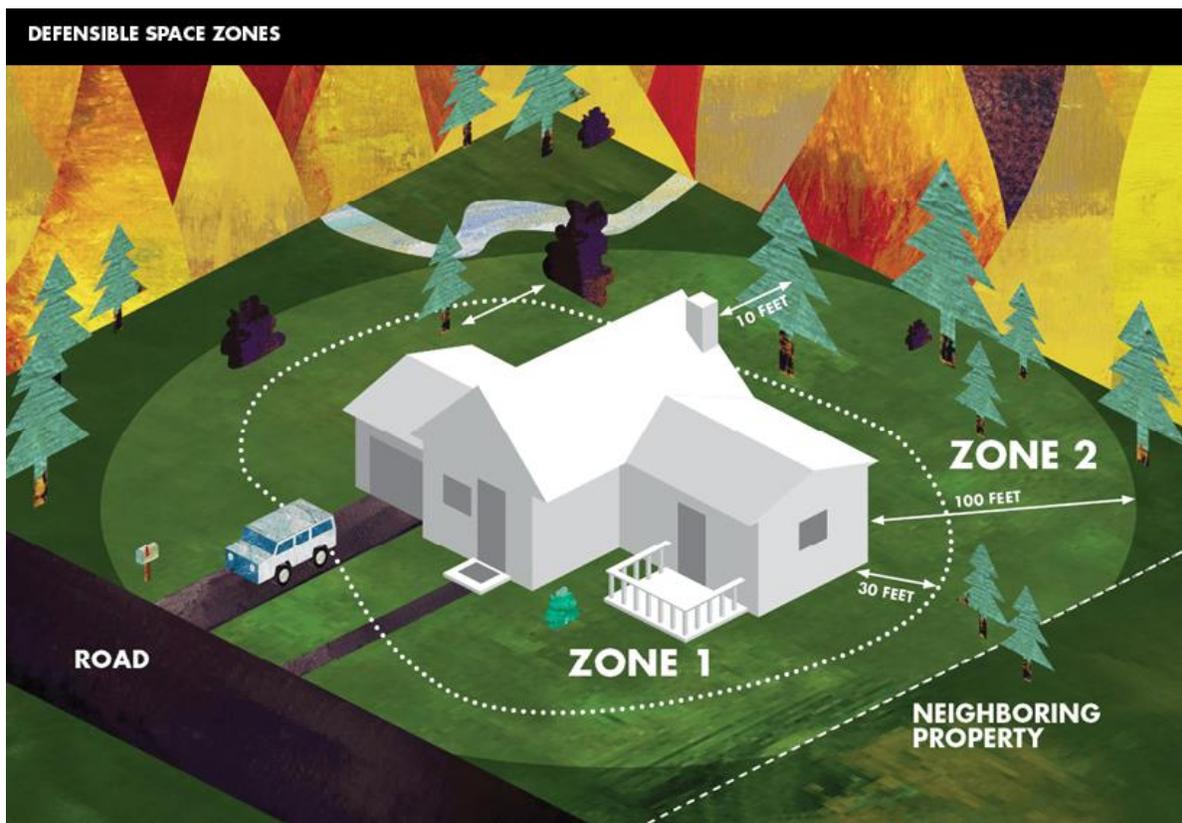
**ZONE 1**—Extends 30 feet (50 feet in high hazard areas) out from buildings, decks, and other structures

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.

- Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- Remove dead branches that hang over your roof. And keep branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Relocate exposed woodpiles outside of Zone 1 unless they are completely covered in a fire resistant material.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, swing sets, etc.

Zone 2—Extends 30 to 100 feet (50 to 200 feet in high hazard areas) from buildings and other structures

- Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of three inches.
- Create vertical and horizontal spacing between trees and shrubs (the distance between trees should be three times the height).
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches. However, a mulch layer may be permitted to a depth of four inches, if erosion control is an issue.
- Irrigation is recommended to maintain vegetation moisture content.



### Additional Resources:

- [CAL FIRE - 2020 Defensible Space PSA \(Video\)](#)
- [Readyforwildfire.org](http://Readyforwildfire.org)
- [Fire.lacounty.gov/rsg/](http://Fire.lacounty.gov/rsg/)

## National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September. The 2020 NPM theme is "**Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.**"



Each week this month, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Emergency Preparedness Division will be providing tips on how you can prepare. Be sure to visit our website at [www.rpvca.gov/Emergency](http://www.rpvca.gov/Emergency) for additional information about emergency preparedness in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

### Week 4 September 20-26: [Teach Youth About Preparedness](#)

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved. To get started, visit [ready.gov/kids](http://ready.gov/kids) for tips on how every member of the family can prepare for emergency and additional emergency preparedness resources.

## Alert SouthBay

National Preparedness Month is a great opportunity for residents to sign up for the City's emergency mass notification system, Alert SouthBay. Alert SouthBay is the City's primary vehicle for emergency communication. Users can sign up by:

- Texting "alerts" to 888-777, which returns a link to register for Everbridge (for COVID-19-related alerts, text the keyword "cv19rpv")
- Registering online at [alertsouthbay.com](http://alertsouthbay.com)

- Downloading the free [Everbridge app](#) on an iOS or Android device from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

## **Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan Submitted to FEMA**

In Spring 2019, staff from Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) and Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) began meeting with Carolyn Harshman of Emergency Planning Consultants to prepare an update to both cities' Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan identifies hazards and ways to minimize damage by natural and human-caused disasters and ensures continuing eligibility for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 mandates it, also known as Public Law 106-390, which requires state and local governments to prepare mitigation plans to document their mitigation planning process and identify hazards, potential losses, mitigation needs, goals, and strategies.

The most recent RPV/RHE Hazard Mitigation Plan was released in August 2014 and updated in January 2016. The 2020 update incorporates all federal requirements relating to local hazard mitigation plans. The updated plan will have the following benefits:

- Reduce loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster costs.
- Prioritize hazard mitigation at the local level with increased emphasis on planning and public involvement, assessing risks, implementing loss reduction measures, and ensuring critical facilities/services survive a disaster.
- Promote education and economic incentives to form community-based partnerships and leverage non-federal resources to commit to and implement long-term hazard mitigation activities.

A draft of the plan was submitted to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) on August 4, 2020, for review. On September 22, City Staff was notified that the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) submitted the Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Cities of Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Estates to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for formal review and approval pending adoption by both city councils. A final draft of the plan incorporating mandated amendments will be posted for public review before each city council for adoption. The adopted plan will then be resubmitted to FEMA for final approval.

A graphic with a dark grey background and a red ribbon-like border. The text "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS" is centered in white, uppercase letters.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

### Earthquake Safety

An earthquake is a sudden, rapid shaking of the ground caused by the shifting of rocks deep underneath the earth's surface. Earthquakes can happen without warning and can result in injuries and damage to property and roads. Earthquakes can cause fires, tsunamis, landslides, or avalanches. They strike without warning, at any time of year, day or night. Forty-five U.S. states and territories are at moderate to very high risk of earthquakes. Learn what to do to keep your loved ones safe!

If an earthquake happens, protect yourself right away.

- If you are in a car, pull over and stop. Set your parking brake.
- If you are in bed, turn face down and cover your head and neck with a pillow.
- If you are outdoors, stay outdoors away from buildings.
- Do not get in a doorway.
- Do not run outside.

### Prepare Before an Earthquake

The following are things you can do to protect yourself, your family, and your property before an earthquake:

- To begin preparing, you should [build an emergency kit](#) and make a [family communications plan](#).
- Talk about earthquakes with your family so that everyone knows what to do in case of an earthquake. Discussing ahead of time helps reduce fear, particularly for younger children
- Check at your workplace and your children's schools and day care centers to learn about their earthquake emergency plans.
- Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you.
- Practice DROP, COVER and HOLD ON in each safe place.
- Consider obtaining an earthquake insurance policy. A standard homeowner's insurance policy does not cover earthquake damage.

## Protecting Your Home

- Bolt and brace water heaters and gas appliances to wall studs. Have a professional install flexible fitting to avoid gas or water leaks.
- Do not hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors, near beds, couches, and anywhere people sleep or sit.
- Install strong latches or bolts on cabinets. Large or heavy items should be closest to the floor.
- Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home and keep a wrench handy for that purpose.
- Anchor top-heavy, tall and freestanding furniture such as bookcases, china cabinets to wall studs to keep these from toppling over.
- Learn about your area's seismic building standards and land use codes before you begin new construction.
- Have a professional make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation, as well as strengthening tips for exterior features, such as porches, decks, sliding glass doors, canopies, carports and garage doors.

## During an Earthquake

- **Drop:** Wherever you are, drop down on to your hands and knees. If you're using a wheelchair or walker with a seat, make sure your wheels are locked and remain seated until the shaking stops.
- **Cover:** Cover your head and neck with your arms. If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter. If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows). Crawl only if you can reach better cover without going through an area with more debris. Stay on your knees or bent over to protect vital organs.
- **Hold on:** If you are under a table or desk, hold on with one hand and be ready to move with it if it moves. If seated and unable to drop to the floor, bend forward; cover your head with your arms and hold on to your neck with both hands.



- If you are in bed, turn face down and cover your head and neck with a pillow.
- Stay indoors until the shaking stops, and you are sure it is safe to exit.
  - If you must leave a building after the shaking stops, use stairs rather than an elevator in case of aftershocks, power outages or other damage.
- Be aware that smoke alarms and sprinkler systems frequently go off in buildings during an earthquake, even if there is no fire.
- If you smell gas, get out of the house and move as far away as possible.
- Before you leave any building, check to ensure that there is no debris from the building that could fall on you.

### **Staying Safe Outdoors**

- Find a clear spot and drop to the ground. Stay there until the shaking stops.
- Try to get as far away from buildings, power lines, trees, and streetlights as possible.
- If you are outdoors, stay outdoors away from buildings.
- If you're in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location and stop. Avoid bridges, overpasses and power lines if possible.
  - Stay inside with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops.
  - After the shaking has stopped, drive on carefully, avoiding bridges and ramps that may have been damaged.
  - If a power line falls on your vehicle, do not get out. Wait for assistance.
- If you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be alert for falling rocks and other debris as well as landslides.

### **Stay Safe After an Earthquake**

If an earthquake has just happened, there can be serious hazards such as damage to the building, leaking gas and water lines, or downed power lines.

- Check yourself for injuries and get first aid, if necessary, before helping injured or trapped persons.
- Expect aftershocks to follow the main shock of an earthquake.
  - Each time you feel an aftershock, DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON. Aftershocks frequently occur minutes, days, weeks, and even months following an earthquake.
- If you are in a damaged building, go outside and quickly move away from the building. Do not enter damaged buildings.

- If you are trapped, protect your mouth, nose, and eyes from dust. Send a text, bang on a pipe or wall or use a whistle instead of shouting to help rescuers locate you.
- If you are in an area that may experience tsunamis, go inland or to higher ground immediately after the shaking stops.
- Text messages may be more reliable than phone calls.
- Once you are safe, listen to local news reports for emergency information and instructions via battery-operated radio, TV, social media or from cell phone text alerts. Pay attention to how you and your loved ones are experiencing and handling stress.
- Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately.
- If you smell natural or propane gas or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and call the fire department.
- Open closet and cabinet doors carefully as contents may have shifted.
- Follow these tips for inspecting your home's structure and utilities & systems after an earthquake.
- Take pictures of home damage, both of the buildings and its contents, for insurance purposes.

#### **Additional Resources:**

- [Preparedness Now, The Great California Shakeout \(Video\)](#)
- [Ready.gov/earthquakes](https://www.ready.gov/earthquakes)
- [Lacounty.gov/emergency/earthquake-preparedness/](https://lacounty.gov/emergency/earthquake-preparedness/)
- [Ready LA County: Preparing an earthquake emergency kit \(Video\)](#)



#### **Weekly Crime Report Summaries**

The City continues to provide its residents with crime report summaries when they are made available. These weekly summaries include information about reported crimes and arrests served by the Lomita Sheriff's Station, including the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The summaries are updated on the City's website, distributed via Nextdoor and

the Public Safety Alerts listserv, and included in the Weekly Administrative Report (see attachments).

These summaries can be found on the City website under City Services > Public Safety > Law Enforcement > Crime Reports – Weekly Summaries. <http://rpvca.gov/1030/Crime-Reports---Weekly-Summaries>

Additionally, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department maintains a website mapping incidences of Part 1 Crimes within its jurisdiction, including the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. To view the City's incidences on the website, please visit:

<https://www.crimemapping.com/map/agency/304>

On the website, you may view incidences from other cities and jurisdictions as well. Please visit the website and follow instructions as given:

<https://www.crimemapping.com/>

## **Safety Tips and Precautions**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is dedicated to the safety and well-being of its residents and community members. The City encourages residents to participate in neighborhood safety and remain vigilant in protecting personal property. There are many ways individuals can reduce the chance of becoming a victim and contribute to community safety. Please see below for crime prevention tips for you and your loved ones:

### **Tips to Avoid Vehicle Burglaries:**

- Always lock your vehicles whenever not in use
- Close and lock all windows
- Keep your valuables, such as your purse, wallet, or bag, with you or secure them out of sight and stored away
- Do not display items of value in your vehicle: place them in your trunk or keep them covered
- Remove valuables, packages, garage openers, mail, or other devices from sight

### **Tips to Prevent Residential Burglaries:**

- Lock all windows and doors, including backyard, side, and garage doors
- Keep all curtains closed at night or when no one is home
- If you are away and you are capable, leave house lights on or set them to turn on at intervals

- Set up a security camera system with video and audio
- Notify trusted neighbors if you will be away for an extended period

If you see something, say something! We encourage you to call the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310-539-1661 if you see any suspicious persons or activities.

Please note: Please be aware that many of the burglaries that have occurred are carried out because of unlocked or open entryways such as doors, windows, or garages. Please be sure to check that these entryways are closed and locked, and valuables are stored and out of sight.



## Vacation Security Camera Loaner

The City encourages video/audio recording devices with security footage capabilities as an additional measure of home protection. For RPV residents who may be away from home for an extended period, the City offers a Vacation Security Camera Loaner program. This program allows residents to borrow a Ring Spotlight Camera for short-term use. For more information, please visit the City website: <http://www.rpvca.gov/1118/Vacation-Security-Camera-Loaner-Program>

## HOA Security Camera Grant Program Expansion - Flock Safety

The City Council has expanded the HOA Security Camera Grant Program to include the camera vendor, Flock Safety. Initially, a pilot program was installed at the Oceanfront

Estates neighborhood. The City Council has now directed staff to expand the Grant program to allow other neighborhoods to participate and purchase Flock Safety camera leases. For interested HOAs, please keep an eye out for additional information to come regarding application requirements and a timeline. For more information regarding the City's neighborhood security camera program and Flock Safety information, visit the informational page on the City website: <http://rpvca.gov/1318/Neighborhood-Security-Cameras>. If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Analyst Shane Lee at [slee@rpvaca.gov](mailto:slee@rpvaca.gov).

**Attachments:**

- August 31 Daily Breeze article on the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project – Page 59
- September 21 letter to Assemblymember Muratsuchi – Page 65
- PVP Chamber Annual Legislative Forum flyer – Page 66
- September 21 Los Angeles Times article on Rancho LPG facility – Page 67
- September 17 Daily Breeze article on Palos Verdes Medical Group vaccine trial – Page 72
- SCE Safety Guidelines for Outdoor Business Operations – Page 75
- Invitation to Virtual Investigation Hearing on Homeowners' Insurance Availability and Affordability – Page 77
- September 22 Los Angeles Times article on California wildfires – Page 80

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## OpenGov July 2020 Update

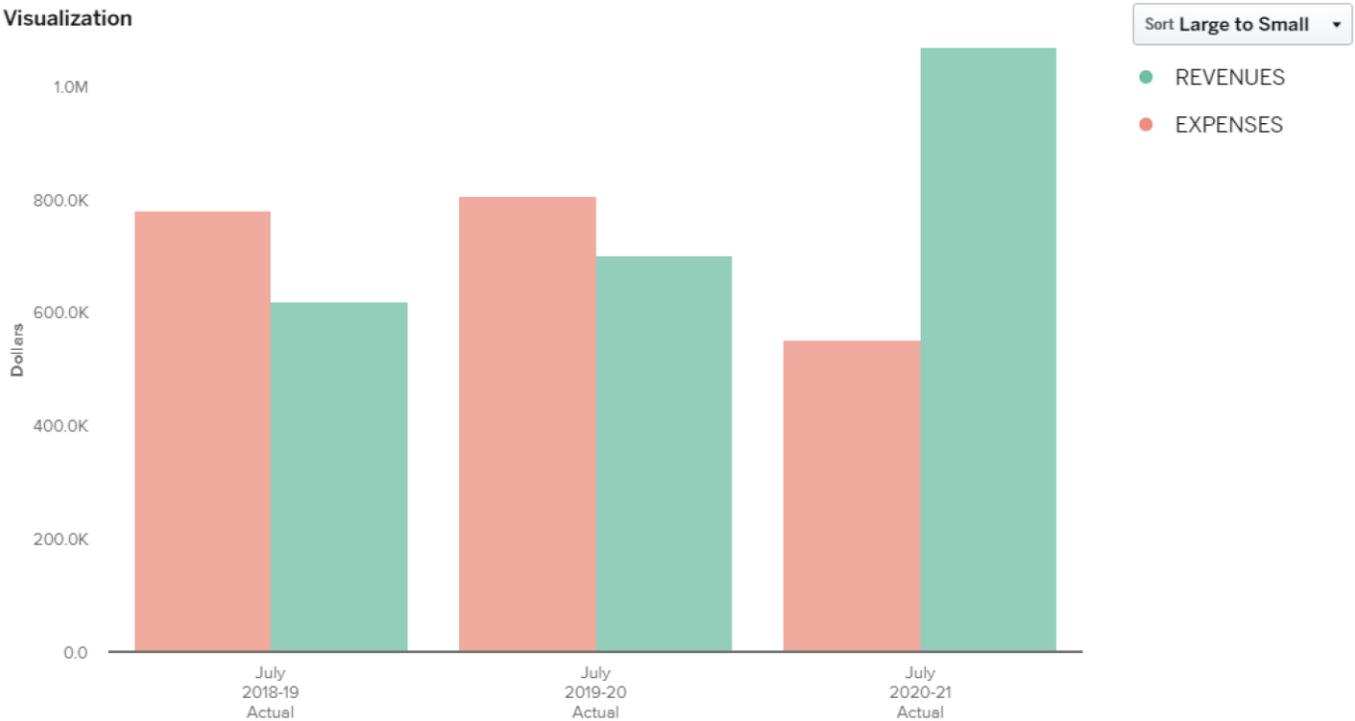
The financial data for July, along with the data for prior months, is available via OpenGov at Visit <http://www.rpvca.gov/895/OpenGov-Financial-Data>. OpenGov is an easy to use website that allows visitors to view revenue and expenditure details using interactive charts and graphs. Information can be sorted by fund, program, or expense type and can be viewed by month or fiscal year.

### Report Types

OpenGov provides several unique ways to view financial data using monthly reports. Year over year comparisons by month is a useful way to view changes over time, as shown below.

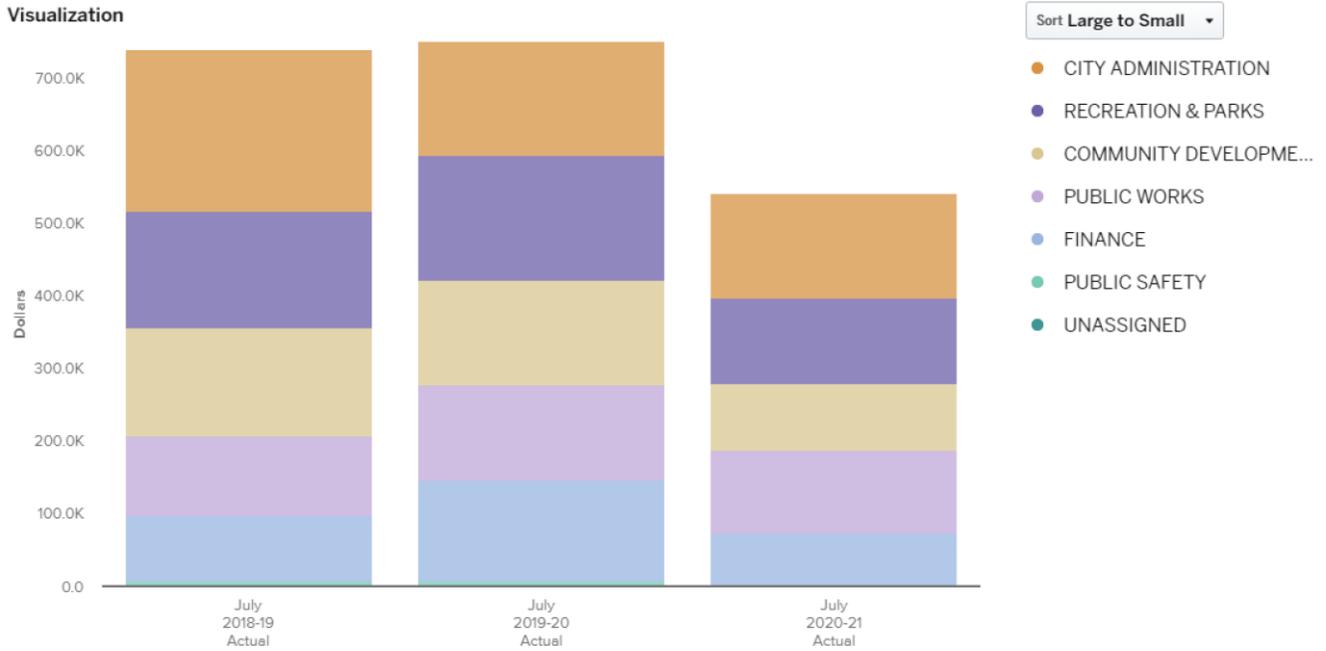
### Monthly Report

Visualization



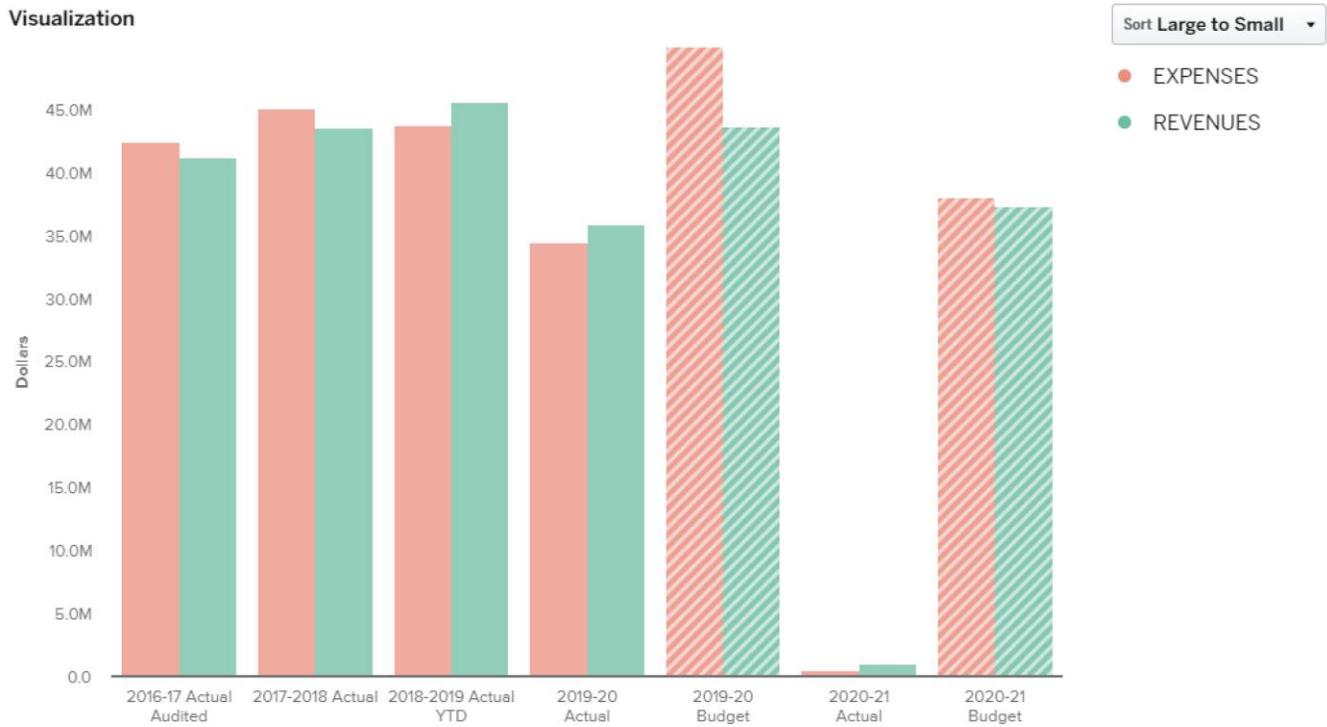
OpenGov allows you to dive deeper into each revenue and expenditure category if you would like to see more details. Below is an example of a detailed look at General Fund expenditures by the department for July from FY 2018-19 through FY 2020-21.

Monthly Report – General Fund by Department



For a broader look at the City’s financials, the Annual Report looks at revenues and expenditures grouped by fiscal year.

Annual Report



**Small Business Financial Assistance Plan Update**

On April 8, 2020, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes implemented the Small Business Financial Assistance Plan to provide relief and promote the general welfare of the City’s small business community experiencing negative financial impacts stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Small Business Financial Assistance Plan provides a one-time refund of the 2020 business license.

On June 2, 2020, the City Council received a status report on the Small Business Financial Assistance Plan. As a result of the low response, the City Council expressed a desire to increase the number of eligible small businesses by removing the limitation that a small business must have a “brick-and-mortar” location to be eligible to receive a refund.

Since the implementation on April 8:

- the City has received 22 requests for business license tax refunds
- 14 refunds totaling \$4,939 have been issued to date

We encourage businesses in need of assistance to visit

<http://www.rpvca.gov/1284/Financial-Assistance> for information on the program and submit a request. Businesses that apply will receive a confirmation email from the staff. If an application is approved, a check will be mailed directly to the business at the address on file.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### **Abalone Cove Sanitary Sewer System Fees Updates**

On October 6, the City Council will consider correcting the City's Ordinance (Chapter 13.06) by replacing the abandoned Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside Consumer Price Index (CPI) with the current Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim CPI as well as establishing a \$4,500 connection fee for new connections to the system. Notices were sent this week to property owners that are connected or might connect to the Abalone Cove Sanitary Sewer System in the future, informing them of the upcoming October 6 City Council meeting. The final staff report will be available on the City's website, <http://www.rpvca.gov>, on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, under "City Council Meeting Agenda." A similar notice will be published in the Peninsula News on October 1, 2020.

Questions and comments regarding the proposal can be submitted to James O'Neill in the Public Works Department at [joneill@rpvca.gov](mailto:joneill@rpvca.gov). Written comments submitted by noon on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, will be attached to the Staff Report; comments submitted afternoon on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 but received by noon on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, will be provided to the City Council as late correspondence. By doing so, you will ensure that your comments are taken into consideration by the City Council.

### **Parks Make Life Better! And the City Helps Make the Parks Better!**

A recently installed new water fountain near the baseball/softball field at Hesse Park is the perfect example. The new fountain is not only ADA compliant but has a water bottle filler and a dog bowl for leashed four-legged park guests. We hope park guests agree that this is an improvement to the previous water fountain – which is being relocated to an area behind the Hesse Park building by the playground to replace a broken water fountain.



Another recent improvement is new Park Rules signs at Hesse Park and Ryan Park.



### Hesse Park Parking Lot Improvement Project Update

Last week, Staff received initial plans for the parking lot improvements at Hesse Park and met with the engineering firm to discuss finalizing plans and specifications. Staff anticipates receiving final plans and specifications at the end of the month and to advertise the project for construction bids in October 2020.

### Western Avenue Beautification Project – Submittal of Proposals

On September 10, 2020, the City received proposals from three consulting firms for the Western Avenue Beautification project that are currently being reviewed. These firms

are IBI Group, David Volz Design, and MIG Inc. The project consists of two phases. In phase one, a preliminary conceptual design will be prepared, including different options for landscape and hardscape design for review and approval by the local community, the City Council, Caltrans, and adjacent jurisdictions such as the City of Los Angeles and City of Lomita. Once the preliminary conceptual design has been reviewed and approved, Phase two of the project, which consists of complete construction plans, specifications, and cost estimates, will be developed. The conceptual design is anticipated to be completed by June 15, 2021, and the final design to be completed by December 15, 2021.

### **Coastal Bluff Fence Replacement Project Updates**

The Coastal Bluff Fence Replacement project along the Vicente Bluffs Reserve was placed on a temporary hold due to issues with the quality of the delivered rail/post material. Staff has been working closely with the contractor and fence manufacturer to resolve the City's quality control and testing concerns. The project is expected to resume this week.

### **SB 1383 Model Tools Now Available**

SB 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) is the most significant waste reduction mandate to be adopted in California in the last 30 years. SB 1383, Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in California, has specific organic waste reduction requirements that affect the state and all local governments in California. SB 1383 requires the state to reduce organic waste [food waste, green waste, paper products, etc.] disposal by 75% by 2025. In other words, the state must reduce organic waste disposal by more than 20 million tons annually by 2025. The law also requires the state to increase edible food recovery by 20 percent by 2025. This has significant policy and legal implications for the state and local governments. Regulations take effect, and state enforcement begins January 1, 2022. To assist cities and jurisdictions, CalRecycle has released the draft model tools for SB 1383, including model franchise agreement, model mandatory organic waste disposal reduction ordinance, model procurement policy, and model edible food recovery agreement. Staff is working closely with the City Attorney's office and will bring more information regarding this mandate to the City Council in a few months.

The model tools can be found here: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/education>

## Maintenance Activities

This week, Public Works continued its regularly scheduled maintenance, trash pickup, and general repairs at all City parks and facilities. Irrigation repairs were made at several parks, including Calle Entradero, Eastview Park, and Point Vicente Interpretive Center. The right-of-way team completed trimming and cleaning Palos Verdes Drive South from Schooner to Portuguese Bend; in addition, the team completed the median along Silver Spur Road. Lastly, the median crew completed clearing weeds and trimming along Western Avenue and are now working on the right-of-way along Crest Road. The median crew has identified two trees on Western Avenue that need to be removed due to safety concerns, which will occur next week.



This week in roadway and right-of-way maintenance, Public Works repaired a large pothole on Palos Verdes Drive South near the Peppertree Gate to the Portuguese Bend Community.



The Public Works Department responded to the following urgent/emergency requests:

- 5 Graffiti removals cases were addressed during this week.
- Responded to and removed a fallen tree branch on Delacroix Road.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **Community Noise Roundtable Virtual Meeting Summary**

At the September 16, 2020 meeting, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) staff provided the Roundtable with statistical updates on passenger jet PV Peninsula overflights and altitude ranges. The attached charts reflect recorded data for July and August 2020. For more information from LAWA about their Roundtable meetings, including agendas and minutes, please visit their website by clicking [here](#). The next scheduled virtual Roundtable meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 1:30 PM- 4 PM.

### **Ladera Linda Community Center and Park Project Update**

The Ladera Linda Community Center and Park Project, which has been pretty quiet since its conceptual approval by the City Council in August 2019, is back in motion. The project consultant, Johnson Favaro, is working with the Planning Staff in the Community Development Department to submit the necessary applications and documentation to begin the planning entitlement and environmental (CEQA) review process. Currently, the project requires a Conditional Use Permit which will be considered at a duly noticed public hearing with the Planning Commission later this year.

### **New LA County Department of Animal Care & Control (DACC) Newsletter**

DACC issued its September edition newsletter, "What's Up DACC?" (Attached). The newsletter includes informational updates related to upcoming local adoption events and other noteworthy DACC projects. It's important to note that the DACC is waiving the fees for adopting kittens and adult cats through September. Please see the attached newsletter for additional details and DACC contact information.

### **Planning Commission Follow-up Agenda**

See attached follow-up agenda from the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

**Attachments:**

LAWA Chart Passenger Jet Peninsula Overflight and Altitude Ranges July-August, 2020 –  
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DACC's September Edition Newsletter – Page 87

P.C. Follow-up Agenda for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – Page 92

## RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

### It's Fun to Play at the Y-M-C-A Camp

The outdoor YMCA Recreation Program is underway, and space is available, so register now! The After School Recreational Enrichment Program for Grades K-5 is held at local Rancho Palos Verdes Community Parks in partnership with the San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA. For more information and to register, visit [ymcala.org](http://ymcala.org).



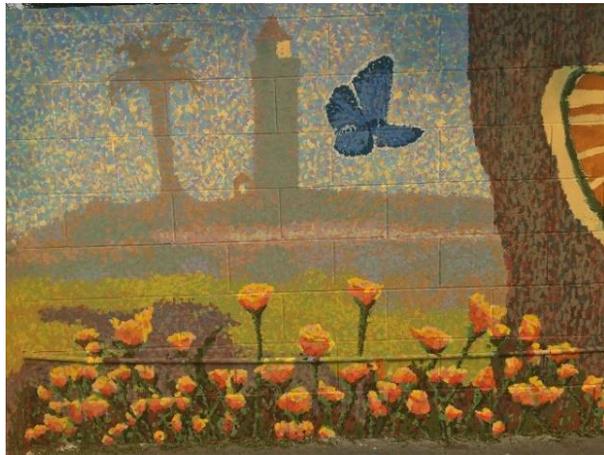
### Making Gate Progress at the Burma Road Trailhead

Work began on the Burma Trail gate last week. Detailed measurements and fabrication are underway and on-site installation is scheduled to begin next week. This is a 20-day project with an expected completion date of October 9.

A construction contract for the Rattlesnake Trailhead gate will be considered at the October 6 City Council meeting. These gates will help deter after-hours entry to the Preserve through these two popular access points.

## Details Take Flight!

Dana Torrey, artist and R&P staff, and his volunteer daughter enhanced details and added definition to the Ryan Park mural's butterflies. What a beautiful addition! Visit Ryan Park and enjoy the detailed layers to the butterfly wings.



## Update on Preserve Traffic, Noise, and Access Issues

On September 1, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution to temporarily restrict parking along an approximately 390-foot section of the south side of Crenshaw Blvd. from roughly Rattlesnake Trailhead to Park Place. This temporary parking restriction is an effort to relieve traffic and congestion issues in the area, and will be reviewed by the City Council on October 20. City Council also approved a drop off zone near Del Cerro Park and the Portuguese Bend trailhead.

Signs have been posted at major trailheads with information on upcoming City Council agenda items impacting the Preserve, and how to join the Preserve listserv group and Preserve Public Forum Meeting.

During the temporary parking restriction, the staff is looking into longer-term solutions for traffic congestion issues on Crenshaw Blvd. south of Crest Rd. Staff is also using a holistic approach to look at traffic and parking solutions near the Preserve's 53 entry points. Please contact [trails@rpvca.gov](mailto:trails@rpvca.gov) or 310-544-5260 for additional info.



The temporary restrictions on a portion of Crenshaw Blvd. are part of a six-level mitigation approach approved by the City Council to address long-standing noise and traffic impacts in neighborhoods adjacent to Preserve, particularly in the Del Cerro area. Below are status updates on the other mitigation measures:

1. Continue the social media campaign including exploring novel ways to direct/educate visitors.
  - a. Continue claiming Google Business websites. Status: Ongoing
  - b. Explore editing google maps with accurate Preserve information. Status: Ongoing
  - c. Public education campaign

- i. Order banners to place at Burma and Rattlesnake Gates. Banners to be in place by August 27 Status: Completed
    - ii. Send a listserv message to Preserve listserv group on the City Council action taken. Status: Done
    - iii. Post information signage at major trailheads about upcoming City Council Preserve-related items and ways for the public to be involved and informed, Status: Done
  - d. Finalize SEO Contact with Tripepi Smith. Status: In progress
  - e. Continue Social media marketing campaign directing the public to alternative preserve trail locations. Status: Ongoing
  - f. Identify websites with RPV Trails and Open Space information on the internet to edit with approved messaging and information. Status: Ongoing
2. Within 60 days, staff to return with a holistic analysis of alternatives for reserve parking for the entire Preserve (incl. Ladera Linda, AB Cove, Forrestal, Gateway Park). Staff will create a holistic, integrated parking roadmap.
  - a. Reach out to all HOAs adjacent to the Preserve to ask about their experiences and major concerns/challenges they are facing. Status: In Progress-follow-up letters sent last week.
  - b. Evaluate all parking available for the Preserve. Status: In Progress
  - c. Explore traffic safety measures to address Abalone Cove parking lot overflow issues. Status: In Progress
3. Within 60 days, install or provide City Council with the road map to install gates at Burma Rd. and Rattlesnake Trailheads.
  - a. Work with City Attorney on HOA's liability concerns related to the Rattlesnake fence. Status: HOA approved the agreement
  - b. Break ground on Burma Road project following contract award. Status: Project started-expected completion date October 9.
  - c. Break ground on Rattlesnake Gate. Status: Award construction contract to be considered at October 6, City Council meeting, and construction to follow.
4. Within 60 days, staff to investigate additional alternatives for enforcement of parking via use of additional code enforcement staff/rangers/sheriff deputies;
  - a. Work with Finance on cost to hire Part-time Rangers and/or Code Enforcement Officers. Status: In Progress

- b. Send OSM Part-time Staff to PC832 training to give the ability to cite. Status: In Progress
  - c. Explore third party vendor to provide parking enforcement. Status: Several vendors researched and interviewed. Status: In progress
  - d. Provide update and options to City Council. Status: In Progress
  - e. Explore modifying the City's parking fee schedule and what it would take to increase the fee for no parking violations. Status: In progress
5. Investigate parking reservation and/or pay systems/alternatives along with analysis of parking limitation system (for Del Cerro area specifically);
- a. Identify best practice parking App for Del Cerro area that can be applied to other areas of the City if needed. Status: In Progress
  - b. Met with reps from two companies to discuss their Parking applications. Researching other companies. Status: Ongoing.
  - c. Lay out the cost and enforcement needs for all paid parking/reservation alternatives. Status: In progress

## **Double Your Net Pleasure: Doubles Tennis Now Open**

LA County recently permitted doubles play for paddle tennis and tennis courts. Point Vicente Park/Civic Center has one public tennis court, Ladera Linda has two public paddle tennis courts, both now allowing single, and doubles play on a first come, first serve basis. Players need to remain 6 feet apart and wear a face covering when not actively playing on the court. For full info go to:

[http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening\\_TennisPickleballCourts.pdf](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_TennisPickleballCourts.pdf)

## **Completing the Mission**

Only one more week until the Agents of Discovery Mission finishes its successful run on September 30. This is a fun, virtual outdoor event that involves exercise, exploration and education. Once you complete the "mission", each participant receives a free giveaway bag from our park staff. Visit Eastview Park and/or Hesse Park today to enjoy the last week of AOD fun!



## Virtual Painting Workshop

Registration is now open for the fall virtual painting class conducted live using Zoom. Recreation Leader Dana Torrey will lead participants in creating their own paintings in a one-and-a-half-hour virtual art workshop. Participants will complete an 8" x 10" butterfly-themed painting from start to finish. All materials are included. Participants will end the class with their own finished masterpiece!



This class will be conducted virtually using the Zoom platform. Participants will receive a link to join the live class after registration. All materials are included in the class fee. Material packets can be picked up from Robert E. Ryan Park 7 days a week between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM or from Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall Monday - Friday between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

## Clean Beach Poster Contest

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders! LA County Beaches are having a “Can the Trash! Clean Beach Poster Contest.” Here is a chance to use your artistic skills to send a positive message about beach cleanup.

Enter this contest for a chance to have your message shared with millions of beachgoers! Contest winners will have their artwork displayed around trash barrels on the beach. Simply submit your artwork online, in person, or by mail. The contest is open to students in grades 3 – 5 who reside in the County of Los Angeles. An adult must enter online submissions.

This contest is ongoing. Submitted artwork will be included in the contest cycle ending January 10, 2021.

More details at

[https://beaches.lacounty.gov/postercontest/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://beaches.lacounty.gov/postercontest/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)



## Coastal Cleanup Month

This year, Coastal Cleanup Day will become Coastal Cleanup Month.

Join Los Serenos de Point Vicente and Heal the Bay (at a safe distance) as they spend the entire month of September celebrating our watersheds and coastline with decentralized cleanups and weekly programming. Grab your family or housemates to clean up your street, park, local shoreline, or anywhere else that you call your happy place.

Learn more and register at <https://healthebay.org/coastalcleanupmonth/>



## **Preserve and Beach Weekend Activity: Saturday, September 19 & Sunday, September 20**

Public Contacts: 1,272

Notice to Appear Citations Issued: 1

Parking citations: 18

Violations Observed: usually corrected and/or warning given: 26

Abalone Cove Reserve:

Lifeguards reported to staff that a deceased dolphin had washed ashore onto Abalone Cove Beach. The dolphin appeared to have been deceased for a few days. The West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network was notified to monitor and take data for scientific purposes.

Additionally, staff received a report at approximately 11:35 am on Sunday about an injured gull on the beach. Staff located the bird at 11:45 am, and confirmed it was unable to move as it had injured its leg. Los Angeles Animal Control was called and took the gull in for care.



Staff also spoke with several families at the tide pools to educate them about MPA designation and deterred take. Staff also retrieved individual specimens already collected, including 40 mussels and 5 turban snails. Cal-TIP was called regarding boating activity and offshore fishing with rods in the MPA zone.

#### Vicente Bluffs Reserve:

Rangers found an abandoned bag of mussels at the top of the cliff along Seascape Trail. The bag contained approximately 10 pounds of mussels.



### Parks and Preserve Weekend Report

Beaches, parks, and trails, including the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, have been open since May 13 with physical distancing, by guidance from the County of Los Angeles. Please go to [www.rpvca.gov](http://www.rpvca.gov) for further information.

Below is a public usage summary report over the past weekend.

**PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE and ABALONE COVE**

Public Contacts: 1272

**HESSE PARK - walking paths and grass area**

Total park attendance: 1348

Total interactions with the public: 107

**RYAN PARK - walking paths, basketball court, and grass area**

Total park attendance: 568

Total interactions with the public: 55

**LADERA LINDA PARK - walking paths, basketball and paddle tennis courts and grass area**

Total park attendance: 160

Total interactions with the public: 16

**EASTVIEW PARK - walking paths, dog park and grass area**

Total park attendance: 598

Total interactions with the public: 195

**LOWER POINT VICENTE PARK - walking paths and grass area**

Total park attendance: 4245

Total interactions with the public: 62

**Total Weekend Attendance: 8,191**

**Total Interactions with the Public: 435**



# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	2	3	4	5
6	7 <b>Labor Day – City Hall Closed</b>	8 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	9 7:30 pm – ACLAD Board Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	10	11	12
13	14	15 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	16 11:45 am – Mayor’s Lunch @ The Depot (Mayor Cruikshank) 1:30 pm – Sanitation District Meeting (Mayor Cruikshank)	17 7:00 pm – Emergency Preparedness Committee (Virtual Meeting) 7:00 pm – FAC Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	18	19
20	21 6:00 pm – IMAC Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	22 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	23	24 6:00pm – Civic Center Advisory Committee @ City Hall Community Room	25 8:00 am – Mayor’s Breakfast @ Trump National Golf Club/Golfer’s Lounge (Mayor Cruikshank/ Mayor Pro Tem Alegria)	26
27	28 5:00 pm-Klondike Canyon Meeting @ Ladera Linda Community Center 6:30 pm – TSC Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	29	30			



# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Brush Clearing – Monday Route
4	5	6 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	7	8	9	10 Brush Clearing – Tuesday Route
11	12	13 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	14 7:30 pm – ACLAD Board Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	15 7:00 pm – Emergency Preparedness Committee (Virtual Meeting)	16	17 8:00 am–11:00 am – Document Shredding, E-Waste Collection, & Mulch Event @ City Hall Parking Lot Brush Clearing – Wednesday Route
18	19 <del>6:00 pm – IMAC Meeting @ City Hall Community Room</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>	20 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	21 11:45 am – Mayor’s Lunch @ The Depot (Mayor Cruikshank) 1:30 pm – Sanitation District Meeting (Mayor Cruikshank) 6:00 pm – Nature Preserve Public Forum (Virtual Meeting)	22 6:00pm – Civic Center Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting)	23 8:00 am – Mayor’s Breakfast @ Trump National Golf Club/Golfer’s Lounge (Mayor Cruikshank/ Councilmember Bradley)	24 Brush Clearing – Thursday Route
25	26 5:00 pm-Klondike Canyon Meeting @ Ladera Linda Community Center	27 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	28	29 7:00 pm – FAC Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	30	31 Brush Clearing – Friday Route



# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>Presidential Election</b> 	4 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting @ Hesse Park	5	6	7
8	9	10 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting @ Hesse Park	11 7:30 pm – ACLAD Board Meeting @ City Hall Community Room <b>VETERANS DAY</b> City Hall Closed to Public	12	13	14
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29	30					

# TENTATIVE AGENDAS

*Agenda items listed below will be presented to the City Council for their consideration*

DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>October 6, 2020</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION/STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION		
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			
			<b>4:00</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider rescheduling City Council meeting of Nov 3 to Nov 4 due to election	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Lease agreement extension for wireless towers on City property (Verizon)	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Authorizing the mayor to sign a letter supporting Prop 20	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Letter urging lawmakers to reopen schools	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	Resolution - Exchange of Property Tax Revenue from Annexation of Territory (Rue Le Charlene)	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Amendment No. 3 to Michael Baker Agreement for CDBG-CV Services	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Amendment No. 1 for Interwest PSA for Engineering services	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Award of PW construction contract for Metrocell for Rattlesnake Trail gate	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm responses to Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury Report on Organic Recycling	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Award of PW construction contract for traffic signal installation at Via Rivera & Hawthorne Blvd	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Award a PSA to Harris & Assoc for Altamira Canyon Project	
REC & PARKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	PVPLC comprehensive annual report	
REC & PARKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Approval of contract with McGee Surveying to perform surveying of Palos Verdes Nature Preserve	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
			1:00
CDD	PUBLIC HEARING	1st Reading/Intro of ordinance to amend RPVMC §17.76.020 - Non-Commercial Antenna	0:45
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider League of Women Voters Position on Prop 15	0:30
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Presentation from Cox Communications	0:30
CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Update RHNA Status Update	0:30
FINANCE/PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Abalone Cove Sewer Financing Options	0:15
<b>October 20, 2020</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION/STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	

# TENTATIVE AGENDAS

*Agenda items listed below will be presented to the City Council for their consideration*

DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>4:15</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	2nd Reading/Adoption of Ord to amend RPVMC §17.76.020 - Non-Commercial Antenna	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Authorize filing of NOC for Residential Rehab Areas 3 & 4	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Amend the City's guidelines to undergrounding utilities	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Amendment No. 1 to John Hunter Agreement	
CDD	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider Adopting Urg Ord to comply with Coastal Sage Scrub	0:15
REC & PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Del Cerro Parking Mitigation Status Report	1:30
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider CDBG-CV Programs	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	SCE Undergrounding Project at 3867 Crest Road	0:45
<b>November 4, 2020 WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION/STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>4:00</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Commercial Waste Haulers Renewal Contracts	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
CDD	PUBLIC HEARING	Intro of ordinance to amend RPVMC 17.10.020 - Accessory Dwelling Units	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Amend PVDE Widening Project to include a center lane @ Sunnyside Ridge	0:15

# TENTATIVE AGENDAS

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DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Fees Cost Study Report and Recommendations	0:30
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider issuing a Resident Survey	0:45
ALL DEPTS	REGULAR BUSINESS	City Council Goals Quarterly Status Report	0:45
<b>November 17, 2020</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION/STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>3:45</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consideration Minimum Wage Increase	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Receive and file the Rancho LPG Independent Review	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	2nd Reading/Adoption of Ord to amend RPVMC §17.10.020 - Accessory dwelling units	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Award of PSA to Ardurra for design of PVDE Widening Project	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider adopting Fees Cost Study resolution	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Reassess the PVDS Roadway Realignment East End Construction Project (CIP Project 8301)	0:30
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	CalPERS Actuarial Valuation Report and Pension Policy	0:45
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	FY 20-21 1st Quarter Review and 5-year model updates	0:30
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Public Safety 1st Quarter Budget Review	0:15
<b>December 1, 2020</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION/STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
	CEREMONIAL	Appointment of Councilmembers and Mayor Selection <b>(30 mins)</b>	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			<b>3:45</b>
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Adoption of Business License Tax Rate for 2021	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Adoption of Pension Policy	

# TENTATIVE AGENDAS

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DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
			1:00
	PUBLIC HEARING	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Reassess Encroachment Permit Issuance Protocols	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider CDBG Programs for FY 21/22	0:15
CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Initiate Possible Code Amendment on Large Scale Treehouse Regulations	0:15
CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Amendment No. 2 to Johnson Favaro agreement	0:15
REC & PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Solar panel options at Ladera Linda	0:20
REC & PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Forrestal security options	0:45
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Canceling January 7 City Council meeting	0:10
<b>December 15, 2020</b>			
<b>CLOSED SESSION/STUDY SESSION - 6:00 PM</b>			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
		SPECIAL MEETING (Interviews)	
<b>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</b>			
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	3:30
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Border issue	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
			1:00
	PUBLIC HEARING	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider appointments to IMAC and FAC	0:15
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	GHG Emissions from Energy Use	0:20
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	City Council Assignments	0:10
REC & PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Airshow Flyover Partnership with Green Hills (May 2021)	0:15
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	FY 19-20 Unaudited Actuals	0:30
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Reassess City Council TOT and Reserve Policies	0:30
<b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Identified at Council meetings and pending receipt of memo from Councilmember</b>			
<u>Request Date:</u>	<u>Requested By:</u>	<u>Item:</u>	
8/6/2019	Dyda	Policy on recording/memorializing Council's requests/direction for future agenda items.	
<b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED</b>			
			0:15
<u>Request Date:</u>	<u>Requested By:</u>	<u>Item:</u>	<u>Scheduled Date:</u>
			51 5/23/2020

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DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
7/16/2019	Dyda	Abalone Cove Sewer Financing Options	10/6/2020
10/15/2019	Cruikshank	West Basin Water District report	TBD
6/2/2020	Alegria	Reassess City Council TOT and Reserve Policies	12/15/2020
6/16/2020	Dyda	PVDS Roadway Realignment East End (CIP Project 8301)	11/17/2020
6/16/2020	Cruikshank	Airshow Flyover Partnership with Green Hills (May 2021)	12/15/2020
7/21/2020	Alegria	Reassess Encroachment Permit Issuances Protocols	12/1/2020
7/21/2020	Ferraro	Initiate Possible Code Amendment on Large Scale Treehouse Regulations	12/1/2020
8/18/2020	Alegria	Rancho LPG Independent Review	11/17/2020
9/1/2020	Cruikshank	Consider League of Women Voters Position on Prop 15	10/6/2020
<b>CITY MANAGER REPORT</b>			0:15

RPVtv Cox 33 / FIOS 38 Programming Schedule Guide Schedule - 9/27/2020 to 10/3/2020

	Sunday September 27, 2020	Monday September 28, 2020	Tuesday September 29, 2020	Wednesday September 30, 2020	Thursday October 1, 2020	Friday October 2, 2020	Saturday October 3, 2020
6:00 AM - 6:30 AM	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming
6:30 AM - 7:00 AM	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Peninsula Seniors Connections	Peninsula Seniors Connections	Peninsula Seniors Connections	Peninsula Seniors Connections	Peninsula Seniors Connections	Peninsula Seniors Connections	Peninsula Seniors Connections
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM							
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming
10:00 AM - 10:30AM	Lectures with Lianne	Lectures with Lianne	Lectures with Lianne	Lectures with Lianne	Lectures with Lianne	Lectures with Lianne	Lectures with Lianne
10:30 AM - 11 AM							
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11:30 AM -12:00PM	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula
12:00 PM -12:30PM	News Helicopter Pilot Tim Lynn	News Helicopter Pilot Tim Lynn	News Helicopter Pilot Tim Lynn	Flying in Antarctica FTCDR Fandey USN (ret)			
12:30 PM - 1:00PM							
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2:00 PM - 2:30PM	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming
2:30 PM - 3:00PM	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming	Fitness Programming
3:00 PM - 3:30PM	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula
4:00 PM - 4:30PM	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020
4:30 PM - 5:00PM	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula
5:00 PM - 5:30PM	Playing the Field- Local	Playing the Field- Local	Playing the Field- Local Edition	Playing the Field- Local			
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8:00 PM - 8:30PM	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula	Hal Bauer	Around the Peninsula	Around the Peninsula
8:30 PM - 9:00PM	Playing the Field- Local	Playing the Field- Local	Playing the Field- Local Edition	Playing the Field- Local			
9:00 PM - 9:30PM	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020	City Talk 2020
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6:30 PM - 7:00PM										
7:00 PM - 7:30PM	Community Announcements	The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) Board of Education Meeting	Community Announcements							
7:30 PM - 8:00PM										
8:00 PM - 8:30PM	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meeting of September 15, 2020		The City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meeting of September 15, 2020	The City of Rolling Hills Estates City Council Meeting	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meeting of September 15, 2020	The City of Rolling Hills Estates City Council Meeting	The City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meeting of September 15, 2020			
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Comments or questions? Please



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- LOMITA STATION  
REPORTED CRIMES & ARRESTS BETWEEN (09/06/2020 - 09/12/2020)**



**LOMITA:**

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION-PUBLIC	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS-PUBLIC	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-PUBLIC
PETTY THEFT (UNLOCKED VEHICLE)	20-03154	1713	9/8/2020- 9/9/2020	2100- 1500	26000 BLK ROLLING VISTA DR	UNLOCKED VEHICLE	DOCUMENTS	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	20-03159	1710	9/7/2020	0540- 0546	24000 BLK STANHURST AVE	N/A	WALLET, US CURRENCY, CDL, KEY	SUSPECT FW/40-50 WRG A GRN/TAN HAT, BLUE TOP, GRN SKIRT, GRAY SOCKS, AND BLK VANS.
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	20-03160	1713	9/8/2020	2000- 1400	1800 BLK 263RD ST	DRIVER SIDE FRONT WINDOW SMASHED	EMPLOYEE ID	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (CATALYTIC CONVERTER)	20-03174	1713	8/29/2020- 9/10/2020	1200- 2120	26000 BLK CAYUGA AVE	CATALYTIC CONVERTER	CATALYTIC CONVERTER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (CATALYTIC CONVERTER)	20-03181	1711	9/10/2020- 9/11/2020	0730- 0530	25000 BLK CYPRESS ST	CATALYTIC CONVERTER	CATALYTIC CONVERTER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
ASSAULT	20-03190	1712	9/12/2020	1000	ESHELMAN AVE/ LOMITA BLVD	N/A	NO LOSS	SUSPECT MH/LATE 40'S/600/230/SHORT BLK HAIR/GOATEE WRG A BLK SHIRT AND DARK BLK SUNGLASSES.
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS: DOMESTIC BATTERY - 1, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - 1, DRUGS - 5, SEXUAL ACTS W/ A CHILD UNDER 10 - 1, VEHICLE VIOLATIONS - 8, WARRANTS - 4</b>								

**RANCHO PALOS VERDES:**

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION-PUBLIC	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS-PUBLIC	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-PUBLIC
BURGLARY (ATTACHED GARAGE)	20-03148	1735	9/6/2020- 9/7/2020	1930- 0930	28000 BLK LOMO DR	UNLOCKED DOOR	US CURRENCY, FURNITURE	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
SHOPLIFTING	20-03130	1736	9/8/2020	1148	30000 BLK HAWTHORNE BLVD	OPEN FOR BUSINESS	ALCOHOL	S1 MB. S2 MB. SUSPS WERE SEEN LEAVING LOC IN A BLK LATE MODEL BMW SEDAN.
PETTY THEFT	20-03133	1743	9/6/2020	2200	31000 BLK GANADO DR	N/A	FIREARM	SUSPECT KNOWN

PETTY THEFT	20-03168	1742	9/10/2020	1523	4300 BLK DAUNTLESS DR	N/A	TOOLS	SUSPECT MH/60'S/509/SHORT HAIR/BEARD WRG A GRY SHIRT, GRY PANTS, AND BLK SHOES. SUSP WAS SEEN LEAVING LOC IN A BLK TRUCK
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	20-03180	1738	9/11/2020	0900- 1100	31000 BLK PALOS VERDES DR SOUTH	DRIVER SIDE DOOR LOCK REMOVED	PURSE, WALLET, CDL, CREDIT CARD	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
GRAND THEFT (CATALYTIC CONVERTER)	20-03191	1735	9/11/2020- 9/12/2020	1700- 1000	7000 BLK HEDGEWOOD DR	CATALYTIC CONVERTER	CATALYTIC CONVERTER	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - 1, DRUGS - 2, VEHICLE VIOLATIONS - 4, WARRANTS - 6</b>								

**ROLLING HILLS:**

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION-PUBLIC	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS-PUBLIC	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-PUBLIC
NO CRIMES DURING THIS TIME								
NO ARRESTS DURING THIS TIME								

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CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION-PUBLIC	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS-PUBLIC	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-PUBLIC
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	20-03147	1720	9/8/2020- 9/9/2020	1700- 1150	RAWHIDE LN	N/A	COIN PURSES, US CURRENCY	1 SUSPECT ARRESTED. REFERENCE REPORT #920-03154-1720-385, #920-3151-1720-389, #920-03149-1720-340.
PETTY THEFT	20-03149	1720	9/7/2020- 9/9/2020	2000- 0830	RANCHVIEW RD	MAIL THEFT	MAIL	1 SUSPECT ARRESTED. REFERENCE REPORT #920-03154-1720-385, #920-3151-1720-389, #920-03149-1720-340.
PETTY THEFT (UNLOCKED VEHICLE)	20-03151	1720	9/8/2020- 9/9/2020	1730- 1322	SANTA BELLA RD	UNLOCKED VEHICLE	MAGAZINE, PLACARD, KEYS, MAIL	1 SUSPECT ARRESTED. REFERENCE REPORT #920-03154-1720-385, #920-3149-1720-389, #920-03147-1720-340.
BURGLARY (VEHICLE)	20-03184	1720	9/11/2020	0518- 1545	BRANDING IRON LN	N/A	BATTERY	SUSPECT MH WRG A BLK SHIRT, GRY CAMO SHORTS, AND A BLUE HAT. GRY 1997 TOYOTA SEDAN W/ GRN BUNGY ACROSS HOOD AND FRONT HOOD DAMAGE
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS: VEHICLE VIOLATIONS - 1, WARRANTS - 1</b>								

**SAN PEDRO:**

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION-PUBLIC	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS-PUBLIC	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-PUBLIC
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SHOPLIFTING	20-03145	1750	9/9/2020	1050-1105	900 BLK WEST 1ST ST	OPEN FOR BUSINESS	TOILETRIES, ALCOHOL	SUSPECT FB/510.
GRAND THEFT (AUTO)	20-03188	1750	9/12/2020	0200-0700	3300 BLK S PATTON AVE	N/A	WHITE 2006 GMC SIERRA	SUSPECT(S) UNKNOWN
<b>NO ARRESTS DURING THIS TIME</b>								

**PVP:**

CRIME	FILE #	RD	DATE	TIME	LOCATION-PUBLIC	METHOD OF ENTRY	LOSS-PUBLIC	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-PUBLIC
NO CRIMES DURING THIS TIME								
<b>NO ARRESTS DURING THIS TIME</b>								

\*\*Data included in this report is time sensitive and subject to change.

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUESTS - TRACKING LOG 2020

DATE OF REQUEST	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
5/18/2020	5/18/2020	Jeff Lewis	Request for various emails, communications, invoices former Councilmember and Staff	5/28/20 Letter was sent to requestor requesting clarification.
7/10/2020	7/10/2020	Mathew Gelfand	All documents and communications (including email, social media, texts, etc) for: 1) Documents related to California's ADU laws; 2) ADU guidance documents; 3) Application records for ADU's	7/10/20 AA Zwezig forwarded request to staff. 7/20/20 Staff sent 14-day extension. 8/3/20 AA Zwezig sent determination letter and sent first production of documents. 8/17/20 AA Zwezig sent determination letter and sent second production of documents. 8/31/20 sent extension determination letter. 9/21/20 sent extension determination letter.
8/18/2020	8/19/2020	Mark Abrams	Copy of all documents for every amateur non-commercial antenna permit application since the last time the ordinance was changed which was sometime around the year 2000	8/19/20 DCC Takaoka had discussion with Assoc. Planner Yoon.
9/2/2020	9/3/2020	Catherine Cullari	requesting plans etc 7002 Starstone Drive	
9/9/2020	9/9/2020	Tia Moreno	Requesting building permits 28125 Ambergate Dr	9/9/20 DCC Takaoka forwarded request to staff.
9/14/2020	9/14/2020	Kathy Edgerton	Copy of all documents for every amateur non-commercial antenna permit application since the last time the ordinance was changed which was sometime around the year 2000 (see Abrams for duplication)	
9/21/2020	9/21/2020	Marc Stibelman	Requesting building permits for 4030 Admirable dr	9/21/20 AA Momoli forwarded request to staff.

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## 58,000 tons of rock will create a new artificial reef off Palos Verdes Peninsula



The Palos Verdes Reef Restoration project, begun in June, resumes with 58,000 tons of rock to be dumped into the ocean off Palos Verdes Peninsula to restore a reef that has been decimated by landslides on Friday, August 28, 2020. (Photo by Axel Koester, Contributing Photographer)

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A project to restore reefs and marine animals off the Palos Verdes Peninsula Coast resumed last week after an approximately three-month coronavirus-induced hiatus, and is expected to be finished next month — with about 58,000 tons of rock creating a new reef.

Work on the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project restarted on Thursday, Aug. 27, and a massive barge and crane will be seen off Rancho Palos Verdes, near Trump National Golf Course, until the work is done, at the end of September. The project will restore the rocky reefs that have been impacted by decades of landslides.

The artificial reef is also designed to attract fish and other marine animals, while creating fishing opportunities, both of which were decimated by the loss of the natural reef and contamination from pollutants, according to scientists involved in the project.

“You don’t see from the surface, but certainly imagine you take a beautiful reef and you bury it, that’s extreme damage,” said Daniel Pondella, a professor at Occidental College and director of the Southern California Marine Institute. “So we’re able to figure out how much was lost, where it was lost, and then develop a plan funded by the state and the federal government to restore the habitat.”

The 58,000 tons of rock will come from two quarries on Catalina Island to create the new artificial reef, said Jonathan Williams, research scientist with the Vantuna Research Group, who is also with the biology department at Occidental College.

The first half of the project took place from May 8 to June 3, Williams said. The work that began last week is considered the second phase.

“The original plan was to begin construction in August (2020) and do it all in one fell swoop,” Williams said, “but with COVID-19 on the horizon in March and April, the construction company (Connolly Pacific) had requested that we split the work into two phases to accommodate their schedule.”

As the permit holder and leaseholder, the Southern California Marine Institute is in charge of the project and also involved in the research. The Marine Institute, along with Vantuna Research Group, designed the reef, and performed or will perform nearly all the studies before, during and after construction, Williams said.

## History of landslides



The Portuguese Bend Landslide in 1956, which was reportedly started by road construction on Palos Verdes Drive, buried a large portion of the natural reef off of the Peninsula, according to a California State Lands Commission report. Another landslide in 1999 buried more reef habitat and released more sediment.

For decades, a South Bay chemical company called the Montrose Chemical Corp. reportedly dumped contaminated waste into the ocean that eventually reached the Palos Verdes Shelf.

In 2001, state and federal agencies reached a settlement with Montrose, creating the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program. The program was formed to restore what was impacted by the various contaminants, including the insecticide DDT and the coolant chemical PCB, both of which are now banned in the United States.

Much of the funding for the restoration project came from the money set aside from the Montrose settlements, Williams said. But still, he added, the project itself is not intended to fix contamination damages.

“This project is designed to restore rocky reef habitat buried by sedimentation from landslides,” Williams said. “The restored reef will eventually increase rocky reef-associated wildlife that is not as susceptible to DDT/PCB contamination as soft sediment-associated wildlife, since DDT/PCBs are mostly stored in the sediment rather than on rock.”

The city of Rancho Palos Verdes, however, has expressed concerns about the project, in letters to the California State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission, since 2007.

While the city said in a May 2019 letter to the Coastal Commission that it supported the goal of restoring fishing resources destroyed by chemical dumping, it also remained concerned about the proximity of the project. The city’s letter noted that the project was a quarter-mile offshore from Founders Park and Rancho Palos Verdes Beach, and was also near sediments in the Santa Catalina Channel that were impacted by DDT and PCB.

“We remain unconvinced,” the letter read, “that the potential harms of the project are adequately mitigated.”

But a year before that letter, in early 2018, the California State Lands Commission [approved an offshore lease](#) sought by the Marine Institute, which partnered with the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Agency to start the project.



The project covers a nearly 70-acre area of coastline, between Bunker Point and White Point. The depth of the tons of rock was estimated to be about 49 to 69 feet.

But the project took a few years to get full approval, according to Williams.

## **DDT contamination subsiding**

The last hurdle before construction could begin was getting the state Coastal Commission to issue a development permit. That was the final of several such OKs the project needed, from federal, state and regional agencies.

It received all of those.

And, despite the objections from RPV, it seems like the contaminants are dissipating, Williams said.

The area where the reef is being built is too shallow, too far in shore, to be affected by the DDT in the sediment, he said. And the federal government and county sanitation district have been conducting surveys over the past 20 to 30 years, with tests revealing that DDT has been breaking down naturally over the last decade and a half.

Vantuna, for its part, has conducted its own tests that concluded scant traces of DDT near the construction area.

“Really, the main takeaway is the area where this is being built doesn’t have much DDT in the sediment,” Williams said.

“The reef being built re-creates the rocky reef that used to be there,” Williams said. “So any of the sediment that has the DDT is now being buried by this rocky reef. So any DDT that would be there is now being basically taken out of the system, out of the food chain.”

The goal of the artificial reef was to restore it to a height where it could not be buried again, Williams said.

The landslide area, Williams added, is the “most geologically active area in the entire world.” In surveys over the past 10 to 12 years, researchers have discovered reefs buried in up to about 7 feet of sediment that came from landslides.



“Every time you drive up Palos Verdes Drive, it’s being repaved seemingly every weekend,” Williams said. “It’s constantly moving and it’s constantly putting sediment into the ocean and on top of what used to be very rich, productive rocky reefs.”

Rancho Palos Verdes, meanwhile, has its own Landslide Management Program and a Facebook page, “RPV Landslide.”

“It seeks the involvement of the community to identify and plan short- and long-term solutions to the largest active landslide in the continental United States,” the page reads, and to protect the shoreline ecosystem, including Palos Verdes Drive South, a major sewer main, and the open space preserve, from future damage.”

## **Loss of kelp forests**

Another issue is the loss of kelp forests, which has also been impacted by landslides over the decades, according to The Bay Foundation and Pondella, the Marine Institute director.

“A lot of kelp bed has been lost,” Pondella said. “This has been known for a long time.”

The Bay Foundation, according to its website, estimates that the Palos Verdes Peninsula has lost approximately 75% of its giant kelp canopy. The causes include sedimentation development, urban runoff, storms slowing kelp growth and over-fishing resulting in the loss of urchin predators.

“This allowed purple urchins, a dominant kelp herbivore, to overrun the reef and devour the remaining kelp,” The Bay Foundation’s website says. “If left alone, kelp forest recovery may take decades.”

To combat the issue, The Bay Foundation started removing the purple sea urchins with the help of researchers, fisherman and conservationists.

The foundation has said it has restored 46 acres of kelp forest in two coves and four open shore reefs off the Peninsula.

The Restoration Project, Pondella said, is a unique opportunity to have a significant impact in an area that suffered “significant ecological damage.”

A goal of the Restoration Project, Pondella added, is to make better opportunities for fishing interests — and this is done by creating a healthier ecosystem.



“Some of the most productive reefs in the entire region, so all of Southern California, producing the most fish and commercial invertebrates,” Pondella said, “are right off Palos Verdes.”

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Via Email

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
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Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes thanks you for voting against SB 1120, which would have required local governments to ministerially approve urban lot splits and housing developments containing two units in single-family residential zones.

SB 1120 was one of 20 problematic development bills threatening local control that the City opposed during the recent legislative session. Mandated, by-right development usurps authority from local jurisdictions and limits their ability to maintain neighborhood character and address the impacts of these projects on residents. That is why Rancho Palos Verdes and other South Bay cities are taking a stand against a wave of legislation seeking to impose “one size fits all” zoning on our communities.

Thank you for recognizing the flaws contained in this bill and for listening to the voices of your constituents with your “no” vote. And please remember, that our City is always willing to work with you on any housing legislation.

Sincerely,



**John Cruikshank**  
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## Beirut blast reinforces longtime fears surrounding butane facility in San Pedro



San Pedro residents Janet Schaaf-Gunter and Chuck Hart fear butane tanks near Gaffey Street could cause a deadly explosion. (Carolyn Cole / Los Angeles Times)

By EMILY ALPERT REYES | STAFF WRITER

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That same year, the U.S. comptroller general [reported to Congress](#) that new facilities like it should be relegated to remote areas and that existing ones in populated areas should not be expanded in size or in use. It warned that “if liquefied energy gases spill from their tanks, they vaporize rapidly and become highly flammable and explosive.”

The San Pedro site handles the largest amount of butane of any facility in California, according to a database maintained by the Right to Know Network using Environmental Protection Agency data. It also holds some propane. Neighborhood groups have argued that an earthquake or terror attack could rupture the tanks and lead to catastrophic explosions.

Much of the debate has revolved around just how dire a disaster could be: One assessment by Cornerstone Technologies, solicited by a San Pedro neighborhood group, concluded a blast could reach as far as 6.8 miles away.

An [analysis](#) by risk management consultant Carl Southwell, done when he was a doctoral student at USC, estimated that thousands of lives could be lost if terrorists took aim at the tanks.

The Beirut explosion “immediately reminded me of Rancho LPG,” said Southwell, now president of the consulting firm InsureTech. Based on his calculations of its explosive potential, “it could actually be much worse.”

Rancho LPG Holdings has [rejected such predictions](#) and instead cited an analysis by Quest Consultants that dismissed the Cornerstone conclusions and estimated that damage from any explosion would be much more limited, potentially reaching 700 feet around the San Pedro site.

The Environmental Protection Agency has accepted company estimates that the blast radius could stretch half a mile; an [analysis](#) performed for the agency by a Michigan professor called many of the dire predictions from Cornerstone “technically invalid.”

At a public hearing three years ago, a facility representative said the EPA had found that “our butane facility is one of the safest butane facilities, simply because we refrigerate the butane.” An EPA spokeswoman said that the blast distance from the Rancho LPG site would be reduced by an existing containment basin to catch spills.

Others have disputed that: Earthjustice staff attorney Adrian Martinez argued in a letter to the agency that the basin would be “wholly ineffective” to catch spilled butane because it would warm up and vaporize.

Decades earlier, the California Public Utilities Commission raised concerns that the basin was too small to hold the contents of both refrigerated tanks.

For decades, San Pedro residents have feared the massive tanks that store butane just off Gaffey Street could fuel deadly fires and explosions close to homes, shops and schools.

Neighbors have fought unsuccessfully in court and pressed their case with local, state and federal officials, but the San Pedro site has persisted through [years](#) of public hearings, government reports and competing assessments of its risks.

When a [massive explosion](#) devastated Beirut last month, residents said the shocking footage only reinforced their long-standing fears. The Los Angeles Unified School District invoked the Beirut blast in a recent letter to the L.A. Fire Department, calling for a new assessment of the site's vulnerability during an earthquake.

And a congresswoman is pushing for a new analysis of its risks. The Beirut explosion "absolutely adds urgency to these efforts," said Ron Eckstein, spokesman for Rep. Nanette Barragán (D-San Pedro).

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Plains All American Pipeline, whose subsidiary Rancho LPG Holdings owns the site, rejects such a comparison. It stresses that the tanks store a different material than what fueled the Beirut blast, which was sparked by ammonium nitrate.

The Beirut incident happened "at a completely different facility than the Rancho facility," which "was designed, built and is maintained in accordance with local, state and federal requirements" and "is audited numerous times annually by multiple jurisdictional agencies to confirm compliance," said Steve Greig, the company's government affairs director.

The Rancho LPG storage facility includes two 12.5-million-gallon refrigerated tanks and five 60,000-gallon horizontal storage tanks. Liquid gas comes to and from the facility by rail, truck and pipeline. The refrigerated tanks are roughly a quarter-mile from the nearest homes, based on aerial maps; a Home Depot, a preschool and soccer fields sit closer.

Concerns about the facility arose soon after it was built in the 1970s. L.A.'s fire marshal told The Times it was "one of our gravest concerns." Neighbors sued unsuccessfully over the San Pedro facility in 1978, arguing that it posed a nuisance.

The basin could help prevent liquid from spreading to other parts of the facility, “but it doesn’t mean that you won’t — very, very quickly — have a large vapor cloud,” said Don Holmstrom, former director of the Western Regional Office for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, a federal agency that investigates chemical accidents. Holmstrom said that in the case of a catastrophic spill, he found it hard to believe that the damage would extend only half a mile.

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Professor Stewart Behie, interim director of the Mary Kay O’Connor Process Safety Center at Texas A&M University, said it did not appear that the blast estimate of half a mile had adequately accounted for what would happen if a tank were fully ruptured and a vapor cloud arose from the surface of all the spilled liquid.

Nor, he said, had the estimate accounted for the domino effects if rail cars or tanker trucks were engulfed in a fire from one ruptured tank.

Behie said he wasn’t convinced that “their worst case is really the worst case.”

The L.A. Fire Department program that oversees hazardous materials said it has no current concerns about the safety of the Rancho facility. The department said it had cited the facility three years ago for two violations — including failing to document that equipment designed or constructed under outdated standards was operating safely — but characterized both as minor and said they had been corrected.

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Disasters elsewhere have repeatedly spurred concerns about the San Pedro site. The most notorious was in 1984 at a liquid petroleum gas facility in San Juanico outside Mexico City, where explosions destroyed homes and killed hundreds. After a pipeline explosion in San Bruno a decade ago, [local](#) and [federal](#) lawmakers called for more scrutiny of the L.A. facility.

Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino introduced a flurry of motions about the butane tanks after he was first elected; one resulted in a public hearing and a [report](#) from city analysts, but most [expired without action](#). Rep. Barragán [sought federal funding](#) to move the tanks; the bill she introduced two years ago stalled in committee.

Eckstein, her spokesman, said that Barragán still wants to pursue a legislative route to closing or relocating the facility, but in the meantime she has been seeking an EPA risk analysis of the site through the federal budget process.

And the Los Angeles Unified School District, whose board has called to relocate the facility, recently reiterated a February request to get an updated seismic study of the San Pedro facility in light of [new information](#) about the Wilmington fault running underneath the harbor.

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LAFD, however, said it did not plan to ask Rancho to redo that analysis unless an expert determined that an earthquake along that fault would be bigger than the one on the Palos Verdes fault reflected in its last assessment. The last analysis, completed a year ago, “appears to more than adequately demonstrate compliance” with seismic requirements, it said.

Some balked at likening the risks to the Beirut disaster. Buscaino, who said he had insisted the site comply with municipal and state regulations, argued that it was “impossible to compare” the situation, saying that the Rancho tanks are regulated by more than a dozen agencies and “practice multiple levels of safety protocols.”

L.A. “would never by deliberate action or inaction allow the economic engines of our state to be decimated so recklessly as what happened in Beirut,” Buscaino said.

Such statements gall San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners United member Janet Schaaf-Gunter, who said she found them “hypocritical.” She pointed out that months before the Beirut disaster, downtown L.A. was rocked by a [massive explosion](#) that burned firefighters — a blast that originated in an area where butane canisters were known to be stored.

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When she watches the chaotic scenes in Beirut, “I know that I’m looking at our future,” Schaaf-Gunter said.

Although Plains All American Pipeline maintains that the San Pedro site is safe, Greig said the company would cooperate if government agencies pursued a new risk assessment. San Pedro resident Robert Farrell, a former L.A. city councilman concerned about the site, said he hoped such an analysis would help settle the back-and-forth over its risks.

“People are oblivious to the danger it represents,” Farrell said. Government agencies will not move swiftly “unless a real threat is seen as imminent.”

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# Palos Verdes clinic administers coronavirus vaccine trial to South Bay residents

Local vaccine trial is one of 11 sites nationwide in Phase 1 and 2 for Sanofi and GSK.



Dr. Lawrence Sher who leads Palos Verdes Medical Group and Peninsula Research Associates stands among clinical research coordinators, some working on an ongoing coronavirus vaccine trial. (Photo by David Rosenfeld)

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Pat Brewster had a personal reason for enrolling in a coronavirus vaccine trial. The [84-year-old lost her husband, 88-year-old Bob Brewster, to the virus in April](#) as the pandemic was just beginning to take hold throughout Los Angeles County, having now accounted for more than 6,000 deaths.

Brewster's husband was living in a group home in Palos Verdes when he and others came down with the disease. Her husband was taken to a local hospital, swept away into a highly monitored area, and just three days later she got a call saying he was about to die. She had one last visit with her husband of 62 years before saying goodbye.

"He's very much in my mind," Brewster said this week shortly after taking the first injection of a coronavirus vaccine produced by Sanofi and GSK. For Brewster, taking the vaccine was her way of fighting back against a virus that had taken away so much. It was also a way for her to be proactive in the face of so much frustration.

"I see these people going to beaches and I see things about parties," Brewster said. "I feel like screaming, you can pass it on."

Brewster along with 51 others this week began taking part in the Phase 1 and 2 trial for the Sanofi-GSK vaccine through the Palos Verdes Medical Group led by Dr. Lawrence Sher. The vaccine is one of only a handful of others being developed between American and European partners. And the Palos Verdes clinic is one of 11 sites nationally taking part in this particular trial.

If it's successful, the Sanofi-GSK vaccine would be among an assortment of vaccines for the coronavirus that could become as common as a flu shot, Sher said.

The Sanofi-GSK vaccine is a few months behind others by Moderna and Pfizer now in Phase 2 and 3, for instance. But the Sanofi-GSK vaccine is slightly different, explained Sher, in that it most closely resembles a standard flu shot. There is no live virus. Rather it's known as a recombinant vaccine that involves inserting genetic material to stimulate an immune response.

"You can't get the coronavirus from this," Sher said. "The biggest risk is maybe a reaction at the injection site."



Palos Verdes Medical Group is an academic facility associated with more than 200 clinical research trials and numerous medical papers. From a medical office space in the Promenade on the Peninsula mall, Sher sees patients on one side, up to 100 per week, while conducting a small medical research lab on the other side called Peninsula Research Associates.

“I think people would be excited to know our neighborhood is part of this vaccine trial and the South Bay is contributing to medicine,” Sher said.

With access to drug and vaccine trials, Sher said he’s able to provide medicine to patients that’s available few other places. Another side to the group’s work involves biologic drugs for asthma and allergies, Sher said.

“When you get to deal with this you are ahead of everybody else,” Sher said, “and you are learning what’s happening 10 years down the road.”

The next phase of the Sanofi-GSK vaccine trial is expected to begin in late November or early December. To take part in the trial, call 310-265-1623, email [info@PeninsulaResearch.com](mailto:info@PeninsulaResearch.com) or visit [PeninsulaResearch.com/COVID19](https://PeninsulaResearch.com/COVID19)

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**INVITATION TO VIRTUAL INVESTIGATORY HEARING<sup>1</sup> ON  
HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY**

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Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara will convene a virtual investigatory hearing<sup>2</sup> regarding contemplated changes to the California Code of Regulations to address the pervasive and increasing challenges that homeowners face when seeking and maintaining insurance in high wildfire risk regions of California.

***Homeowners' Insurance Availability and Affordability***

California is facing devastating wildfires that are causing unprecedented tragic losses of life and property, mass evacuations, and public health impacts from smoke pollution. Simultaneously, the California Department of Insurance has collected statewide non-renewal data from insurance companies for the past five years, over which time the data demonstrates the same trend: increasing non-renewals for people at risk of wildfires. Climate change is going to continue to displace Californians and disrupt communities through extreme heat and weather. If this trend continues, the ripple effects could impact the entire local economy of communities across the state in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and rural areas, straining families, making home sales more difficult, and negatively impacting the local tax revenues that pay for crucial public health, fire protection, and public safety services, among other adverse impacts.

For the past few decades, California's insurance companies have been applying for increases to their rates under the existing rate-making process created under Proposition 103, which was passed by voters in November 1988. The Department has analyzed those rate filings and generally approved them, subject to the regulatory review process and consumer protections created under Proposition 103. Yet, even as those rates have been increased, non-renewals have continued. We need to consider options for how to avoid continuing the cycle of wildfires that lead to increased rates but also to address the continued rise in non-renewals across the state while helping ensure the stability of the state's insurance marketplace. One part of reversing that cycle is to make clear how insurance premiums are established – what factors are included and excluded, and how Californians can help to reduce their risk through investments in wildfire mitigation. Clear incentives for wildfire mitigation are critical to addressing the growing risks of climate change and maintaining a sustainable insurance market.

Today, many insurers voluntarily choose to make sequential rate filings for 6.9% rate increases, rather than make a single filing that is less than the maximum permitted premium that California's existing regulations

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<sup>1</sup> This investigatory hearing is held under the authority of Insurance Code section 12924 [investigative powers of Commissioner] and also Government Code section 11346.45 [pre-notice public discussions regarding proposed regulations].

<sup>2</sup> Although the Department ordinarily prefers in-person participation, due to unique circumstances during this pandemic, the Department will use a virtual web-conferencing format for this investigatory hearing.

authorize companies to charge under Proposition 103. Insurers who implement this strategy likely do so in order to avoid a mandatory public hearing, should a member of the public petition to intervene in the rate application. Additionally, some homeowners' insurance companies have chosen to give little to zero weight to proactive home hardening efforts taken by policyholders, instead electing to non-renew policyholders in spite of steps taken to mitigate their homes against the risk of wildfire; conversely, some homeowners' insurance companies are increasingly choosing to give more weight to homeowners who decide to harden their homes/properties in order to avoid receiving non-renewals.

### ***Administrative Actions are Needed Now - Your Input is Requested***

The voters enacted Proposition 103 and vested broad authority in the Commissioner as the regulator of insurance rates. The Commissioner's authority under Proposition 103 includes broad rulemaking authority to prevent excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory rates in California. This virtual workshop will provide the public with a deliberate and fair opportunity to discuss issues such as the following:

- Why are insurers declaring their own rates to be 'inadequate' and refusing to renew many homes in the wildland-urban interface, while at the same time these same insurers seek rate increases that are lower than California's law permits?
- Why are insurance companies reluctant to take homeowner wildfire mitigation efforts into account when pricing residential property insurance?
- How will climate change, including extreme heat events, continue to affect future homeowners' insurance rates, availability of insurance and the financial health of our insurance market?
- How – if at all – would the use of catastrophe modeling in ratemaking help to make homeowners' insurance more affordable and more widely available to homeowners?
- What other rules should the Commissioner adopt to obligate insurers to spread risk and sell more policies to those homeowners in the wildland-urban interface who seek to purchase and maintain homeowners' insurance?

You are invited to participate in this investigatory hearing. The purpose of these discussions is to provide interested and affected persons an opportunity to present comments regarding homeowners' insurance availability and affordability. This forum will serve to foster further conversation as the Commissioner considers administrative actions to address insurance company behavior affecting homeowners in high wildfire risk areas and help homeowners secure and maintain their homeowners' insurance from the admitted market.

### ***Date, Time, and Format for Workshop***

Date: Monday, October 19, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or as soon after 5:00 p.m. as all those wishing to speak have spoken, whichever is earlier.

Location: Web-based Virtual Format: Details to follow for those who RSVP.

## ***Attendance***

To make it possible for the Department to advise attendees of future rulemaking activity and in order to ensure that the web-based format is adequate to accommodate all those who wish to attend, we ask that you please RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 by providing your name, the name of the organization you represent, and your contact information, including the email address of each attendee, to [CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:CDIRegulations@insurance.ca.gov). Doing so will allow the Department to provide a specific on-line invitation so that you may participate. We ask that persons with sight or hearing impairments notify the persons below when they RSVP. Similarly, all interested members of the public should direct inquiries regarding this investigatory hearing to the contact persons named below.

## ***Presentation of Written and Oral Comments***

Participants should be prepared to present oral comments on the topics described above and related homeowners' insurance availability and affordability topics during the public discussions. Participants are also invited to submit written statements and are encouraged to provide supporting documents and materials as well.

## ***This is Not a Formal Public Hearing on Proposed Regulations***

Please be advised that participation in this investigatory hearing / workshop will be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any participation in any formal rulemaking process that may follow. This investigatory hearing / workshop invitation does not constitute a Notice of Proposed Action. Consequently, comments (oral or written) received in connection with this hearing will not be included in any record of rulemaking that may follow.

However, any public comments presented will be part of the public record, and the Commissioner will consider all comments received in connection with this hearing as the Commissioner contemplates regulatory changes that may be proposed in a subsequent Notice of Proposed Action.

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OPINION

# Editorial: A better way to help Californians survive wildfires: Focus on homes, not trees



A structure protection crew works on Cima Mesa Road in Little Rock, Calif., on Sept. 18 as the Bobcat fire jumps the road, threatening more structures. (Los Angeles Times)

By THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

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Firestorms in the West have grown bigger and more destructive in recent years — and harder to escape. Massive and frenzied, they have overtaken people trying to

outrun or outdrive them.

Gridlocked mountain roads prevented many Paradise residents from fleeing the Camp fire, which killed 85 people in 2018. This year, more than 30 people have died in the fires in California and Oregon, and again, in many cases, people were trying to escape fast-moving blazes.

There's much work to be done on how we protect people amid a wildfire, including how and when we advise them to evacuate. But fire experts also are considering different ways to protect communities, and some of these ideas haven't been given their full due as options for states that increasingly find themselves under siege.

One approach, seen in a bill proposed by Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Steve Daines (R-Mont.), is to log more dead trees and dig more firebreaks, among other things. But it's outmoded and environmentally problematic; [environmental groups](#) have attacked the bill for allowing the fast-tracking of logging permits, bypassing the normal review process, in areas far from any towns that could be threatened.

Beyond that, trying to prevent fires can lead to overgrown forests that set the stage for more catastrophic blazes. Rather than going down that road, or cutting trees and brush in order to make fires smaller and slower, the better, more scientifically based approach is to focus more on houses and less on trees.

Some of this is becoming common knowledge. Many Californians have heard the advice to install mesh screens on rooftop vents to prevent embers from getting into attic spaces, and to close off open eaves and the curves under clay tile, where embers can be trapped and smolder. The seminal work of Jack Cohen, a recently

retired wildfire expert with the U.S. Forest Service, is finally being recognized: The conditions on and immediately around houses are more important to preserving lives than the conditions of the open brush or forest where the fire is centered.

“Uncontrolled, extreme wildfires are inevitable,” Cohen said.

What’s not inevitable is for houses to have wood decks and siding that give embers a chance to smolder, instead of patios and stucco exteriors. Exterior sprinklers help, too. Feinstein’s bill addresses this, with some help for fire-safe home renovations, but more as an afterthought. Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) has introduced a bill that targets community protection far more robustly.

Unlike what many people think, ground without plants can be a problem too: dead plant matter under gravel can catch fire, and wood-chip ground cover is even more dangerous. Well-planted green [gardens](#) are the best landscape for retarding fires, Cohen said, but that doesn’t have to mean heavy doses of water. Many drought-tolerant native plants are fire resistant and provide habitat for native wildlife — birds, bees and butterflies — as well.

The Escondido-based Chaparral Institute also is trying to get communities to look at smarter ways to save lives during catastrophic fires. Many communities located near vast open spaces such as national forests are rural in nature, with few routes out of town. During evacuations, cars choke the road, with the fire closing in from behind.

That’s why people shouldn’t have to leave town to be protected, the institute says. Other organizations are starting to take a similar view, especially after firefighters and law enforcement in Paradise saved the lives of 150 people by having them

shelter in the [parking lot](#) of a strip mall. The fire raged around them, but they were safe. The Fire Safety Council of Mendocino County gives similar [advice](#) to residents there when evacuating might be risky.

Open, flat spaces within the community, preferably grassy, well-watered ones, could become effective areas for sheltering that might be a mile or two from people's homes, providing a more realistic solution than expecting entire communities to drive 25 to 50 miles away, or even more. These spaces might include large playgrounds or sports fields at schools. Or cities could embrace the traditional idea of a large village green in the town center that serves as a communal gathering space for much of the year, and an emergency evacuation point during firestorms. Golf courses can perform the same function, and when placed between houses and backcountry, act as a buffer.

Forest management still has a role to play. And the state still needs to prevent residential areas from expanding any further into high-risk fire areas. But communities amid the brush exist throughout the state and must be made safer by following science. Protection from catastrophic wildfire is best done from the inside out rather than the other way around.

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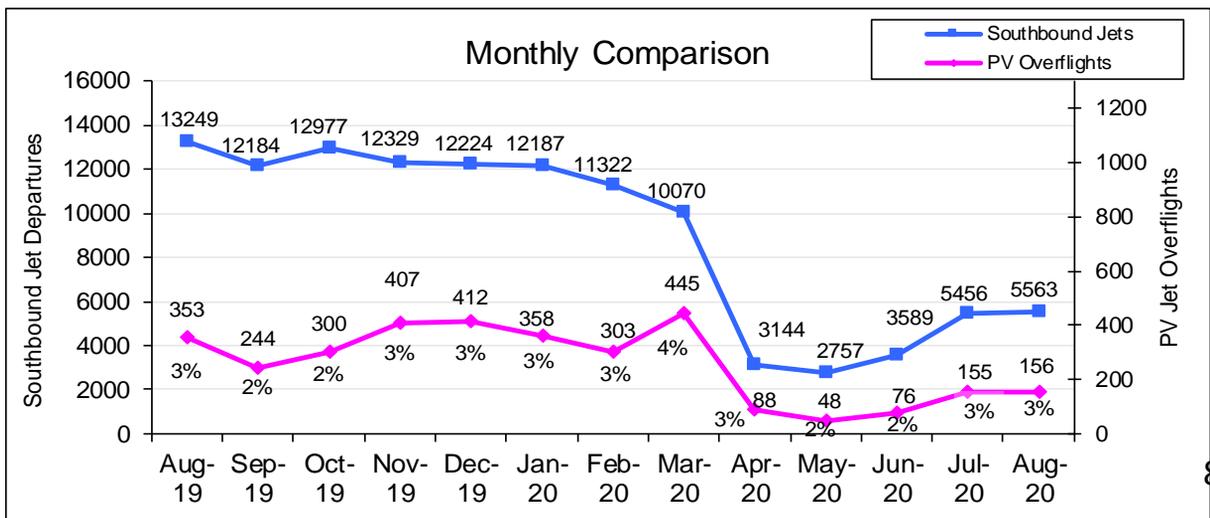
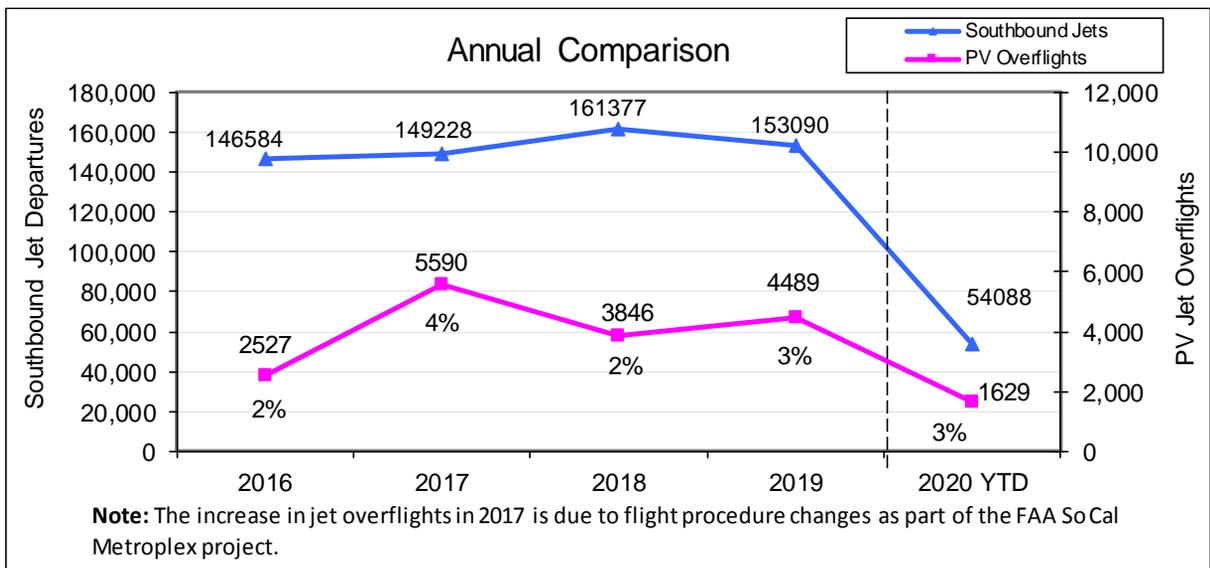
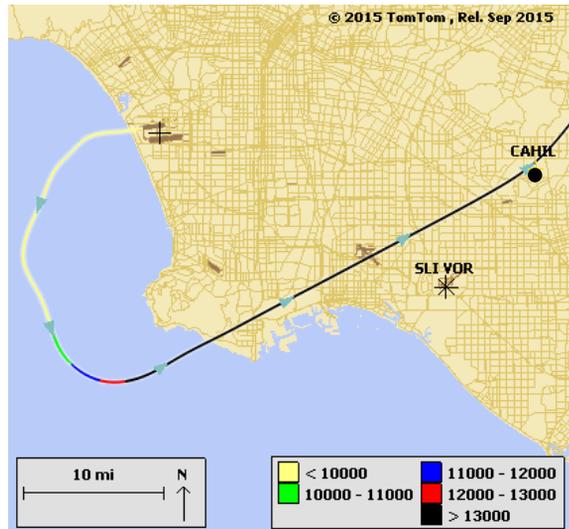
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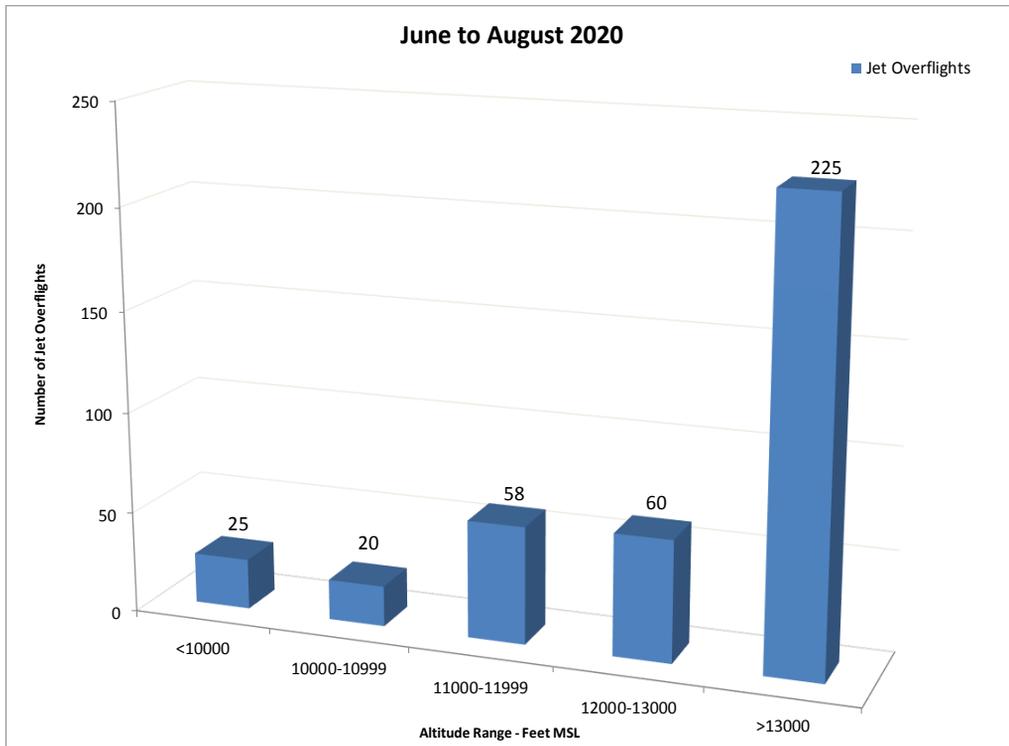
# Palos Verdes Peninsula – Jet Overflights

The graphs below show the total number of jets turning south upon departure from LAX and the number of those departures that fly over the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Sample Jet Departure Flight Track Over PV Peninsula



## Jet Altitudes over PV Peninsula



# WHAT'S UP, DACC?

SEPTEMBER 2020

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR  
ANIMAL CARE CENTERS



## FEES WAIVED FOR KITTENS AND ADULT CATS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Thanks to a generous grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), adoption fees for cats will be waived through the entire month of September. Want to schedule an appointment to adopt? Email an Animal Care Center directly using the appropriate address below:

Agoura: [agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov)  
Baldwin Park: [baldwinpark@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:baldwinpark@animalcare.lacounty.gov)  
Carson: [carson@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:carson@animalcare.lacounty.gov)  
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There's no better time than now to adopt a purrfect, purrmanent companion.



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*We put in a lot of hard work deep cleaning the top of everything in each building. From scrubbing, scraping, rinsing, washing ...everything was by hand.*

*- Cristina Garcia,  
Animal Care Attendant*

## **DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER (ACC) DEEP-CLEANING**

During a time when we are all focused on sanitation and a time when fewer dogs are housed at our animal care centers, two of our DACC team members decided to expand their regular cleaning activity at our Downey Animal Care Center to include a thorough cleaning of the beams and rafters. These areas of our kennels had been popular hangouts for pigeons and were clearly in need of extra attention. Animal Care Attendant Cristina Garcia and her supervisor, Animal Control Officer Marcos Vega, undertook the daunting task. "We put a lot of hard work deep cleaning the top of everything in each building," said Cristina. "From scrubbing, scraping, rinsing, washing...everything was by hand."

For many mornings, both Cristina and Officer Vega slipped on their jumpsuits and started to work. Following many days of climbing, scrubbing, and scrupulous work, this mighty team of two had the building thoroughly cleaned and shining.



# GIRL SCOUT LIBRARY PROJECT



Back in December 2019, Girl Scout Troop 6911 began their award project by researching what they could do to support communities through their cookie sale proceeds. The troop eventually identified the Baldwin Park ACC as a potential site for their project. The troop was somewhat familiar with the ACC as they had previously toured the facility.

During the tour, the girls had listened to staff share needs for care center pets and visitors. Following some thought, the troop decided that the best way to promote animals for adoption was through education.

As a result, the concept of the mini library was devised.



The troop began the project last January and aimed to complete it by June 2020. The girls put a lot of thought into the construction process while maintaining artistic expression. Unfortunately, the project was temporarily derailed by COVID-19. Nonetheless, the troop persisted and continued working on the project while in isolation. The troop even divided the project into smaller parts which allowed some of the girls to work alone at home or in smaller, safe groups. Despite the temporary setback, the troop completed the mini library in July 2020 and presented it to the Baldwin Park ACC for display.



## CHECK OUT OUR FOSTER-GRAM!

@fosteranimalsLACo

Fostering has become crucial to the Department's operations. Animals receive the special attention and socialization they deserve, while the community is engaged in being part of the solution. Over 200 animals have been placed into foster care since March, and many continue to be placed through our expanded foster program.

We are so thankful to our generous foster care families! We launched an Instagram page dedicated to foster animals (@fosteranimalslaco) and the families who care for them.

Interested in becoming a foster caretaker? Complete an application online by clicking below!

Click [HERE!](#)

# DACC NEWS

*Animal Care Center News and Updates!*



## ADOPTION EVENT

The ASPCA has awarded the Department a grant of \$5,000 to sponsor an adoption event in partnership with Subaru Antelope Valley. Adoption fees will be waived for all animals featured. The event is currently scheduled to take place in October, 2020. Please stay tuned for updates and further details!

## FIRE RESPONSE

The Lake Fire was initially reported on August 12th near Lake Hughes in the Angeles National Forest. DACC supported fire relief efforts by ensuring that all animals, whether owned or not, received the housing and medical care they needed. All animals have since been released back to their owners.



## HOLIDAY WISHES

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**WISHES**  
GRANT CAMPAIGN

Have you adopted a pet from a Los Angeles County Animal Care Center? Submit your story to the Petco Foundation for a chance to win a Petco shopping spree and BOBS shoes from Skechers. Your submission also gives our Department a chance to win up to \$100,000 in lifesaving grant funds. **Deadline to submit is September 23, 2020**, so be quick! Submit your story by clicking [HERE](#).



# SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

## A NEW HOPE

This five-month old Maltese/Poodle mix was brought to the Palmdale Animal Care Center with badly matted fur full of debris. Volunteer Groomer, Betty, and our Volunteer Bather, Jenny, went to work and gave her the love and care she needed.

Thanks to the dedicated and caring work of these volunteers, this dog has a brand-new look and a full list of potential adopters. Below, you can view Hope's before and after photos!



FIND AN ANIMAL CARE CENTER NEAR YOU!



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Baldwin Park, CA 91706  
baldwinpark@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### Carson/Gardena:

216 W. Victoria Street  
Gardena, CA 90248  
carson@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### Downey:

11258 S. Garfield Ave.  
Downey, CA 90242  
downeyctaip@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### Castaic:

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Castaic, CA 91384  
castaic@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### Agoura:

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Agoura Hills, CA 91303  
agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### Lancaster:

5210 W. Avenue I  
Lancaster, CA 93536  
acclancaster@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### Palmdale:

38550 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550  
palmdale@animalcare.lacounty.gov

**Interested in Fostering?**  
Click [HERE!](#)

**Licensing Questions?**  
Call: (562) 345-0400  
Email: [licensing@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:licensing@animalcare.lacounty.gov)

**Want to donate to an Animal Care Center?**  
Click [HERE!](#)

## MEET JUNE

June, from the Agoura ACC, had major surgery to remove mammary tumors—an unfortunate, yet not uncommon, side effect of not being spayed. The procedure was successful but June will have to undergo regular vet check-ups to monitor her health.

June still has some recovering to do but is now ready for her new family. If you are interested in meeting June, you can email [agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov) (and please include your contact number)!



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

For the latest DACC updates and heartwarming stories from around our animal care centers, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!





## FOLLOW-UP AGENDA

RANCHO PALOS VERDES PLANNING COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020  
FRED HESSE COMMUNITY PARK, 29301 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M.

NEXT P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

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CALL TO ORDER: **7:00 P.M.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS: **DEPUTY DIRECTOR SILVA PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **LED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR SILVA**

ROLL CALL: **ALL PRESENT**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

COMMUNICATIONS:

City Council Items: **DIRECTOR RUKAVINA INFORMED THE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL'S ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADU ORDINANCE.**

Staff: **DIRECTOR RUKAVINA INFORMED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR SILVA'S PROMOTION TO PERMANENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR.**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR SILVA INFORMED THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT LATE CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 WAS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

Commission: **NONE**

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (regarding non-agenda items):

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 P.C. MINUTES

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH A WORDSMITH CORRECTION.**

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. NONCOMMERCIAL AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA - CODE AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 17.76.020(C) & (D) OF CHAPTER 17.76 OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUNICIPAL CODE (CASE NO. PLCA2020-0003): Citywide (JY)

Request: Amend Sections 17.76.020(C) (Noncommercial amateur radio antennas) and (D) (Noncommercial amateur radio antenna permit) of Chapter 17.76 (Miscellaneous Permits and Standards) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code to update the regulations and review procedures for noncommercial amateur radio antennas.

**ACTION: ADOPTED P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT AN ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED AMENDING SECTIONS 17.76.020(C) (NONCOMMERCIAL AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNAS) AND (D) (NONCOMMERCIAL AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PERMIT) OF CHAPTER 17.76 (MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS AND STANDARDS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE REGULATIONS AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR NONCOMMERCIAL AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNAS WITH MODIFICATIONS INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF A PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW FOR ANTENNAS UNDER 41 FEET IN HEIGHT AND THE INCLUSION OF RESTRICTING THE TRANSFERABILITY OF PERMIT APPROVALS. MOTION PASSED ON A VOTE OF 6-1, WITH COMMISSIONER CHURA DISSENTING.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS: **NONE**

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS: **NONE**

NEW BUSINESS: **NONE**

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS:

3. PRE-AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2020

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

4. PRE-AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 27, 2020

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

ADJOURNMENT: **8:59 P.M.**