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As stewards of the County’s stunning coastline and Marina del Rey harbor, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors supports clean, safe and accessible beaches and public spaces in the Marina while promoting quality of life, economic vitality, boating, and other recreational opportunities. In 2013, Marina del Rey, home to the nation’s largest recreational harbor, generated \$31 million dollars for vital public services provided by the County. A robust revitalization of the Marina continued with the completion of a new residential complex and the renovations of an additional residential development and a hotel. And we initiated significant improvements to the Marina’s public spaces and docks.

Many of the 50 million visitors to our beaches found new automated parking pay stations that accept credit cards, repaved parking lots in Malibu with improved ADA access, and refurbished restrooms at Will Rogers and Redondo beaches. Our work to preserve county beaches was recognized by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, which designated our re-nourishment of Venice Beach as one of the best projects of its kind in the nation.

New playground equipment was installed at Marina Mother’s Beach, where we also started a new Farmer’s Market to complement our popular Beach Eats! gourmet food truck events for Tasty Thursdays in Marina del Rey. Our summer concerts drew record-breaking crowds to the Marina’s Burton Chace Park. We also initiated a new park program for seniors and a children’s day camp during regular school holidays. New recreational offerings at Dockweiler Youth Center included a Samba dance and drumming day camp, and a beach soccer camp.

We demonstrated our commitment to preserving the coast’s natural assets by helping state and local law enforcement remove unlawful encampments from sensitive wetlands neighboring Marina del Rey, hauling out tons of refuse and other materials. And with the help of dozens of participants in the Department of Public Social Services’ paid work experience program, we cleaned and maintained 25 miles of beautiful coastline during the peak summer season.

Our own dedicated employees engage in the same beach grooming efforts each and every day of the year. It’s our commitment to Caring for Your Coast.