



## 2013



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***"We issued 50,000 building permits... delivered 30 new County buildings... collected over 2,000 tons of hazardous waste...and handled over 50,000 calls for service throughout the County."***

Two-thousand and thirteen marked the 100th anniversary of the County Charter and the former County Road Department, and we celebrated the groundbreaking work of our transportation pioneers with stories and special events. Today, our Department maintains over 5,000 miles of roads and leads the way in award-winning technologies to enhance mobility and quality of life.

In 2013, we continued to invest heavily in infrastructure to provide for reliable local water supplies, spending more than \$22 million dollars on water supply and water conservation facilities, and \$71 million dollars on countywide stormwater quality improvements. And we continued to demonstrate fiscal excellence by securing over \$40 million dollars in water resource grants and by maintaining the Flood Control District's Triple-A bond rating.

As the County's economy began to recover, development and permitting activity rebounded. We issued close to 50,000 building permits (an increase of 25% from 2012!) and streamlined permit approvals for our customers by deploying a new online electronic plan checking system. Also, as the nation's largest public works agency, we procured over \$70 million dollars in products and services from local County vendors and local small businesses, helping to create and maintain jobs in our communities.

We also created local jobs by achieving 60% local worker participation on key construction projects. Our Capital Projects Team delivered 30 new County buildings valued at over \$900 million, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center, which will deliver high-quality health care to the community of South Los Angeles.

We also worked to lead, inspire and support our communities toward a healthy, waste-free future. We collected over 2,000 tons of household hazardous waste and e-waste, and achieved a 20% increase in commercial recycling under new commercial trash collection franchises. In total, we collected almost 3 million tons of solid waste and continued to divert over 60% of it from County landfills.

Finally, in 2013 we continued to improve the quality of life in our communities by addressing 2,500 neighborhood code enforcement complaints and, as public safety first responders, handled over 50,000 calls for service throughout the county.

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For one hundred years we've been protecting and enriching lives, and the men and women of Public Works are always ready to serve!