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Marina del Rey Team Sees STARS



A team effort to develop a series of improvement projects in Marina del Rey has been honored with a coveted LA County STARS award by the Board of Supervisors.

Team Marina, consisting of the County Departments of Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, and Regional Planning, was recognized for developing a "big picture" approach to the projects that included an expanded pedestrian promenade, new public park and pedestrian pathway, and additional parking spaces near Marina Beach.

The projects expanded open space by almost 11 acres and increased recreational opportunities for boaters and visitors while protecting the nationally renowned community's natural resources.

The team was also commended for obtaining project approval prior to a one-year deadline imposed by the

California Coastal Commission. To achieve this, team members conducted over 80 public meetings with boaters, residents, lessees, and business owners; conducted water quality, traffic, parking and boating studies; and combined 16 projects into a single Commission application.

The LA County STARS (Special Talents for Achieving Remarkable Service) awards program recognizes exceptional performance in the areas of fiscal sustainability, workforce and service excellence, and organizational effectiveness.

Public Works' Team Marina members included Jeff Pletyak, Guita Sheik, Suen Fei Lau of Traffic & Lighting Division; Steve Burger, Andy Narag, Toan Duong, Tony Khalkhali, and Sam Richards of Land Development Division; and Bruce Hamamoto, Josh Svennsson, Yvonne Taylor, Youn Sim, Frank Wu, Maged Soliman, and Aracely Lasso of Watershed Management Division.