

## 'Fan Favorite'



Photo by Brooks O. Hubbard IV, LA District Public Affairs

**Bobber the Water Safety Dog "claims his fame," as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' mascot waves to the crowd during the 62nd annual Armed Forces Day Parade May 18 in Torrance, California. See more pictures of the parade on page 7.**

### BEACH VIBES:

## Community, leaders celebrate sand on beach just in time for summer

BY DENA O'DELL  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ENCINITAS, Calif. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District celebrated the completion of a beach nourishment project that benefits the Encinitas and Solana Beach communities during a joint press conference with its partners May 13 at Encinitas City Hall.

“We are here to celebrate the completion of the project’s initial construction with our partners – the cities of Solana Beach and Encinitas, Representative Mike Levin and others who have supported this project,” said Col. Andrew Baker, LA District commander.

The purpose of many of the Corps of Engineers’ civil works’ projects is to improve coastal

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## Mission complete: District delivers 'model' aerospace test facility

BY ROBERT DEDEAUX  
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NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nevada – As the American Anthem concluded, two Navy F-35 flew over the crowd, marking the beginning of the Digital Test and Training Range ribbon-cutting ceremony May 16 at Nellis Air Force Base.

Leaders with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District joined Air Force commanders and Navy representatives to celebrate the completion of the facility, which will benefit joint operations.

“The completion of this facility is a testament to our commitment to delivering the highest standards in aerospace testing and evaluation,” said Maj. Gen. Evan C. Dertien, commander of the 445th Test Squadron. “The Digital Test and Training Range, or DTTR, is specifically de-

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Photo by Robert DeDeaux, LA District

**Civilian leaders from several military commands cut the ribbon, signaling the official opening of the Digital Test and Training Range during a May 16 ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas. The Los Angeles District constructed the DTTR facility, which will house state-of-the-art simulators in a multi-level security environment to support developmental testing of multiple aircraft platforms.**

# Federal Employees of the Year



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From left to right, Mike Turanitz, LA District deputy chief of the Operations Branch, and Glen Tucker, LA District chief of the Security Office, pose for a picture with Commander Matthew Johns, chairman of the San Francisco Federal Executive Board, after accepting the “Federal Employees of the Year” award on behalf of the LA District’s Protection Working Group May 9 during the San Francisco Federal Executive Board’s Federal Employees of the Year Award ceremony at the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building in San Francisco. The LA District’s footprint consists of \$6 billion in assets across four states. The team conducted 13 antiterrorism risk assessments to protect LA District’s equities.

# Congressional Recognition

From left to right, Trevor Snyder, LA District program manager for the LA County Drainage Area, LA County Sheriff’s Department Deputy Gary Ortega and Bella Hernandez, LA County Public Works community liaison, were recognized May 4 for their community stewardship and partnership to deliver support services to unhoused individuals during the North Whittier Neighborhood Watch Avocado Heights Association awards ceremony May 4 at the California Country Club in Whittier, California. Snyder received the “Good Neighbor Award” for his work along the San Jose Creek in Whittier, California.



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# Month brings many success stories, heading into busy June

SPL team:

*I can't believe it's already June! We're about six months through the calendar year (three-quarters through the fiscal year for those keeping track) and graduation season is in full swing. Big congrats to you and your loved ones, if it applies. In my family, we're very excited (and a little melancholy) about our youngest wrapping up kindergarten next week. One thing we can count on is that the ceremony will be super cute ...*

*May was a big month for SPL! I'll touch on just a few of many highlights:*

- We hosted our South Pacific Division Teammates for the quarterly Regional Governance Meeting last week. We represented ourselves and the unique challenges that we face here at SPL very well! Big thanks to all who were involved in this heavy lift. We've got some work to do in communicating our successes and challenges through disciplined use of our data systems. I need your help with this!*



**COL. ANDREW BAKER**  
LA DISTRICT COMMANDER

- The USACE Headquarters safety team visited us in Los Angeles and Arizona to evaluate our CE-SOHMS progress. Long story short on this one: we have made incredible progress and have a ways to go to meet the mark. I ask that you continue to make safety your number one priority as we go about our business of "SAFELY delivering QUALITY projects ON TIME and WITHIN BUDGET." Nothing we do is worth a life or a life-changing injury.*

- We completed the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Study. This milestone represents the culmination of a significant effort by many of our teammates. Congratulations and big thanks to all who had a hand in this!*

- We wrapped up beach nourishment operations at San Clemente and are continuing work at Oceanside. I've said it before in other forums, but I'm so proud of what we achieved in getting sand on the beach at San Clemente against exceedingly steep odds. Big thanks to the entire team for refusing to take no for an answer!*

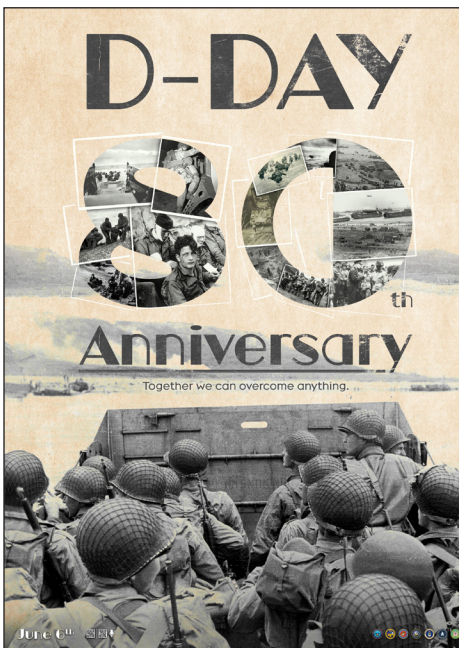
- The San Francisco Federal Executive*

*Board recognized our amazing Protection Working Group as Federal Employees of the Year! Glen Tucker, Shane Bush, Mark Cohen, Mike Farris, Daryll Fust, Richard Lee, Malia Pearson, Lesly Pineda, Phillip Serpa and Mike Turanitzka make up this great team. Many thanks and big congrats!*

- Finally, the great Trevor Snyder received some much-deserved recognition from the North Whittier Neighborhood Watch Association, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and other California partners for his and his team's work along the San Jose Creek in Whittier, California.*

*I'll wrap this up with a plug for our SPL California Engineer Day on June 27 at Whittier Narrows Park, across from the Baseyard in South El Monte. This will be my first Engineer Day celebration in Southern California (I already had the pleasure of taking part in the Arizona version), and I am really looking forward to celebrating your hard work and accomplishments. Hope to see you there!*

*Thanks so much for all you do. Proud to be SPL! ~ Col. Andrew Baker*



# Where the ocean meets ... the sand



Photos by Dena O'Dell, LA District Public Affairs

**Moonlight State Beach is seen covered with fresh sand in this May 13 picture in Encinitas. Initial beach nourishment involved building a 50-foot-wide protective berm along 7,800 feet of shoreline. Beach renourishment cycles will be every five years.**

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erosion, flood-risk management and ecosystem restoration – projects like this, that make a difference in our communities – protecting lives, property and our shorelines by reducing coastal storm damage and erosion, Baker said.

Initial construction by USACE's contractor, Manson Construction, began at Solana Beach in January and was completed in mid-March.

Construction included building a 150-foot-wide protective berm along a 7,200-foot-long stretch of shoreline, using 700,000 cubic yards of compatible sediment. Beach renourishment cycles will be every 10 years.

The hopper dredge then moved to Encinitas, where construction was completed at the end of April. There, initial construction involved building a 50-foot-wide protective berm along 7,800 feet of shoreline, with beach renourishment cycles every five years.

The Corps received more than \$30 million in federal funding for the initial construction of the combined project in fiscal year 2022 from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The initial construction cost was about \$50 million with a 65/35 cost share between both cities.

Levin, representative with California's 49th District, thanked Baker, as well as Encinitas Mayor Tony Kranz and Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner for their partnership and support throughout the project.

"As a lifelong Southern Californian, I can tell you I know our beaches are really the foundation of our community in so many ways,"

Levin said. "They're critical for recreation, tourism, for infrastructure and for our local economy, but they're more than that – our beaches are part of our identity."

The work at Solana Beach and Encinitas solidifies the successful signing of a project partnership agreement for shoreline protection for both cities that was signed in April 2023, Baker said.

"It was just last year, on May 4, at this same spot, that we celebrated the signing of that partnership agreement with the cities and Representative Mike Levin," Baker added. "It is an honor to see both of these projects come to fruition.

"We could not have gotten to where we are today without all of you – those who continue to advocate for and support these projects," Baker said, "and those who continue to make the safety and well-being of these communities and their people your priority. That is what public service is all about."

Following the joint press conference, Baker, Levin, Encinitas Mayor Tony Kranz and Solana

Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner, along with other representatives and members of the media, headed to Moonlight State Beach in Encinitas to get a first-hand look and "feel" of the fresh sand.

"It is wonderful to go to Moonlight Beach and to look over the beautiful sand that has been brought to our shoreline," Kranz said. "Mother Nature has been pounding our beaches for quite some time. We have bluffs eroding quicker than we would like. They remain a danger, but this sand is going to go a long way toward reducing the impacts of the tidal action on those bluffs."

"A couple months ago, Solana Beach received 700,000 cubic yards of sand along the length of almost our entire beach, expanding the footprint to almost three times," Heebner said. "Ours is now the widest beach in the region, and I'm pleased to report we have a new problem – where to locate beach volleyball courts, which were previously non-existent because we didn't have enough sand in the area!"



**From left to right, Encinitas Mayor Tony Kranz, Representative Mike Levin, Solana Beach Mayor Lesa Heebner and Los Angeles District Commander Col. Andrew Baker check on the new sand placed at Moonlight State Beach May 13 in Encinitas, Calif. The group checked out the fresh sand following a press conference announcing a completion of the beach nourishment project at both Encinitas and Solana beaches.**

# Local, state, federal responders test communication skills during emergency flood event tabletop exercise



Photos by Areca T. Wilson, LA District Public Affairs

**Charlie Hwang, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District geotechnical engineer, speaks to Whittier Narrows Dam Tabletop Exercise participants at the USACE Baseyard May 23 in South El Monte, Calif. Prior to the exercise, Hwang provided the participants with information on Whittier Narrows Dam's Emergency Action Plan.**

BY ARECA T. WILSON  
LA DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOUTH EL MONTE, Calif.—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District hosted representatives from multiple local, state and federal agencies during a Whittier Narrows Dam Tabletop Exercise at the USACE Baseyard May 23 in South El Monte.

The exercise had three main objectives: To enhance roles and responsibilities while transitioning to emergency operations; assess the effectiveness of USACE's messaging to external agencies during an emergency; and improve interagency coordination and procedures.

"Whittier Narrows Dam helps reduce the risk of flooding for more than 1.25 million people downstream in 25 cities and unincorporated communities," said Col. James Handura, USACE South Pacific Division commander, during his opening remarks. "Life-safety is always the top priority for the Corps of Engineers ... the Los Angeles District continues to work with our local partners to communicate the flood risk to downstream communities and coordinate emergency response efforts through community outreach, training and exercises like the one you will participate in today."

During the exercise, the representatives were not just passive observers but active contributors. USACE LA District briefed participants about Whittier Narrows Dam, including



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**Hunter Merritt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources social scientist, speaks to Whittier Narrows Dam Tabletop Exercise participants at the USACE Baseyard May 23 in South El Monte, Calif. During the exercise, participants were provided with a brief about Whittier Narrows Dam, which included dam operations, safety and procedures.**

dam operations, safety and procedures. Then they broke into teams and worked together to determine how to communicate between agencies and the public during a flood emergency.

"We develop all of these emergency action plans for the dams, but we need to test them – this is a great way to do it," said Tina Duong, USACE LA District civil engineer. "This gives us an opportunity to test these plans and make sure that when we have these scenarios, we know what to do because we've gone through it before. Just having the plan itself is not going to work unless we practice it."

After the exercise concluded, participants

shared their feedback on areas of success and improvement. In addition to verbal comments, participants also submitted feedback forms, regarding the exercise's design for future participants.

"I enjoyed and appreciated today's exercise," said Maria Svajian, Los Angeles County Public Social Services disaster services analyst. "Being a part of emergency management, you're supposed to have exercises – that's how you know you're prepared, where you have to improve and what needs to be done. These exercises help with ease of activation during an emergency and help us to get familiar with each other's procedures."



**Representatives from multiple local, state and federal agencies participate in a Whittier Narrows Dam Tabletop Exercise at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Baseyard May 23 in South El Monte, Calif.**

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# Team gets up-close perspective of Salton Sea

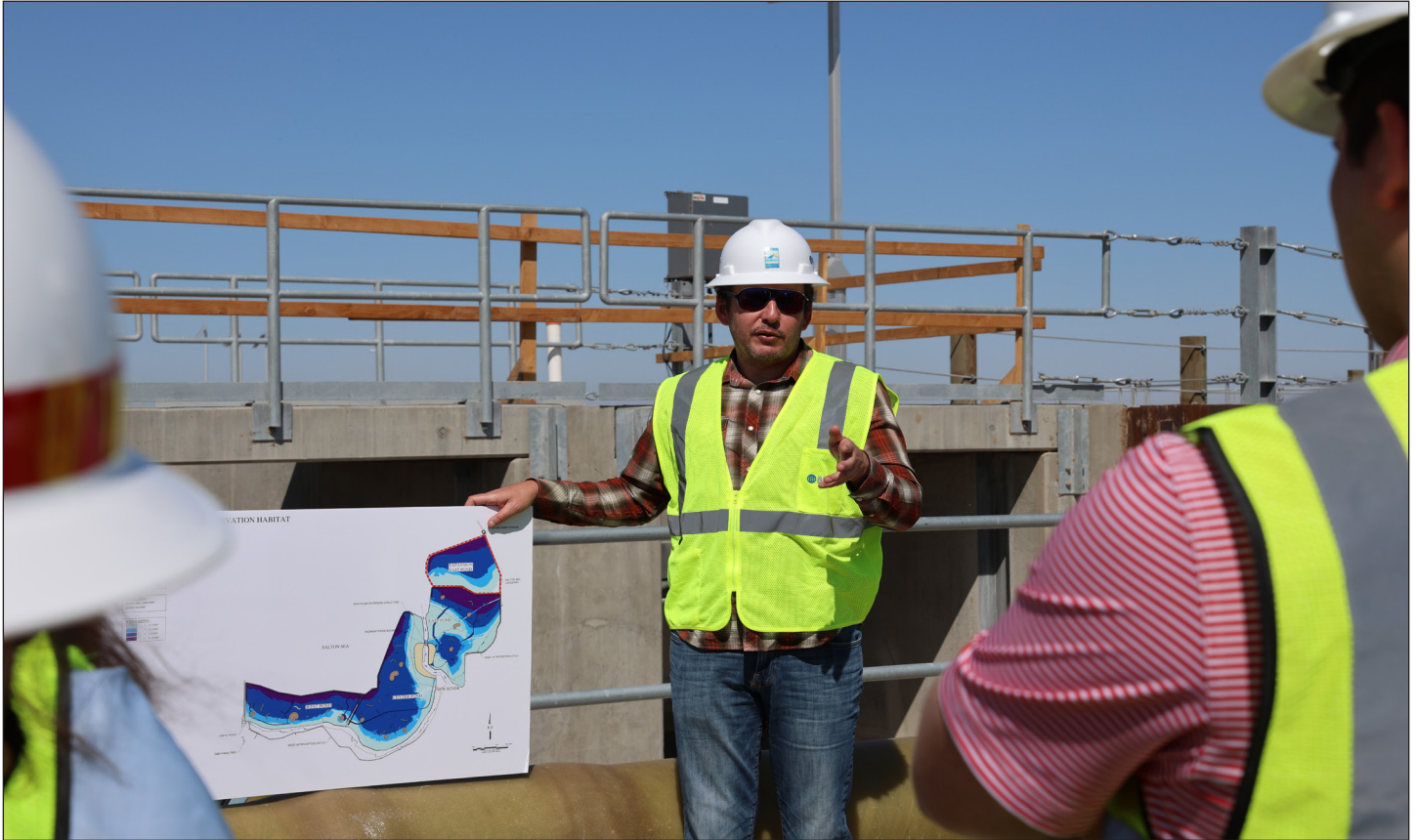


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**Vivien Maisonneuve, project manager, Kiewit Construction for the State of California Department of Water Resources' Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat project, center, provides a project overview April 29 at the habitat boat launch to the LA District's team working on the Imperial Streams and Salton Sea Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study at the Salton Sea near Thermal, Calif.**

**BY BROOKS O. HUBBARD IV  
LA DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

THERMAL, Calif. – Representatives with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District conducted the first Imperial Streams and Salton Sea Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study workshop April 30 at the College of the Desert's East campus in Thermal.

The USACE team includes hydrologists, biologists and civil engineers from across the enterprise working with the California Department of Water Resources and the Salton Sea Authority.

The workshop was conducted in-person and virtually, and provided the opportunity for participants to meet and discuss future condition scenarios at the Salton Sea, as part of its Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study.

Prior to the workshop, the study team visited the State of California Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat project and the Sonny Bono Wildlife Refuge, where they got a firsthand look



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## HONORING OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

TOP PHOTO: LA District Commander Col. Andrew Baker and LA District Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Stephen Brooks march with Bobber the Water Safety Dog along the parade route May 18 in Torrance, Calif.

The Los Angeles District returned to the City of Torrance to participate in the 62nd annual Armed Forces Day Parade May 18 in Torrance, California.

The City of Torrance is one of several cities designated by the Department of Defense to host an Armed Forces Day celebration and is the longest running military parade sponsored by any city.

LA District Commander Col. Andrew Baker and Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. Stephen Brooks were accompanied by Bobber the Water Safety Dog, LA District Soldiers, park rangers and staff, as they marched the parade with a Los Angeles District UTV and Ranger vehicles, respectively. (Photos by Brooks O. Hubbard IV, LA District Public Affairs)



ABOVE: Capt. Brandon Sawyer, project manager, left, and 1st Lt. Zachary Petasek, project engineer, right, both with the Los Angeles District's Santa Ana River Mainstem project, carry the district banner May 18 during the Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Calif.



LEFT: From left to right, LA District Park Ranger Marlene Schmitt, Bobber the Water Safety Dog, LA District Security Chief Glen Tucker and LA District Park Ranger Emily Hibbard pose for a picture May 18 before the start of the parade.

# Celebrating safety!



Courtesy photo

**TOP PHOTO:** Chris Rainwater, LA District Safety Office chief, right, presents Charles Fouty, LA District Operations and Maintenance lead, left, with a Safety Office coin during the Operations Branch's All-Hands event April 29 at the LA District's Baseyard. Fouty serves as a collateral duty safety officer and was recently selected as a lead. His continued championing of the Corps of Engineers' Safety and Occupational Health Management System, or CESOHMS, his service as a collateral duty safety officer, dedication to improved safety practices and equipment procurement has been inspirational. Fouty has ensured proper daily safety briefings by all staff and documentation, per the commanding general's direction, and seeks other opportunities to instill best practices.

The "Chief of Safety Coin" is an official part of the larger Safety Awards program in the LA District, with the purpose of recognizing employees for acts of exceptional service, achievement or special recognition or for unique contributions toward the accomplishment of the LA District's safety mission. Any LA District or federal employee is eligible for a coin; however, coins may not be awarded to contractors. For more information or to nominate an employee, contact Chris Rainwater at [Christopher.s.rainwater@usace.army.mil](mailto:Christopher.s.rainwater@usace.army.mil).

## SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

### What's the difference between CE-SOHMS vs. traditional program?

#### LA DISTRICT SAFETY OFFICE

Some Los Angeles District employees might be wondering how all this talk about the Corps of Engineers Safety and Occupational Health Management System, or CE-SOHMS, is so different than the traditional safety program they've always known.

After all, CE-SOHMS focuses on hazard identification and reporting, but hasn't our safety program always done that? CE-SOHMS concentrates on mishap reporting and prevention, but isn't that something we've always focused on in safety?

CE-SOHMS considers the importance of safety training for all employees, but hasn't safety training always been something required of all employees? So, what gives? How in the world is this CE-SOHMS thing different from safety?

#### IT'S NOT

CE-SOHMS isn't some separate, hard to understand, overly technical or abstract thing created by the USACE. Instead, it's a fresh way of looking at the traditional aspects of safety that you've known for years and years. It's not starting from scratch and back to the drawing board, but instead, it's a reminder of something you already knew ... safety is everyone's responsibility every day and in everything we do. Could it be more basic than that?

Recognizing hazards? Not new. Reporting hazards and getting them fixed? Not new. Reporting mishaps so we can prevent them from happening again? Not new. Getting safety training to keep our employees safe? Not new.

So, what's new? Your role. You've always been responsible to take an active role in safety, but no one has ever asked you to actually do it. With CE-SOHMS, we're in this together – every employee, every division, every office, every location, every job series, every pay grade with one goal: go home safely. We call it CE-SOHMS, but really, at the end of the day, it just means that we do everything safely.

**TODAY'S TIP**

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**SAFE BOATING**

WEAR IT

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**Never boat under the influence**

# Operations team partners with city to clean up debris along LA River



Photo by Brooks O. Hubbard IV, LA District Public Affairs

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District Park Ranger Brandon Samson observes USACE contractors removing debris from an unauthorized encampment May 10 along the Los Angeles River near Atwater Village in Los Angeles.**

**BY BROOKS O. HUBBARD IV  
LA DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles District park rangers, along with Los Angeles Police Department officers and the LA District's contractor, BJD Resourcing, removed roughly eight tons of debris from four unauthorized encampments May 10, along the banks of the Los Angeles River in the Atwater Village neighborhood.

“We received a request from the City of Los Angeles' 13th District council member's office and concerned residents living near the river to clean up several unhoused people encampments along the river,” said Nicolas Figueroa, channel and levees project manager with the LA District Operations Division. “Some of these encampments were in or near conduits along the river that are used to rapidly dewater surrounding neighborhoods during significant rain events, which create a risk to people living in them, as well as clog the conduits with accumulated debris.”

Before the project could begin, the Operations Division partnered with multiple city agencies, including neighborhood organizations. Signage advising the cleanup was coming was posted prior to the cleanup, and local social services agencies combed the riverbanks, helping those found camping on the Corps' land.



Photos by Brooks O. Hubbard IV, LA District Public Affairs



**ABOVE AND LEFT:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District contractors remove trash and debris from an unauthorized encampment May 10 along the Los Angeles River near the Atwater Village neighborhood in Los Angeles.**

# Leader program hones team-building skills



Los Angeles Districts employees participating in the Leadership Development Program Tier II prepare for a ropes team-building exercise April 29 at the Orange County Ropes Course in Anaheim, Calif. (Courtesy photos)



## Los Angeles District DENIM DAY Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month



# AROUND THE DISTRICT



Photo by Richard Rivera, LA District CIO/G6

**New employees pose for a picture during New Employee Orientation May 29 at the LA District headquarters building in downtown LA.**



Photo by Richard Rivera, LA District CIO/G6

**Administrative assistants pose for a picture during Administrative Professional's Day May 1 at the LA District headquarters building in LA.**



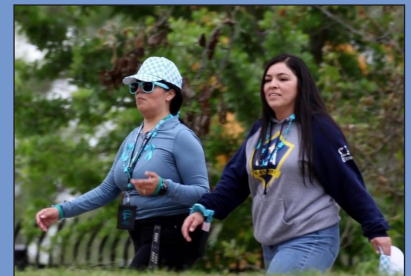
Photo by Dena O'Dell, LA District Public Affairs

**Los Angeles District employees took advantage of getting some preventative health care education and testing during a Health and Wellness Fair May 15 at the district's headquarters in downtown LA. The event, coordinated by December Winters, occupational health nurse with the district's Safety Office, included biometric testing, nutrition counseling and information from local vendors on living a healthier life.**



Photo by Richard Rivera, LA District CIO/G6

**From left to right, Mary Garrett, administrative assistance for the LA District's Safety Office; Emily Wang, director of the LA District's Workforce Management; and Felicia Weaver, secretary for the LA District's Public Affairs Office pose for a picture during Administrative Professional's Day May 1 at the LA District headquarters in downtown LA.**



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**District employees participate in a walking event in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month April 23 at Whittier Narrows Park.**



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signed to meet the unique and complex needs of the Joint Simulation Environment.”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been involved with the Joint Simulation Environment program from the planning stages of the project, which began in 2018. The contract for the project was awarded in 2020.

“The DTTR project will serve as a model virtual training facility for other military installations,” said Justin Gay, Los Angeles District deputy engineer. “The Los Angeles District is a leader in national engineering and construction initiatives for military constructions projects.”

The DTTR is a more than 50,000-square-foot facility that has state-of-the-art simulators in a multi-level security environment to support developmental test and evaluations for multiple aircraft platforms. The facility is unique in that it provides a government-owned simulation environment and is readily reconfigurable for Air Force, Navy and Army aircraft.

“The Los Angeles District constructed the Digital Test and Training Range to military training specifications,” Gay said.

The \$29-million project is the second Air Force DTTR facility constructed by the architecture development of the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Naval Air Systems Command, at Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, and through the continued partnership with the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“I feel like this was a very good project,” said Teryl Stacey, resident engineer for the LA District’s Las Vegas Field Office at Nellis. “Our office supports the warfighter. The projects we are building, and, not just this one, are used to keep our warfighters current.”

More than 40 subcontractors contributed to



Photo by Robert DeDeaux, LA District

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District leaders pose for a photo following the Digital Test and Training Range ribbon-cutting ceremony May 16 at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas. From left to right, are Shaun Frost, chief of the LA District’s Construction Division; Justin Gay, LA District deputy engineer; and John Oshima, chief of the LA District’s Military Construction Division.

the success of the project, from design through construction.

“We continue to demonstrate our firm commitment to delivering projects without sacrificing safety,” Stacey said. “There were no construction mishaps over the 125,000 hours of work. The job was well staffed.”

The successful completion of this project is a testament to the diligence and perseverance of everyone involved, Dertien said.

“From the engineers and architects, who envisioned and designed this amazing facility, to engineers architecting the networks to our construction teams, who spent countless hours bringing it to life, everyone involved in this project has worked tirelessly to ensure that this building is an outstanding addition to the 445th Test Squadron and the U.S. Air Force.”



Photo by Brooks O. Hubbard IV, LA District

Leigh Skaggs, a workshop facilitator with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Sacramento District, provides information to attendees participating in USACE LA District’s Salton Sea Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study Workshop April 30 at the College of the Desert campus in Thermal, California.

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at the conditions and ongoing construction projects at the sea.

The study team will model future hydrologic and hydraulic conditions at the Salton Sea over a 50-year period of analysis.

A sound assessment of future conditions is a prerequisite to developing and evaluating potential solutions to aquatic habitat losses and other problems facing the study area.

During the workshop, the study team presented the current proposed modeling approach and received feedback and information that may impact future inflows to the sea, such as climate change implications, government actions and development plans.

## Around the District

*“There are many facets of the job that are enjoyable. I like the flexibility of the work schedule and working with computers.”*

Rich is tasked with supporting several projects at Nellis and Creech air force bases in Nevada. He specializes in project and construction set-ups, timekeeping and training coordination. Rich has been with USACE for eight years. He is from Chino, California.



**Rich Lopez**  
Field Office Assistant



# Los Angeles District PAINT THE DISTRICT TEAL SAAPM 2024



# PRIDE

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