



Environmental Affairs Department

Environmental Affairs: Helping LA Take Care of the Earth, Sky and Sea

Established in 1990 by the Mayor and City Council, the City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) manages environmental issues across the City. The agency was created to provide a single agency to maintain expertise in a wide range of environmental matters. Today, the EAD provides expert advice on environmental issues to City departments and elected officials, coordinates and collaborates with City departments and agencies, seeks and obtains grant funding for innovative programs, and provides environmental outreach and education to the public. The EAD consists of highly trained professionals who work on air quality; water and natural resources; environmental outreach and pollution prevention; and solid waste, recycling, and redevelopment of contaminated land.

The Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) conducts analyses of City environmental policies and programs, including reviews of plans, ordinances, motions and program reports. The EAD also analyzes federal, state and regional environmental policies and programs, including proposed legis-

lation, rules and regulations, CEQA documents, and planning documents to determine their potential impact on City environmental policies, programs and operations. The EAD's reviews are conducted using an integrated approach, ensuring that an operation or program's impacts are fully considered. The EAD coordinates City departments in the review, preparation of comments, and development of recommended positions for the City on these issues.

EAD also provides leadership for or actively participates in more than 50 City task forces and working groups on environmental issues. EAD also represents the City's interests on nearly 40 regional, state, and federal environmental committees, including those related to air quality, watershed protection, brownfield redevelopment, solid waste, hazardous materials and environmental justice. This work ensures that the City is well coordinated internally to address environmental issues and speaks with a single, unified and strong voice when representing the City's interests to outside agencies.

In addition to its work in environmental

policy analysis and leadership, the Environmental Affairs Department oversees a wide array of environmental programs and initiatives:

Air Quality Management—The EAD assists in the development of regional air quality plans, developing cost-effective strategies to comply with air pollution reduction requirements, particularly those related to mobile sources, and taking a lead role in the City's efforts to increase the use of alternative-fuel vehicles.

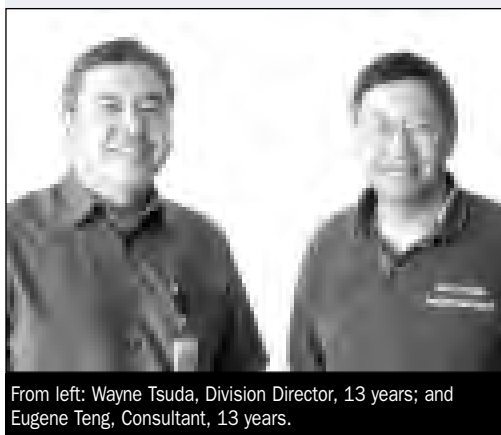
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management—The EAD inspects landfills and enforces state health and safety laws at solid waste facilities in Los Angeles and coordinates the restoration of potentially contaminated properties to useful economic purposes through its Brownfields Program.

Water and Natural Resources Management—The EAD secures funds for and manages the implementation of large community greening and planting projects, coordinates the restoration of environmentally sensitive habitats, and obtains grant funds for community environmental mitiga-

tion and enhancement projects.

Environmental Outreach and Pollution Prevention—The EAD also provides environmental information to residents and business owners in the City of Los Angeles using hot-lines, Web pages, newsletters and brochures, and through workshops, public forums and outreach events on important issues. In addition, the EAD provides direct business assistance, including helping targeted businesses prevent pollution at the source by improving or revising their practices or production processes.

In sum, the Environmental Affairs Department serves many important roles: from helping other departments comply with new laws or seek out grant funding, to assisting the public in their efforts to enhance their neighborhoods, to providing recommendations for the Mayor and Council on environmental projects and proposals, all with a watchful eye on the environment of the City of Los Angeles. 🌱



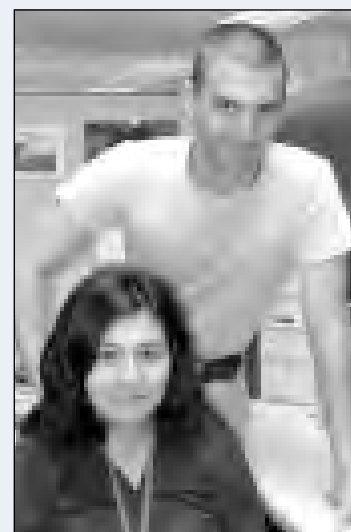
From left: Wayne Tsuda, Division Director, 13 years; and Eugene Teng, Consultant, 13 years.



Josephine Palomino, Accounting Clerk II, 20.5 years.



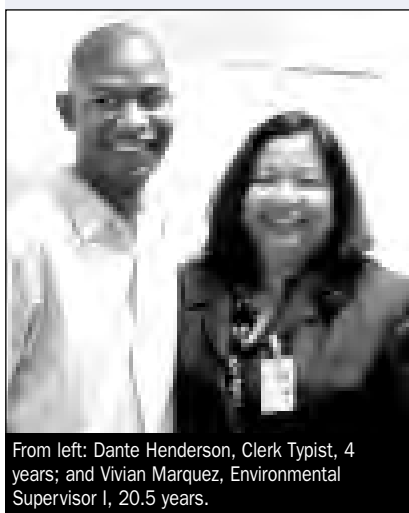
Billy Henderson, Management Analyst I, 9 years.



Seated: Paola Aliaga, Student Professional Worker, 16 months. Standing: Christopher Koontz, Student Professional Worker, 16 months.



Front: Ish Lontok, Industrial Waste Inspector, 17 years; and Frank Hong, Project Assistant, 2.5 years.



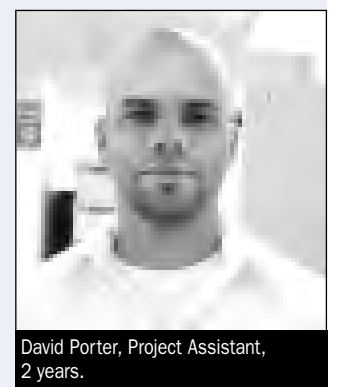
From left: Dante Henderson, Clerk Typist, 4 years; and Vivian Marquez, Environmental Supervisor I, 20.5 years.



From left: Amy Schulenberg, Project Coordinator, 2.5 years; Gerald McGowen, Environmental Supervisor II, 12 years; and Melinda Bartlett, Division Director, 18.5 years.



David Thompson, Environmental Supervisor II, 13 years.



David Porter, Project Assistant, 2 years.



From left: Karin Christie, Division Director, 18 years; and George Payba, Environmental Supervisor, 15 years.



From left: Wayne King, City Planning Associate, 3.5 years; Heather Murphy-Galindo, Student Professional Worker, 6 months; Gretchen Hardison, Environmental Affairs Officer, 11 years; and Jose Gutierrez, Environmental Supervisor, 7 years.



Beverly Haro, Member Services Counselor

Hey, Environmental Affairs Department: I'm Your Counselor!

Hi, I'm **Beverly Haro**, your Club Member Services Counselor. I can help you with insurance products ... advice ... ticket discounts ... and all your Club benefits. It's my job!

I'm in Environmental Affairs all the time. Call or e-mail me to schedule an appointment: (800) 464-0452, or bharo@cityemployeesclub.com

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Department of the Month

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PROFILE

General Manager:	Detrich B. Allen
Commissioners:	Mary Luévano, President Jennifer T. Taggart, Vice President Juanita Tate Justo Gonzalez Wayde Hunter
Division Directors:	Melinda Bartlett, Water & Natural Resources Karin R. Christie, Env. Business & Neighborhood Services Darlene Fields, Administrative Services Gretchen H. Hardison, Air Quality Wayne Tsuda, Materials & Waste Resources
Employees:	50
Office Location:	City Hall, 19th and 20th floors
Grant funds received:	More than \$40 million brought in to the City
Annual Budget:	Less than \$3 million

Securing a Clean, Healthy Environment Is The Department Goal Now and Into Future

by Detrich B. Allen, General Manager, Environmental Affairs

Now in its 14th year, the Environmental Affairs Department continues its work for the environment, making the City of Los Angeles a better place for today and tomorrow.

Through our greening program and coordination with neighborhood councils and community groups, the Department has planted thousands of trees around our city. We have brought gardens to schools, and have taught children the need for recycling. The Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) does everything it can to green Los Angeles: We find places to plant trees, we find grants to pay for the trees, and we work with communities to care for the trees. Driving down tree-lined portions of Exposition or Crenshaw Boulevard, I am reminded of the more than 20,000 trees that EAD has planted citywide. EAD continues to envision a greener city, and we have committed our time and resources to realize our greening plan.

Finding ways to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles is another major focus for the Department. Our Air Quality Division has purchased over 500 bicycles for the City's police bicycle patrols, and already has plans to purchase another 100. Recently, we reviewed the proposed 2003 Air Quality Management Plan, coordinated comments from City departments, and presented a citywide policy position and technical comments for City Council and Mayoral approval and submittal to the Air Quality Management District. EAD continues to bring funding from outside agencies to City departments for the purchase of more than 1,000 alternative fuel vehicles and fueling infrastructure. Over this past year, the Air Quality Division prepared and submitted applications for over \$1 million in grant funds for citywide clean air programs.

One of the largest challenges still facing Los Angeles is transforming polluted and abandoned industrial facilities, "brownfields," as they are commonly called. The Environmental Affairs Department leads one of the most successful brownfield programs in the nation; we have worked on more than 70 sites and removed blight and revitalized neighborhoods. The program has leveraged \$10.2 million in City funds to generate \$77.6 million in federal grants and loans for brownfield projects. EAD's undertaking has allowed brownfields to be transformed into parks, housing and community facilities for our neighborhoods. In recognition of our accomplishments, the Environmental Affairs Department has received \$500,000 in funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), and has a full-time US



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EPA employee in the office partnering with us to assist on many exciting projects.

Through recycling and waste reduction programs partnered between the Bureau of Sanitation and the Environmental Affairs Department, we have reduced waste going to landfills and increased materials we reuse and recycle. Through our Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), EAD provides nec-

essary and cost-efficient regulation and oversight of trash hauling and landfills and we have met all of our inspection goals — *exceeding state expectations*. We have integrated community concerns into local permit conditions, and we have provided the expertise and logistics to hold community meetings to hear what concerns exist about solid waste in our City. This work is critical both to reducing waste and to finding innovative methods for even more reduction.

One of the unique aspects of the Environmental Affairs Department is our outreach to small businesses. Our Environmental Business and Neighborhood Services Division (EBNS) recognizes that many businesses want to follow regulations, but may not know how to go about doing so. The combination of federal, state and local regulations can be confusing, but, with EAD's assistance, businesses learn what the rules are and how to best work within them. The EBNS Division also staffs a free hazardous and toxic materials telephone help line that handles calls dealing with everything from storage and disposal of materials to green alternatives and incentives. This year we have worked with industry and the public on alternative dry cleaning methods, mercury reduction, stormwater and wastewater pollution prevention, and environmentally preferable products.

EAD also has taken the message of protecting and improving our environment to community events throughout the City, attending dozens of community clean-ups, festivals and gatherings each year. When residents take time more frequently to report pollution, or call in their environmental concerns to EAD, then we know that positive change is happening throughout Los Angeles.

While I am proud of all that the Environmental Affairs Department has accomplished, we have much more to do. As we move into another year, EAD will continue to secure an environment for Los Angeles in which everyone can breathe clean air, enjoy healthy neighborhoods, and share equal access to unpolluted rivers and ocean water, vibrant parks, and precious natural habitats. 🌱



Julie Van Wagner, Environmental Specialist, 7 years.

NOT PICTURED: Laurel Gollong, Student Professional Worker, 2 years; and Michael Mercado, Environmental Specialist II, 19.5 years.



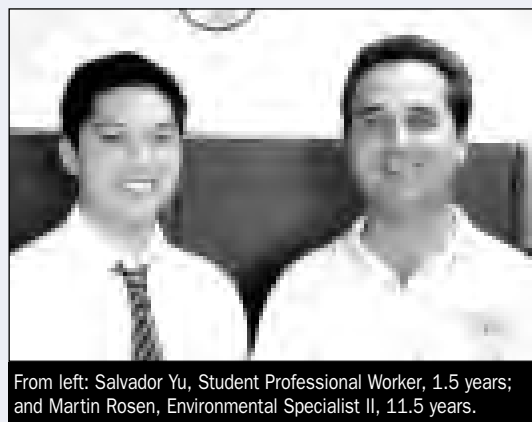
From left: Bianca Vite, Executive Secretary III, 19.5 years; and Keylaundra McClelland, Sr. Project Assistant, 2 years.



Seated: Gaby Winqvist, Project Coordinator, 2 years. Standing: Elissa Palmer, Project Coordinator, 1.5 years.



Seated: Craig Tranby, Environmental Supervisor, 6 years. Standing: Noemi Emeric, Brownsfields Program Coordinator, 2 years.



From left: Salvador Yu, Student Professional Worker, 1.5 years; and Martin Rosen, Environmental Specialist II, 11.5 years.



Back row, from left: Peter Hoang, Accountant II, 4 years; Darlene Fields, Director of Administration, 19 years; Julius Obembe, Management Analyst, 16 years; and Myra Puchalski, Management Analyst, 14 years. Front row, from left: Belkis Del Valle, Senior Management Analyst, 16 years; Teresita Gan, Senior Accountant, 18 years; and Erika Pulst, Sr. Management Analyst, 14 years.