West Valley Groundbreaking

■ Ground is broken for expansion of West Valley Animal **Services Center.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

On April 14, Animal Services and Public Works's Bureau of Engineering broke ground on an expansion for the West Valley Animal Services Center in Chatsworth.

Expansion of the West Valley Animal Services Center will be accomplished through the addition of 94 new indoor/outdoor kennels, increasing the facility's total kennel capacity to 150; associated areas for other animals; and new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The project is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete; cost is estimated at \$12.7 million.

The new facility will utilize Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design criteria and is targeting a "certified" level of LEED certification. LEED certification is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

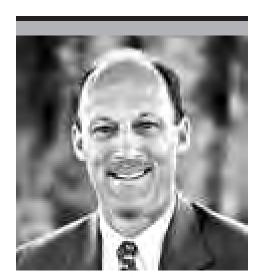
"The purpose of the expansion is to meet current and future demands for animal services and better serve the surrounding community," said Board of Public Works President Valerie Lynne Shaw. "It is a project that will be financed with funds made available under the Proposition F, which was approved by voters in 2000."

The Proposition F Animal Facilities Bond consists of \$154 million in general obligation bonds to add two new shelters, replace three and renovate three existing ones.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructure ranging from curbside collection and graffiti removal to maintenance of sidewalks, bridges, sewers and streetlights, and from maintenance of wastewater treatment plants to design of public buildings.



Construction is starting for the new center.



Rivera Is New LAX Director

■ Jens O. Rivera has been appointed airport manager of LAX, it was announced in early **April by Los Angeles World** Airports (LAWA).

Rivera will be directly responsible for the daily operations of LAX, including airfield, terminal and emergency coordination operations. He also will coordinate with a wide range of divisions, including construction and maintenance, landside (ground transportation and parking), airport security, airfield permits, concessions and property and tenant relations. He will work with the Federal Aviation Administration on airfield safety and air traffic control matters, as well as with the Transportation Security Administration on security-related projects, including installation of passenger security screening checkpoints and an in-line baggage screening system.

LAX served 60.7 million passengers and processed two million tons of cargo in 2004.

Since February 2000, Rivera has served as airport manager of Ontario International Airport (ONT), a LAWA airport located in the Inland Empire that handled 6.9 million passengers and 605,000 tons of cargo in 2004. Prior to the ONT appointment, he served as airport manager of Van Nuys Airport in the San Fernando Valley from March 1999 to January 2000. From July 1996 to February 1999, Rivera served as acting manager and assistant airport manager at ONT.

Prior to joining LAWA, Rivera held increasingly responsible positions at the Port of Los Angeles, Municipal Auditorium and the Community Development Department. He holds Master of public administration and Bachelor of arts degrees from California State University, Long Beach.

Kim Ellis, who has served as chief of operations at ONT, has been appointed interim airport manager of that airport. A civil service process has begun to fill the ONT airport manager position on a permanent basis.

Congratulations from the Club, Jens, on your appointment.



Help support the LAPD, Central Community Police Station Youth and Crime procession programs.

Bide starts in the Police Academy - Elissian Park, 1880 North Academy Wire. There will be a short and scenic ride. through Los Angeles with stops at various locations including Harley Davidson of Glendala. The ride recurse and ends at the Police Academy-Elyman Park for a BHQ and Testly times. Route will be gravided at the super of the event.

Tour ride donation will include a calabration in the pictus, area with a BHQ limith, event pin (first 200 riders), live entertainment, celebration lots of prize give ways, allent account take enthuring wondows and LAPD displays. Entertainment provided by 90s Rock of Roll band. The Boys. Boar and wine will be served in the event.

Come and pure the first. This event is the deductible and will be a great way at spend your Sunday belong our youth and improving the quality of life in the downtown area.

For further information or registration forms, please contact the Central Community Relations Office: Officer Mane-Kardžan at (213) 972-1876. Wairers for rider and passenger must be signed at the start of the grown to participate.

