

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.



Artist's rendering of the West Valley Animal Services Center once the expansion is completed.



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.

3rd Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride & Chili Cook-Off



3rd Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride & Chili Cook-Off - Sunday, June 26, 2005

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Ride & Registration
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

Ride starts at the Police Academy - Elysian Park, 1880 North Academy Way. There will be a short and scenic ride through Los Angeles with stops at various locations including Harley Davidson of Glendale. The ride returns and ends at the Police Academy, Elysian Park for a BBQ and festivities. Route will be provided at the start of the event.

Your ride donation will include a celebration in the picnic area with a BBQ lunch, event pin (first 200 riders), live entertainment, celebrities, lots of prize giveaways, silent auction, bike enthusiast vendors and LAPD displays. Entertainment provided by 60's Rock n' Roll band "The Boys". Beer and wine will be served at the event.

Come and join the fun! This event is tax deductible and will be a great way to spend your Sunday helping 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 Marie Kardlow at (213) 972-1876. Waivers for rider and passenger must be signed at the start of the event to participate.

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Sign-Up Sheet
Every Participant (Motorcycle Rider or Passenger) MUST Complete Sign-Up Sheet

Checkboxes: Rider \$35.00 Rider with Passenger \$60.00 Driver Only \$15.00 Donor Only _____
Rider Pre-register and save \$5.00

Participant Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____
Driver License Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Passenger Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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