

PUBLIC WORKS/DWP

# International Assistance

**Public Works staff provides input into history's largest water diversion project, in China.**

*Story and photos courtesy Public Works*

Representatives of Public Works and the DWP took part in an international goodwill exercise Sept. 8 at Sanitation's Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey, when they hosted 17 high level government officials from China. The Beijing Water Authority sponsored the delegation representing the South-to-North Water Diversion Project, the largest of its kind ever undertaken, at a cost of \$62 billion.

Visiting Los Angeles from several provincial governments in China, the delegation came to exchange information on water and wastewater-related technical matters, receive management briefings and enjoy a facility tour. Representatives of the Bureaus of Sanitation, Engineering, and Contract Administration, and the DWP gave presentations and answered questions about wastewater engineering programs, construction projects, operations, water resources management and supervision, water pollution control, and Clean Water for Los Angeles.

Of specific interest to the delegation was the Recycled Water Master Plan that includes development and implementation of the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP). The IRP addresses the City's needs for wastewater, stormwater and recycled water over the next 20 years in an integrated manner, focusing on maximizing beneficial reuse.

The South-to-North Water Diversion Project in China involves drawing water from southern rivers and supplying it to the dry north, and has already taken 50 years from conception to commencement. It is expected to take nearly as long to construct.

Planned for completion in 2050, the project eventually will divert 44.8 billion cubic meters of water annually to population centers in the north.

When finished, the project will link China's four main rivers – the Yangtze, Yellow River, Huaihe and Haihe – and requires construction of three diversion routes, stretching south-to-north across the eastern, central and western parts of the country.



A Chinese delegation visits the Hyperion Treatment Plant.



LACECA members pose with keynote speaker, the Hon. Gloria Molina, County Supervisor, First District.

# Happy Anniversary!

LACECA

**Chicano Employees Association turns 40.**

*Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor*

On Sept. 8, the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA), under the direction of President Stella Sias, held its 40th anniversary conference and luncheon.

Keynote speaker was County Supervisor Gloria Molina.

According to its Website, LACECA represents and promotes "the interests of Chicano, Latino, Hispanic and other employees who primarily work for the City of Los Angeles. Our founding members had very specific goals and objectives in mind regarding the recruiting, hiring, training,

promotion, and fair treatment of employees. Our present day organization continues to support equity in the workplace, in addition to raising concerns about education, voter rights and registration, public policy and legislation, economic and social issues that affect the Latino community as well as our membership at large.

"With more than 500 members, our voice has been very effective in bringing about change in the City workplace and within the greater Los Angeles area. We are always seeking new members and generating new interests through our work and community support."

Congratulations, LACECA, on your anniversary. *The Club thanks Sonia Solis, Club Member, for her assistance in producing this article.*



From left: Sonia P. Solis, LACECA Treasurer, Club Member, with Councilwoman Jan Perry, District 9, Club Member.



From left: Wilfredo Lares, Los Angeles County Probation Supervisor, Club Member; Leonor Garcia, Management Analyst II, DWP, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Robert Larios, City Employees Club Director of Operations; Lorenzo Sandoval, Supervising Detention Services Officer, LA County Probation; and Deputy Probation Officer George Castro, LA County Probation.

HARBOR

# Cracking Good Time!

**Harbor holds popular annual Lobster Festival.**



The festival entrance.



Andrew Benson, LA Port Special Events Coordinator, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Amy Benson, Sr. Management Analyst II, LA Port, 22 years.



Officer Justin Sepe, Port Police, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



LAFD responds to a call.



Sgt. Logan Braun, Port Police, 4 years of City service.



Sgt. Al Guerrero, Port Police, 36 years of City service, Club Member.

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The Port of Los Angeles' annual Lobster Festival took place the weekend of Sept. 16 - 18. Organizers call it the world's largest lobster festival.

The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival is known as the home of the Guinness World Record for the most seafood served at an outdoor event (more than 16 tons). The festival featured fresh 1.25lb Maine lobster for only \$19.99!

Lobster lovers enjoyed a scenic outdoor park and shops at Ports O' Call in San Pedro. After feasting on the world famous discounted Maine lobster meals, guests enjoyed dancing, parades, street performers, a pirate camp, tall ships, shopping for arts and crafts, and musical performances.

*Special thanks to the Port Police for keeping everyone safe, and helping us enjoy the festival!*



A lobster meal stand.



Lt. Rosa Reynoso, Port Police, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Sr. Lead Officer Masaki Imoto, Port Police, 8 years, Club Member.



Officer Jose Magana, Port Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Alfred Moya, Port Police, 3 years, Club Member.



Conducting random bag checks at the entrance of the festival were, from left: Officer Anthony Reitz, Port Police, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Andrew Sklarsh, Port Police, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Tyler Hellinga, Port Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Aaron Smith, Port Police, 4 years, Club Member; and Officer Jose A. Alvarez, Port Police, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer John Legaspi, Port Police, 3 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Mark Pagliuca, Port Police, 5 years, Club Member.