

PUBLIC WORKS

## Public Works Week 2012

Annual event puts the spotlight on public works throughout our communities. Club sponsors award event.

Story and photos courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works,

Dublic Works once again participated in National Public Works Week May 20-26. The weeklong event showcases the good that the department does in keeping Los Angeles running.

National focus was on Public Works professionals and their contributions to sustainable solutions under the theme: "Public Works: Creating a Lasting Impression." In a

Public Works employees for their work on sustainable projects in the City and to express why LA's is the best Public Works Department The Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale provided refreshments in a reception that followed, and the

gala celebration ceremony, Board of Public

Works Commissioners and Bureau Directors

presented certificates of appreciation to 27

City Employees Club generously donated almost \$400 in gifts for honorees. Nearly 200 coworkers, family members and friends attended the event

A reading of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Public Works Week proclamation at Board of Public Works meeting kicked off the week. More than 4,715 Public Works staff received environmentally friendly Public Works Week e-certificates distributed electronically. Stormwater capture and solar light-emittingdiode project dedications; LEED-certified green building facility demonstrations, and recognitions of City investments to sustainable

Students and staff, 102 total, from local LAUSD schools visited the Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion Treatment Plant. Council Offices also supported Public

Works to make Public Works Week 2012 a memorable celebration that included stake holders and residents, and reiterated the Department's commitment to sustainability

infrastructure improvements and environmen-

tal stewardship, were among other events.



Environmental Engineering Associate Ron Mayuyu briefs LAUSD students during a field trip to Public Works/ Sanitation's Environmental Learning Center (ELC), a sustain able LEED certified facility, at Hyperion Treatment Plant. The visit was designed to help students learn about green buildings and the City's role in sustainable solutions. Some 102 students and staff visited the ELC during National



Landscape Architect Audrey Netsawang (center), designer and lead staff member for the Woodman Avenue Multi-Beneficial Stormwater Capture Project, joins Landscape Architect Robert Gutierrez (left) and Public Works/Contract Administrator Lance Oishi at the site where ground was broken for the project during National Public Works Week. The capture project will help recharge the groundwater table, improve water qualty, and alleviate local flooding along the 7700 block of Woodman Avenue.

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Management Analyst Manny Perez, a.k.a. Labor Relations Officer (left), receives a Certificate of Recognition from Inspector of Public Works John Reamer (right) and Public Works Commissioner Steven T. Nutter, at the May 23 Board of Public Works celebration. Perez was among 27 Public Works employees recognized for noteworthy, professional contributions to Public Works projects that reflect sustainable solutions and improvements in LA neighborhoods



Public Works/Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar (in front) talks about Public Works' infrastructure improvements that have helped curb pollution at the Heal the Bay 2012 Beach Report Card news conference, held during National Public Works Week. Zaldivar cited the role of City investments and environmental stewardship in facilitating healthier beaches. Wing Tam (far right), Sr. Environmental Engineer, joins the Director. Behind Zaldivar are Urban Stream Corps