

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



From the Water Distribution North Yard, on site at Spring Street and 101st, from left: **Les Peacock**, Club Member; **Alberto Valencia**, Club Member; **Joe Hickman**, Club Member; **Charlie Alarcon**, Club Member; and **Jeffrey Dash**, Club Member.



From Transportation: Here's **Marvin Bailey, Traffic Officer II**, 16 years of City service, Club Member.



In the Owens Valley: Here's a DWP team building an irrigation distribution turnout station for water operations on Owens Lake. The team pictured is comprised of the concrete crews from Owens Lake Construction and the Mojave Construction Yards. They are, front row: **Norm Harris, Building Repairer**. Middle, from left: **Jake Emory, Building Repairer**; **Marin Parra, Reinforcing Steel Worker**; and **Dave Borchert, Building Repairer**. Back: **James McMurry, Maintenance and Construction Helper**; **Todd Emory, Building Repairer**; **Ian Greer, Maintenance and Construction Helper**; **Robert Turner, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor**; and **Jerry Ross, Maintenance and Construction Helper**. *Special thanks to Larry Patrich, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, Club Member, for sending us the photo.*

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HARBOR

A Benchley For Geraldine

Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member, receives prestigious award for conservation.

Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member, has been named the 2012 recipient of the Blue Frontier Campaign's Peter Benchley Ocean Award for "Excellence in Solutions." The Blue Frontier Campaign is a national marine conservation activist organization working to improve ocean policies in coastal states. The Peter Benchley Award is named in honor of lifetime marine wildlife conservationist Peter Benchley, best known for writing the bestseller novel *Jaws* in 1974.



Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member.

Dr. Knatz was recognized for her environmental efforts as executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest container port in the nation, and her role as president of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), where she has become a global leader in the Greening Ports movement. She will receive her award at a ceremony Friday night in San Francisco.

"Combining her savvy as a long time port official and her knowledge as a marine biologist and environmental engineer, Dr. Knatz has transformed 'America's Port,' at Los Angeles into 'America's Greenest Port,'" said David Helvarg, co-founder and executive director of the Blue Frontier Campaign. "Through collaboration with the neighboring Port of Long Beach, she has led successful efforts to clean the air and water, demonstrating the link between environmental clean-up and economic prosperity."

"I am honored to receive the Peter Benchley award," said Dr. Knatz. "It's exciting and rewarding to see how the work we've done at the Port of Los Angeles impacts other ports worldwide and spurs change in our industry." Dr. Knatz noted that inaugural 2004 Peter Benchley Award winner Dery Bennett hired Dr. Knatz in 1973 to do environmental water sampling in New Jersey, her first professional position.

The fifth annual Peter Benchley Ocean Awards acknowledge the broad range of achievement in the ocean and coastal community, providing a way to celebrate outstanding achievements that lead to the protection of our coasts, oceans, and the communities that depend on them.

In January 2006, Dr. Knatz became the first female executive director of the Port

of Los Angeles. Moving the Port forward with an agenda that focuses on responsible Port growth and environmental leadership is an aggressive goal that Dr. Knatz has tackled from day one. Accommodating the Port's future growth involves reducing air emissions, eliminating health risks and expanding capital development programs, all top priorities of the Port under her leadership.

After graduating from Rutgers University with an undergraduate degree in zoology, Dr. Knatz attended the University of Southern California, where she earned two

degrees (a doctorate in biological science and a Master of Science in environmental engineering) and has taught Civil Engineering courses. Included in Los Angeles magazine's "Power List" of L.A. influentials, Dr. Knatz began a two-year term in May 2011 as the President of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) and was the 2008-2009 Chair of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). Born and raised in New Jersey, she resides in Long Beach with her husband and two sons.



Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., on the cover of our August 2007 issue of *Alive!*

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