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## **SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY, CITY OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND ON CLEAN WATER PROJECT IN PECK PARK**

**SAN PEDRO (March 22, 2010)**—Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn of District 15 and Public Works Commissioner Valerie Lynne Shaw joined the San Pedro community led by Dan Dixon of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council in a groundbreaking ceremony today that marked the start of construction of the \$4.8-million Peck Park Canyon Enhancement Project. City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Bureau of Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar and other officials from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Recreation and Parks were also present.

The project will improve 31 acres of Peck Park by implementing stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that will help the City of Los Angeles comply with state and federal mandates for water quality in the San Pedro Bay and Harbor area.

These improvements to Peck Park will make it an even more beautiful place for the community to enjoy," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "At the same time, this project will help clean up our harbor by keeping polluted storm drain runoff out of the ocean. This is a great example of how Proposition O money is helping make the Harbor Area a cleaner, greener, and better place to live for all of us."

The Peck Park Canyon Enhancement Project is administered by the Bureaus of Sanitation and Engineering in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks. Sixty percent of the project funding is provided by the local Proposition O (Prop O) Clean Water Bond that covers 32 stormwater infrastructure improvements across the city; 40 percent is funded by the Proposition 50 California River Parkways Grant championed by Recreation and Parks and the San Pedro community.

Work on Peck Park will include the installation of stormwater BMPs such as infiltration fields, bioswales, new catch basins, energy dissipaters, new landscaping, and stabilization of the slopes of the Peck Park Channel that takes stormwater from the park area to the ocean.

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The project will also restore and widen existing hiking trails, develop new trails, improve the parking lot, and install pedestrian bridges, signages and trash bins.

“The Bureau of Engineering is very excited to begin construction on another Proposition O project.” said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. “The Peck Park Canyon Enhancement Project is a great example of a project that will improve water quality, while maintaining a balance among habitat, recreational and flood control needs.”

Bureau of Sanitation director Enrique Zaldivar added, “This project will restore the Peck Park Channel, a valuable and critical San Pedro waterway. With every Proposition O and stormwater project that we work on in the City of Los Angeles, we reaffirm our commitment to the protection of our natural assets, and the health and safety of our communities. We are pleased to partner with the San Pedro community as we carry out this endeavor that will render a more beautiful and environment-friendlier park at completion.”

Construction will continue through summer 2011, and hiking trails will be closed until work is completed. Portions of the parking lot behind the Recreation Center will also be closed for improvements for approximately two months.

For more information about the Peck Park Canyon Enhancement Project, please call the Department of Public Works, Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333.

Prop O was approved by City of Los Angeles voters in November 2004 authorizing \$500 million in general obligation bonds to be used by the City of Los Angeles for water quality improvement projects. Design and construction are managed by the Bureau of Engineering in collaboration with the Bureau of Sanitation. The Bureau of Contract Administration provides inspection services to ensure that the projects are built according to contract plans and specifications. A Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) and Administrative Oversight Committee are also involved to make sure that each Prop O dollar is spent towards water quality improvement projects.

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