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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2012  
TO: Katie Howe, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority  
RE: Ranger Services

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### Park Visitor Contacts

- January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012
- 646 Patrol Hours
- 82 Interpretative Hours
- 7 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period
- 3 Rangers | 1 Interpretative staff conducted Interpretative programs

### Citations Issued

#### JANUARY - 3

- Abalone Cove (Sacred Cove)
  - Dog off Leash (RPV Ordinance)
  - Dog Prohibited Area (LA County Code)
- Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve
  - Parasail (RPV Ordinance)

#### FEBRUARY - 3

- Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve
  - Dog off Leash (RPV Ordinance) (2)
- Forrestal Nature Reserve
  - Nudity (RPV Ordinance)

#### MARCH - 6

- Founders Park
  - 2 Dogs off Leash
- East Portal Trail
  - 3 Dogs off Leash
- Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve
  - Dog off Leash



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### Court

#### Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve

- o 12.16.080 (b) RPV Ordinance | Mountain Bikes unauthorized trail use (3) – found guilty

#### Abalone Cove State Marine Park (Sacred Cove)

- o 12.16.050 RPV Ordinance | Dogs off Leash – found guilty (2)

### Interpretative Programs

#### 2012 RPV / MRCA JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

- o January
  - o 28<sup>th</sup> | Introduction to the Junior Ranger Program
- o February | Outdoor Preparedness and Trail Safety
  - o 11<sup>th</sup> | Hiking Essentials
  - o 25<sup>th</sup> | Pathfinders
- o March | Recycling the Outdoors
  - o 10<sup>th</sup> | 10 items or less
  - o 24<sup>th</sup> | Talking trash on the Trails

#### WHALE OF DAY

- o MRCA Ranger | Interpretative Table

### Park Maintenance

- Dismantled "stone cabanas" | Sacred Cove – January / February
- Picked up trash around the trash containers
  - o Sacred Cove
  - o Abalone Cove
  - o Forrestal
  - o Portuguese Bend



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### Forrestal Nature Reserve

- The soccer field has been locked and posted "no dogs allowed" Dog walkers are now using the lower soccer field accessed from Ladera Linda parking lot or driving vehicles into Forrestal.
- Fossil trail needs barriers to prevent unauthorized vehicle use.
- Citation issued for nude sunbathing off the Quarry trail. The violator is a regular at Sacred Cove.

### Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve

- Meeting with Ara Michael Mihranian. City Deputy Director of Community Development and Danielle LeFer, PVPLC, Conservation Director to discuss the newly installed signage and barriers on unauthorized trails adjacent to the Garden | Peppertree. Due to the damage to signs and barriers, we continue to patrol this area in the reserve.
- Ranger Slawter transported Engine 56 personnel to lookout post during "York" property fire and initiated hiker evacuation.
- Continued to educate the mountains bikers about the importance of staying on authorized trails.
- Advised park visitors of the access closed to the Fire Station from the "fire station" trail.

### Abalone Cove State Marine Park

- (Sacred Cove) Due to weather, increased patrols and dismantling of the "stone cabanas" the nude sunbathing activity has decreased.
- The "stone cabanas" had to be dismantled twice during this period.
- (Sacred Cove) There has been an increase of dogs on and off leash. We have warned and advised at least five (5) people attempting to go down to the beach with their dogs. Two (2) have been cited for "dog off leash" and "dog in prohibited area".

### Three Sisters Reserve

- Received a report in February regarding a commercial dog walker with 10 dogs walking them off leash. We were able to make contact with him before he entered the reserve and advised of the "dog on leash" ordinance.

### Rancho Palos Verdes Beach / Shoreline Park

We found no evidence of a homeless camp or dead seals or dead dogs on the beach.

**See attached March 27, 2012 report.**



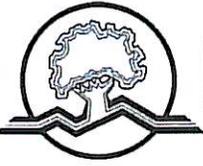
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### Other enforcement issues

Met with Department of Fish and Game (DFG) wardens to discuss the new fishing regulations and boundaries.

Received three (3) calls on our MRCA Ranger service line regarding after hour activity and signs being vandalized in Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve.



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**DATE:** March 27, 2012  
**TO:** Katie Howe  
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**RE:** Rancho Palos Verdes Beach Patrol Assessment

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#### CITATIONS:

- Shoreline Park @ Twin Harbors trailhead
- Founders Park

#### WARNINGS

- Hikers with dogs attempting to access beach below Shoreline Park (3)

The main activities at Shoreline Park, Founders Park, and adjacent trails are hiking, dog walking, yoga, and the beginning point for cyclists. The main access points are the designated parking lot in the main portion of Trump National Golf Course, the La Rotunda parking lot, and the terminus of Twin Harbors. Park visitors using the main Trump parking lot are mainly using Founders Park and the Sunset Trail to access RPV Beach. The park visitors coming from La Rotunda and Twin Harbors parking areas are using the Ocean Trails Reserve (former Shoreline Park) and the Sunrise Trail to access the beach and the beaches below Shoreline Park.

The weekends are the busiest times, which is consistent with general park use. There were a few days of rain and we had several cool temperature days during the beginning of March. Saturday and Sunday were the busiest days with a consistent flow of park visitors throughout the day, averaging 35 people and 15 dogs with up to 60 people and 35 dogs on the few warm days. Generally, the busiest times were between 10:00am and 3:00pm. On the weekdays the park visitors were there primarily for beach use between 1:00pm – 5:00pm and averaging 15 people and 15 dogs. Founders Park saw very little use. The activity was consistent in Shoreline Park before 10:00am and after 4:00pm with hikers and hikers with dogs. This was also the time when we observed the most dog activity on the beach below Shoreline Park.

We did not receive any reports of dog fights, injuries, or major incidents. I believe we can include the coverage of Founders Park, Shoreline Park, and the adjacent trails at our current 45 hours per week.