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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2010
TO: Tom Odom, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: Ranger Services Invoice#B0910-02 and B0910-03

Park Visitor Contacts

- June 13, 2010 – July 31, 2010
- 244 patrol hours
- 800– 1000 Park Visitors

Warned and Advised

- 8 Dogs off Leash (4 - Portuguese / 2 – Forrestal / 3 Abalone Cove)
- 5 After hours (Tide Pools)
- 4 Fishing without license (3 – tide pools / 1 – sacred cove)

4 Citations Issued

- 2 Dog off leash (Abalone Cove Shoreline Park)
- 1 Dog off leash (Portuguese)
- 1 Parasailer (Fisherman access) – **see photos**

Park Maintenance

Portuguese Bend Reserve:

- Removed "freeride alliance" sticker off Water tank trail marker – **see photo**
- Picked up litter around trash cans (lids needed to keep birds out)
- Pick up litter on trails (i.e. water bottles)

Abalone Cove Reserve:

- Picked up litter around trash cans (lids needed to keep birds out)
- Dismantled stone cabanas (Sacred Cove)



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Park Maintenance continued

Forrestal Reserve

- Dismantle grave off Quarry trail
- Pick up trash and litter off trail and around trash cans
- Dumping (ice chest – file cabinets)

Interpretative / Signage

- Wilderness Camp
 - Leave No Trace Program
- Junior Ranger Proposal
- Replace “no bike” sticker – Landslide Scarp
- Remove vegetation blocking trail markers (Ailor, Eagle’s Nest)
- The following trail junctions need clearer signage:
 - Toyon – Garden – Peppertree – Landslide Scarp
 - Paintbrush – Rim

Abalone Cove Tide Pools – There was no unusual activity. The majority of low tide was before 6:00am during this period. Five (5) individuals were observed around 10:30pm fishing between the tide pools and lifeguard stand. This was the only unauthorized afterhours activity observed during this period. They were warned and advised via PA to leave the area and they complied without incident. We had six (6) shifts that ended at 9:00pm or later.

Abalone Cove Reserve (Sacred Cove) since the removal of the lemonade berry bush suspicious activity has decreased. We have started to notice more diverse mix of families and tourists using the beach. We have observed more activity above the Portuguese Point Loop Trail. There are no authorized trails in this area and we recommend some signage (i.e. closed for restoration) to discourage use. We found four (4) fire rings.

Portuguese Bend was very busy during this period. During the hotter days we noticed a pattern of park visitors coming to the park without enough water for themselves or dogs. We decided on these days to park at the trailhead and remind park visitors to bring enough water for their hike and handed out a few bottles of water when needed. Is it possible to have a link on the City website reminding park visitors what is needed for a safe and enjoyable hike. We continue to engage the frequent mountain bikers and ask for their assistance in maintaining the signage and trail markers. We replaced only one (1) sticker during this period.



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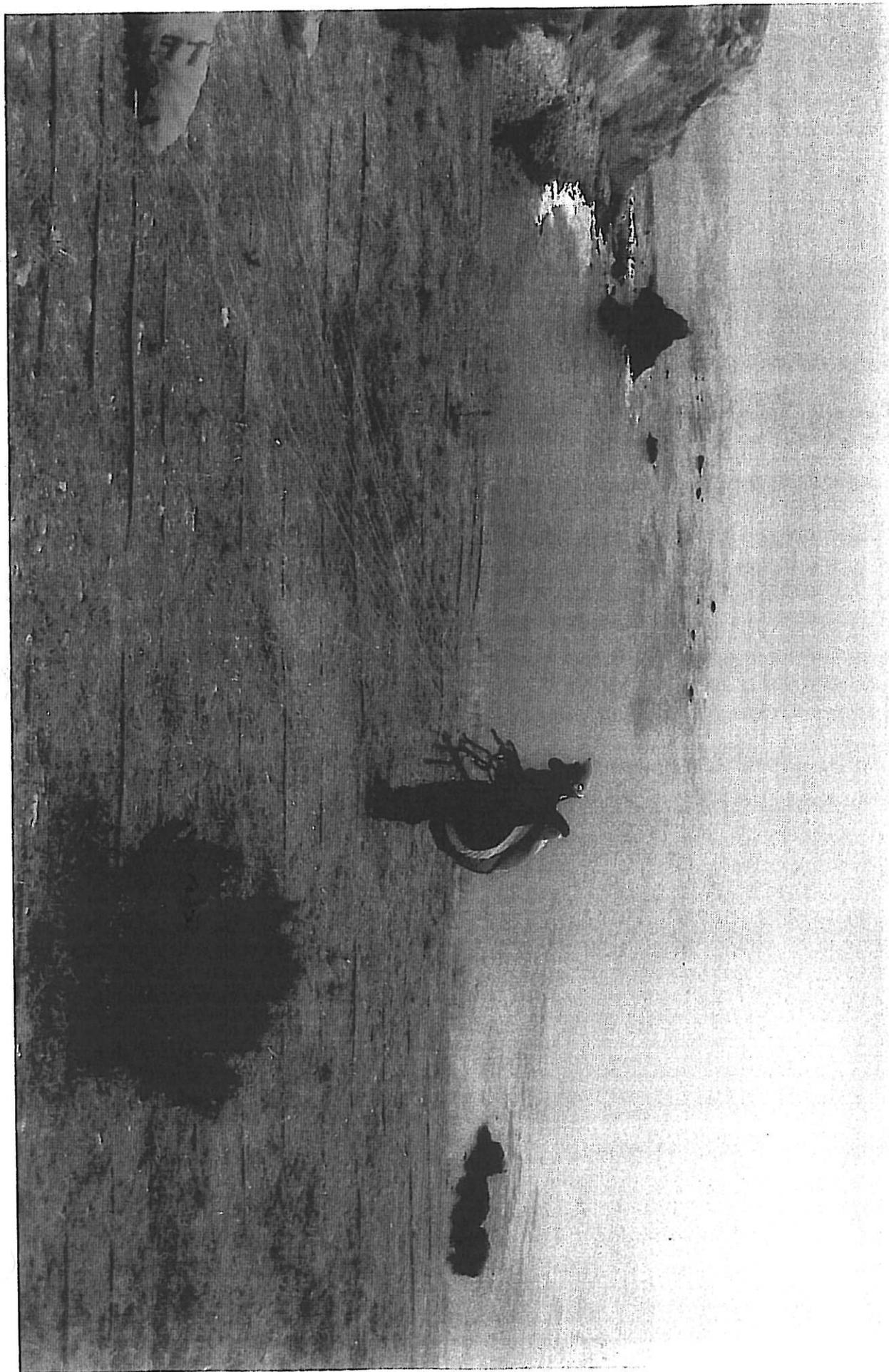
Forrestal Reserve remains quiet with the exception of the Soccer fields which are still being used as a dog off leash park. The commercial dog walkers were not observed during this period. A memorial with plastic flowers was dismantled off the Quarry trail.

Three Sisters – We received a report regarding bicycle jumps near the Barkentine Trail. We did not observe any unusual activity in the area during our patrols.

Fisherman Access – We located two (2) dead seals that washed up on beach and they were removed by Public Works. (*see photos*) We cited one (1) parasailer after landing just off the parking lot.

Torrance Superior Court

- Misdemeanor filing (SM44554) – 12.16.045 RPV Ordinance (Parasail)
- Status update of the approval of the RPV Ordinance bail schedule



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