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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



Remembering Marthe Cohn

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes mourns the passing and honors the legacy of Marthe Cohn, a Holocaust survivor who became a member of the Intelligence Service for the French Army during WWII. Mrs. Cohn died May 20, 2025 at her Seaview home at the age of 105.

"Marthe Cohn was a true hero and a treasure to not only her community of Rancho Palos Verdes, but to the countless people she inspired around the world," said Mayor Dave Bradley. "After her work gathering intelligence was made public when she was 80, she spent the final decades of her life sharing her story and her message of peace, doing much of that work from her home in Rancho Palos Verdes."

Mrs. Cohn was honored by the RPV City Council in 2014 and 2020. Last month, her neighborhood gathered to celebrate her 105th birthday. In a 2023 interview with RPVtv, her message to viewers was, "Peace is the most important gift, and we all have to try to have peace."

Memorial Day Observance at Green Hills Memorial Park

On May 26, Mayor Dave Bradley, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Seo, Councilmembers Barbara Ferraro, George Lewis, and Steve Perestam, and City Manager Ara Mihranian joined the community and government officials from throughout the South Bay for the annual Memorial Day Observance at Green Hills Memorial Park. This year's event honoring fallen members of the U.S. Armed Forces featured the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, a traveling half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the reading of letters written home by fallen service members.



Thank you, Green Hills, for another powerful day of remembrance for our community.

Don't Miss the Palos Verdes Street Fair and Music Festival June 14-15

Looking for some great family fun? Don't miss the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's Annual Palos Verdes Street Fair and Music Festival June 14-15 in the heart of Rolling Hills Estates at Norris Center and Deep Valley Drives. There's something for everyone at this popular event with carnival rides, live entertainment, artisans, crafters, retailers, nonprofits, and food vendors.

For event details and to purchase carnival ride wristbands, visit palosverdesstreetfair.com.



Land Movement Updates



L.A. County Sanitation Districts Tour Landslide Area

Last week, Mayor Bradley, Councilmember Perestam, City Manager Mihranian, and Public Works Director Ramzi Awwad led a tour of the landslide area for officials from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD), the agency that operates the above-ground sanitary sewer trunk lines that run along Palos Verdes Drive South.

The tour provided LACSD Chief Engineer and General Manager Robert Ferrante and Assistant Chief Engineer and Assistant General Manager Martha Tremblay with an up-close look at the effectiveness of the City's deep dewatering wells and fostered discussion of how the agency can further support the landslide response.

The City thanks LACSD for its continued partnership in addressing the landslide and its impacts on the sewer system.

SoCalGas Announces Plans to Restore Natural Gas Service in Seaview

SoCalGas has announced plans to begin the process of safely restoring natural gas service to impacted customers in the Seaview neighborhood while developing restoration plans for those in the Portuguese Bend Beach Club. [Last week's announcement](#) does **not** include the Portuguese Bend Community Association neighborhood.

Starting this week, SoCalGas will begin upgrading and testing its infrastructure in Seaview, after which technicians will go door-to-door on Dauntless, Exultant and Admirable Drives to complete the restoration of natural gas service for homeowners who want it and have homes ready to accept gas service. Red-tagged and yellow-tagged properties will not be considered for restoration. Customers who have switched to alternative fuels or purchased new appliances to run on alternative fuels should consult a licensed professional to check if their appliances and houseline are ready for natural gas.

The construction and restoration of natural gas to the Seaview community is expected to take four to five weeks. Seaview homes along Palos Verdes Drive South will be evaluated for restoration afterward.

SoCalGas also announced it is developing design and implementation plans for restoring service to impacted customers in the Portuguese Bend Beach Club. Upon completion of the designs and plans, SoCalGas intends to proceed with the restoration process if the localized land movement conditions allow for safe resumption of service at that time.

Read SoCalGas's full announcement, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, at socalgas.com/rpv.

The City thanks SoCalGas for its continued partnership in working to restore service to impacted customers where and when it is safe to do so.

For the latest updates from SoCalGas, go to socalgas.com/rpv. For customer service inquiries, please contact SoCalGas at 1-877-238-0092 or email projectinfo@socalgas.com.

Letter to SCE Regarding PBCA Energization

Last week, City Manager Ara Mihranian sent a letter to Steven Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern California Edison (SCE), regarding the latest land movement data and the effectiveness of the City's deep dewatering wells in stabilizing the landslide area (see attached letter). To date, SCE has re-energized 74 customers in the Seaview and Portuguese Bend Beach Club who were de-energized last summer due to land movement. The Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA) neighborhood of 128 customers remains without power due to land movement. In light of the current rate of movement in the PBCA of approximately 4 inches per week, the City is

requesting SCE reconsider its threshold for re-energizing this neighborhood. The City thanks SCE for its continued partnership in working to restore service to impacted customers where and when it is safe to do so.

Wayfarers Chapel, City, Request Federal Support for Potential Rebuilding of National Historic Landmark

Last week, Wayfarers Chapel Administrative Director Robert Carr and Mayor Bradley sent a joint letter to Rep. Ted Lieu requesting support for plans to potentially relocate the National Historic Landmark to the U.S. Coast Guard-owned Battery Barnes site at the Ken Dyda Civic Center (see attached letter).

The Chapel and the City are requesting Rep. Lieu's support for advocacy to facilitate and expedite the transfer of the excessed Battery Barnes site to the City by getting language to that effect added to the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Additionally, they are requesting assistance in securing federal discretionary funding in the range of \$25-30 million to help rebuild the chapel and establish an envisioned public campus.

Congratulations to Our 2025 Graduates!

On Tuesday, May 20, Staff installed banners celebrating 2025 graduates on Miraleste Drive and Palos Verdes Drive East, Indian Peak Road and Hawthorne Blvd, Locklenna and Hawthorne, Indian Peak Road and Crenshaw Boulevard. It's important to acknowledge and celebrate our graduates' hard work and accomplishments, and these banners serve as a great reminder to be proud of their achievements.



Two RPV Beaches Make Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card Honor Roll

Two of the City's beaches made Heal the Bay's 2024-25 Beach Report Card Honor Roll, receiving A+ ratings: Long Point located at Terranea Resort, and Abalone Cove Beach, referred to in the report as Portuguese Bend Cove. (As a reminder, Abalone Cove Beach remains closed to the public due to land movement.)



For more than 30 years, Heal the Bay has assigned annual "A-to-F" letter grades for 700 beaches from Washington State to Tijuana, Mexico, including 500 California beaches in the 2024-2025 report, based on levels of fecal-indicator bacterial pollution in the ocean measured by County health agencies. The public can check out the updated water quality of their local ocean beaches at beachreportcard.org or by downloading the app on their smartphone.

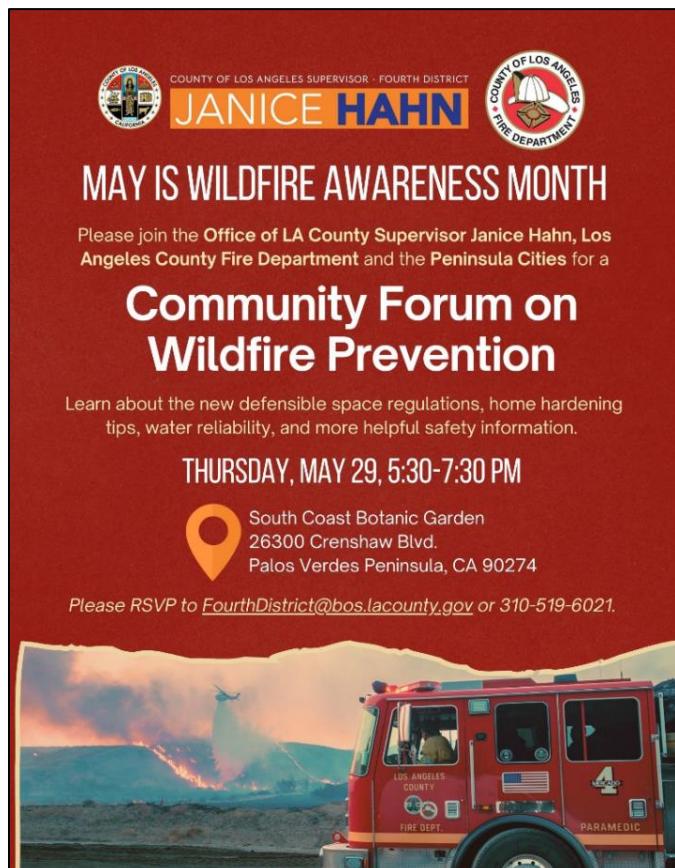
Community Forum on Wildfire Prevention May 29

The office of Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn, in coordination with the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities, will host a Community Forum on Wildfire Prevention focusing on defensible space, home hardening, as well as other important safety information.

May 29, 2025
5:30-7:30 p.m.

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Representatives from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles



County Office of Emergency Management, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, and California Water Service will provide brief presentations and be available to answer questions.

RSVP by emailing FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov or by calling 310-519-6021.

Peninsula Seniors Bohannon Lecture Series June 2025

Join Peninsula Seniors for the Bohannon Lecture Series on Wednesdays this month, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Scriba Family Center at 602



Peninsula Seniors

Deep Valley Drive, Suite 310 in Rolling Hills Estates. A Coffee Social will be available to all attendees starting at 10:15 a.m. The series is open to the community. Space is limited.

June 4: "Carnegie Science Studies"

Carnegie Observatories science expert, Dr. Jeffrey Rich, will discuss the current projects of Carnegie Science, and his work with detailed observational studies of the galaxies.

June 11: "California Water"

Kimberly Caballero, of CA Water Service public affairs, will give an update on the utility's services to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, emergency preparedness measures, and conservation programs.

June 18: "The Summer of Love -1967" Part One

Members Ann and Lee Strong present a look at this social phenomenon during the summer of 1967 when 100,000 young people, sporting "hippie" fashion and behavior, converged in San Francisco's Haight Ashbury district. The focus is on the people and the music.

June 25: "The Summer of Love -1967" Part Two

Ann and Lee Strong continue their discussion of the Summer of Love phenomenon, examining the wide-ranging cultural effect of the "hippie" movement, and how the Haight-Ashbury event ended rather abruptly.

Call Renee Reymond, Program Coordinator, at 310-377-3003 for details.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Village

Opportunities To Connect, Learn & Thrive

Palos Verdes Peninsula Village Information Session on June 11

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Village is a dynamic organization of older adults who have joined together to help one another navigate the challenges and opportunities of aging. Hear from other village members and volunteers about the social opportunities to engage and volunteer resources available for support on June 11 at 11 a.m. in the Purcell Room of the Peninsula Center Library. Please call 310-991-3324, email peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com or visit peninsulavillage.net for more information.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Village is part of a national movement of 300 villages across the country. It is a grassroots community-based organization formed by local individuals to create a sense of community for older adults to continue independent living. Members and volunteers foster friendships and opportunities to engage while helping one another.

South Bay Leadership and Wellness Conference May 31

Join young leaders from more than 30 organizations across the South Bay to connect, collaborate and uplift our voices together at our annual South Bay Leadership & Wellness Conference. This event will include conversations about advocacy, mental health, wellness and important topics facing our generation today.

May 31, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

allcove Beach Cities
514 N. Prospect Ave., 4th floor
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

south bay
leadership & wellness
conference

Saturday, May 31, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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You'll also have the opportunity to share these priorities with local, state and federal leaders who will join us to kick off the event.

Picture this: young people sharing their concerns, their priorities and the ways we want to care for and support one another towards a healthier future. Through workshops and engaging wellness activities, the Conference is an opportunity to develop and expand your leadership skills and gain innovative tools to engage your peers in conversations that matter to them.

For young people ages 12-25. Free food and prizes are included! Plus, get community service hours.

Please RSVP at:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/331cf700fd394f719324314019772d48>

Community Helpline's Community Fair & Fun Run on May 31

Lace up your sneakers and join Community Helpline, a free crisis support nonprofit hotline that has served the community since 1971, for a spirited run that welcomes all ages and fitness levels.

May 31, 2025

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Track
27118 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates

This exciting event is all about celebrating community connections, advocating for mental health, and having a blast together. Plus, enjoy a variety of local food vendors, games and activities designed to bring smiles and laughter, and learn more about mental health resources and support available in our community.



For tickets and more information, visit chelpline.org.

Apply to Join the Youth Advisory Committee

The Youth Advisory Committee is anticipating 9 vacancies starting July 1, 2025. RPV students in grades 7-12 are invited to apply for a seat on the YAC, which works towards empowering youths to provide positive programming and policies through local government.

Students who are selected for a seat on the YAC will serve 1 or 2 year terms that will begin in August 2025. To learn more or to request an application, email cityclerk@rpvca.gov.

Applications are due June 30, 2025.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Wildfire Awareness Month

May is Wildfire Awareness Month, are you prepared for a wildfire?

1. Prevent Fires
 - Choose safe locations for outdoor cooking and campfires, away from structures and flammable material.
 - Never leave grills or campfires unattended.



- Make sure charcoal and ashes are completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container away from flammable material.

2. Harden your home with fire resistant material and equipment
 - Install or upgrade to fire-resistant materials on roofs, vents, siding, windows, and decks.
 - Clear debris from roofs, gutters, vents, and under decks.
 - Seal all cracks and openings larger than 1/8 inch to prevent embers from entering the home.
3. Prevent wildfire spread by creating defensible space and using landscaping techniques to protect your home from wildfires
 - Maintain a 5-foot ember-resistant zone immediately around the home—no flammable vegetation or materials.
 - Maintain 100 feet of defensible space, including trimming trees, cutting grasses, and removing dead vegetation.
 - Store combustible items (firewood, propane tanks, vehicles) at least 30 feet away from structures.
4. Be prepared to evacuate
 - Know Your Zone. Search your address to find your emergency zone at PVReady.gov. During an emergency, such as a wildfire or flood, the website will be updated in real time with your zones' current status.
 - Know when to go. Sign up for Alert SouthBay emergency notifications by texting “alertsrb” to 888-777, or visiting alertsouthbay.com.
 - Learn how to make an evacuation kit and plan, download [L.A. County Fire Department's “Ready! Set! Go!” Personal Wildfire Action Plan \(PDF\)](http://L.A. County Fire Department's 'Ready! Set! Go!' Personal Wildfire Action Plan (PDF)).
5. Find more information on wildfire readiness
 - Readyforwildfire.org
 - Rpvca.gov/emergency
 - Cal Fire's visual guide to home hardening



PVDE Lookout Points Now Emergency Parking Only

Please be advised that the lookout points along the stretch of Palos Verdes Drive East commonly referred to as the Switchbacks are now restricted to emergency parking only.

Vehicles parked in these areas without a valid emergency reason may be subject to citation. While these locations are well known for their scenic views, we kindly ask residents and visitors to explore alternative viewpoints.

We encourage you to visit the Palos Verdes Interpretive Center or any of the many beautiful parks throughout the Peninsula, which remain open to the public and offer equally stunning coastal vistas.

Apply for a Public Safety Reimbursement from the City

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes offers reimbursements for half the cost of a new doorbell or neighborhood camera system, up to \$2,000 for neighborhoods/HOAs, and up to \$100 for individuals. The City aims to encourage the use of cameras and other public safety tools to strengthen neighborhood vigilance and security.

Learn more about the application process at: ow.ly/Etum50SBFG4



Attachments:

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FAC Meeting Recap

In the latest meeting of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) held on May 22nd, several key items were discussed. The meeting included a review and discussion of Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) options to reduce the City's Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL). The FAC recommended a \$100,000 ADP, with no commitment for a future additional payment. The recommendation will go to the City Council. Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) scenarios and strategies are reviewed to proactively manage the City's UAL.



The committee also received presentations on the City's Debt Management Policy, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Financial Model and the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

The next FAC meeting is scheduled for June 12th in the Community Room at the Ken Dyda Civic Center, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.

Remaining Budget Calendar



FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget – June 3

The FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget for **all funds** will be presented at the regular City Council meeting on June 3. Staff will also present the City's Financial Model for the General Fund, which includes a 10-year outlook, as well as the CIP Fund's Five-Year Capital Program financial outlook.

The final agendas and supporting materials for the proposed and preliminary budgets will be available on the City's website at rpvca.gov/agendas

FY 2025-26 Budget Public Hearing and Budget Adoption – June 17

The FY 2025-26 Budget Public Hearing for **all funds** will be presented at the regular City Council meeting on June 17. The final agendas and supporting materials for the proposed and preliminary budgets will be available on the City's website at rpvca.gov/agendas.

Case-Shiller Home Price Indices – March 2025

On May 27, 2025, data from the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Indices, the leading measure of residential real estate prices, were released for March 2025. This information provides insight into the housing market by highlighting monthly and annual changes reported in the National and Los Angeles Home Price Indices.

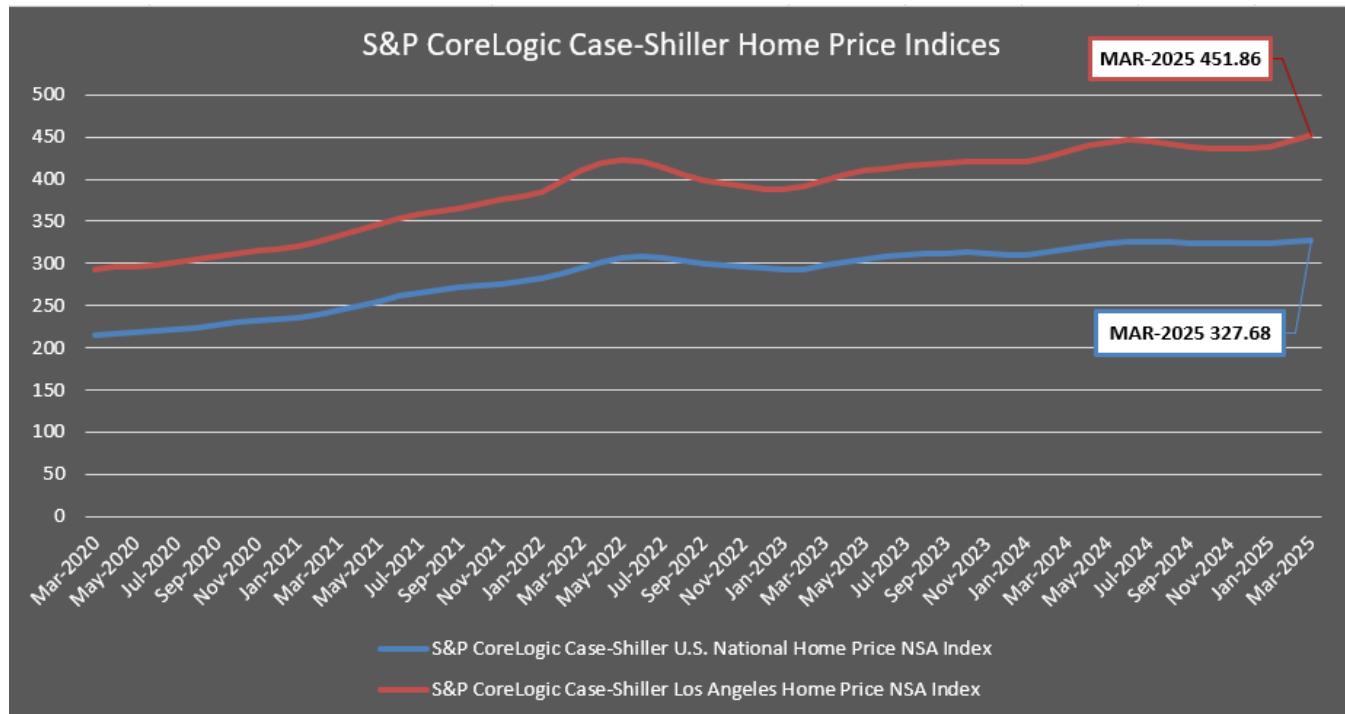
Month-over-Month

The pre-seasonally adjusted U.S. National, 10 City Composite and 20 City Composite Indices showed slight upward movement in March 2025. The 10 City Composite and 20 City Composite posted a month-over-month increase of 1.2% and 1.1% respectively, before seasonal adjustments. After seasonal adjustment, the 10 City Composite posted a month-over-month increase of 0.01% and the 20 City Composite posted a month-over-month decrease of -0.1% respectively.

Year-over-Year

The National Index reported a 3.4% annual return in March 2025, down from a 4% annual return in the previous month. The annual gain for Los Angeles was 4.14%, slightly above the national average. Among the 20 cities in the indices, New York again reported the highest annual gain with an 8% increase in March 2025. Chicago and Cleveland also reported much higher than average annual increases of 6.5% and 5.9%, respectively.

Chart 1. National vs Los Angeles Home Price Index – MAR 2020-2025 (5-Year)



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices

Landslide Financial Assistance Grant Program – Update

As of May 28, 2025, the City has received over **234 applications** and has disbursed payments for **222 completed** and verified applications (**\$2.21M**) with an additional payment for 1 approved application to be issued on May 30, 2025. Applications will continue to be reviewed and processed as they are received.

The deadline to apply for the Financial Assistance Grant Program is June 30, 2025. This grant program will officially end on July 1, 2025, and no further applications will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2025. During the April 17, 2025 budget workshop, the City Council approved the transfer of the remaining grant funds to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to continue supporting landslide emergency response and mitigation efforts, in accordance with the grant requirements.

Eligible property owners are encouraged to apply online by visiting the City's website at <https://rpvca.gov/1781/Financial-Assistance-Grant-Program>. Other options are also available for residents:

- By mail:

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- RPV City Hall (Attn: Finance Department), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
- By visiting the Finance Department at City Hall during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Landslide Emergency Stabilization

In response to unprecedented movement of the deep slide plane in the Greater Portuguese Bend-Ancient Altamira Landslide Complex (Landslide Complex), the City installed vertical deep de-watering wells (DDWs) to penetrate the deep slide plane and relieve water pressure.

Additionally, the City performed emergency winterization measures in the form of filling fissures/grabens, lining canyons, and improving drainage.

Status of the Deep Dewatering Wells Program

- The DDWs continue to be monitored and re-drilled or replaced as needed within the current approved budget.
- The total combined water extraction rate of the DDWs is currently at approximately **665 gallons per minute** or **0.96 million gallons per day**.
- Since the start of the DDW program, approximately **228 million gallons** or **701 acre-feet** of water have been extracted from certain locations around the toe of the Landslide Complex.
- Overall extraction rates have increased due to several wells being re-drilled over the last two months.
- The re-drilling of DDW-2 is ongoing and is anticipated to be commissioned this week.
- DDW-11 experienced pump failure, because of an insufficient water flow rate to keep the pump cooled. Based on the low production rate of this DDW, the City's geologists are advising that this well should not be re-drilled, but rather re-located, should additional funding become available.

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DDW Current Water Extraction Rates as of May 27, 2025

DDW No.	Date Operational	Current Approximate Water Extraction Rate (Gallons Per Minute)	Total Water Extraction to Date	
			Acre-Ft	Million Gallons
1	9/13/2024	110 (<i>re-drilled 3/21/25</i>)	93.2	30.4
2	9/17/2024	0 (<i>re-drill in progress</i>)	93.6	30.5
3	9/21/2024	70 (<i>re-drilled 3/24/25</i>)	85.1	27.7
4	9/21/2024	(<i>decommissioned 3/27/25</i>)	53.6	17.5
4A	3/29/2025	65	17.5	5.7
5	9/25/2024	95 (<i>re-drilled 3/26/25</i>)	95.5	31.1
6	9/28/2024	100 (<i>re-drilled 5/23/25</i>)	72.3	23.6
7	10/15/2024	10	15.3	5.0
8	10/17/2024	25 (<i>re-drilled 01/30/25</i>)	56.1	18.3
9	10/25/2024	<i>Decommissioned 11/07/24</i>	2.0	0.7
9A	11/16/2024	80 (<i>re-drilled 5/10/25</i>)	41.6	13.6
10	10/24/2024	110 (<i>re-drilled 5/11/25</i>)	85.5	27.8
11	12/03/2024	<i>Decommissioned 3/14/25</i>	2.1	0.7
Totals		665	713	232

Status of Winterization

All planned winterization activities are completed.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts - Palos Verdes Drive South Pipeline Replacement Project

Sewer service in Rancho Palos Verdes is provided by both the Los Angeles County Public Works and the City. Wastewater from these systems flows into transmission pipelines operated by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD), a regional agency serving 5.5 million residents in 78 cities. LACSD operates two above-ground 14-inch transmission pipelines along Palos Verdes Drive South, which carry sewage from across the Palos Verdes Peninsula to treatment facilities in Carson.

Ongoing land movement in the Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex has damaged these pipelines and caused leaks requiring emergency repairs. In response, LACSD has launched a project to replace the existing rigid steel pipes with more flexible High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes. Construction began several months ago and is still in progress.

Although LACSD has worked to limit traffic disruptions along Palos Verdes Drive South, the City has received some reports of delays. In response, City staff have increased coordination with LACSD, requesting that they:

- Prioritize directional traffic flow during peak hours.

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- Schedule the most disruptive work outside of rush hour, when possible.
- Perform work on Saturdays and holidays to minimize weekday impacts.

City staff will continue to monitor the project closely and take further steps as needed to reduce traffic delays. The project is anticipated to be completed in the next 2–3 weeks.



City Submits Notice of Interest for FEMA's Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes recently submitted a Notice of Interest (NOI) through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for a Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant to fund landslide stabilization efforts. An NOI is a required first step in the HMGP program, which supports local governments in implementing long-term strategies to reduce risks to life and property following a federally declared disaster.



If awarded, the HMGP grant could cover up to 75% of the eligible project expenses for the Portuguese Bend Landslide. The City is seeking \$30 million in federal funding toward an estimated \$40 million project cost, with the remaining \$10 million to be provided by the City through non-federal sources.

The NOI submittal highlights the regional importance of addressing the Portuguese Bend

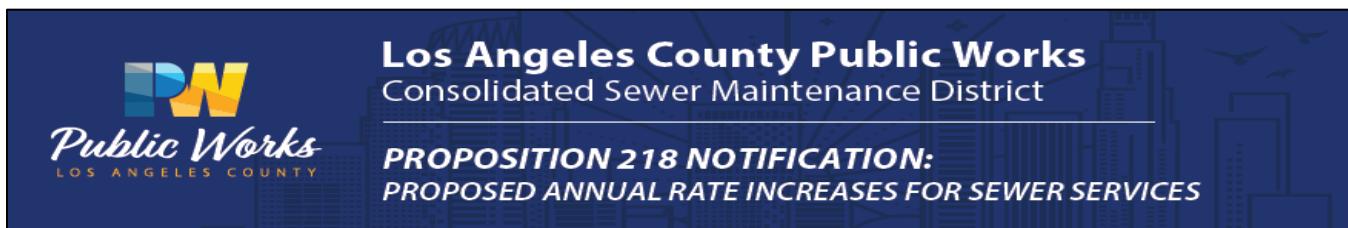
Landslide, which continues to threaten key infrastructure. Palos Verdes Drive South, a major commuter and evacuation route used by roughly 15,000 vehicles daily, is at risk from ongoing ground movement. Additionally, a sanitary sewer transmission pipeline that serves approximately 21,000 residents in Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, and Rolling Hills Estates is also at risk of failure. If funded, the project would implement effective stabilization solutions such as ground fracture repairs, improved drainage systems, and dewatering wells to reduce landslide activity, safeguard critical infrastructure, and enhance long-term regional resilience.

Update on the Hesse Park Community Center Roof Replacement Project

Work is nearing completion for the Hesse Park Community Center Roof Replacement Project. The facility's new skylights have been delivered and are being installed, and crews are performing finishing details on the roof itself. The project is on schedule and anticipated to be completed within the next two weeks. Park operations and public access continue to be maintained without disruption.



The project provides a full replacement of the facility's roof and skylights. During the winter storms in early 2024, sections of the roof leaked and damaged interior areas of the building, including sensitive equipment used to facilitate public meetings and events. Public Works staff made temporary repairs to the building and further determined through a detailed assessment that the roof, including all 17 skylights, was nearing the end of its useful service life, and a full replacement would be needed soon. Subsequently, a heavy wind event in January 2025 damaged some of the temporary repairs made in 2024, as well as some skylights.



LA County Proposes Increase to Sanitary Sewer Rates

Los Angeles County Public Works provides sewer services to Rancho Palos Verdes and

nearby communities. Due to rising costs and new regulations, the County is proposing a sewer rate increase over the next five years. For a typical single-family home, rates would rise from \$50.50 to \$96.23 per year by 2029. The last increase was in 2014.

An official Proposition 218 notice will be mailed soon, with details and instructions on how to submit a written protest. More information is available at pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM or at the open house on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Peninsula Center Library, 701 Silver Spur Rd., Rolling Hills Estates.

A final decision will be made after a public hearing on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., at 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, Board Hearing Room 381B. Written protests must be received by the end of the hearing.

2025 Season Brush Clearing Completed

For the past two months, you may have seen the goats and crews from Stay Green performing brush clearance in our community. Their efforts help reduce the fire loads and protect nearby structures. This past week, both the Stay Green crew and the goats have completed their task of clearing (eating for goats) vegetation of approximately 254 acres!



Goats and crews are expected to return in September to complete areas that were postponed due to birdnesting activities and address areas with significant vegetation regrowth.

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

In addition to regularly scheduled maintenance and repairs, Public Works performed the following work:

PARK MAINTENANCE

- In addition to routine weekly landscape maintenance at all City parks, the following repairs were completed:
 - Picnic table at Eastview Park
 - Drinking fountain at Hesse Park
 - Irrigation line at Pointe Vicente Interpretative Center and Ryan Park
- Installed new grease interceptors at Pointe Vicente Interpretative Center.



STREET LANDSCAPING

- The landscape team is dedicated to improving both the appearance and safety of the city's main arterial streets and right-of-way areas. Crews focused on weed removal and trimming in the following center medians and right-of-way sections:
 - Western Avenue
 - Palos Verdes Drive South from Pointe Vicente Interpretative Center to Pelican Cove
 - Palos Verdes Drive East from Ganado Drive to Palos Verdes Drive South
 - Via Vicente to Calle Entradero
- Crews inspected and adjusted the irrigation lines on Western Avenue and Calle Entradero.
- Use the following link to watch our virtual landscape maintenance:
<https://www.relive.com/view/veqzd4Y3Q70>



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- The Public Works Department performed the following infrastructure repairs in the public right-of-way:
 - Repaired a deep de-watering well discharge line off Palos Verdes Drive South near the Bow and Arrow Trail



- Traffic signals and streetlights were recently serviced at the following locations to ensure proper operation:
 - Hawthorne Boulevard and Crest Road
 - Caddington and Western Avenue
 - Springcreek Road
 - Valleta Drive

Graffiti Removal

- **31** graffiti incidents were reported and removed this week.
- Residents can help keep RPV looking great by downloading the **RPV Clean** app to report graffiti to City staff.



- No emergencies were reported during this period. However, the Public Works team remains available 24/7 to respond to any City-related emergencies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Palos Verdes Peninsula Association of Realtors (PVPAR) Presentation

On May 21, 2025 Staff in the Community Development Department provided an informational presentation to representatives of the PVPAR. The presentation provided background and resource information about the City of Rancho Palos Verdes including development applications and processes that are of interest to realtors and their clients. As part of the presentation, Code Enforcement Division Staff also outlined code requirements related to the posting of real estate signage both on private and public property.



This outreach effort provided an opportunity to educate and inform interested parties about the importance of code complaint signage and practices throughout the City. Additional information regarding real estate signage is available on the City's website or by contacting the Code Enforcement Division at (310) 544-5281 or via email at CodeEnforcement@rpvca.gov.

LAX Community Noise Roundtable Meeting Summary

On May 21, 2025, the LAX Community Noise Roundtable held its regularly scheduled meeting (Attached Agenda). The highlights of the meeting included the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) providing updates on passenger jet procedures, and the Roundtable changing meeting frequency. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) also returned to the Roundtable as a stakeholder after absence from the March 19, 2025 meeting. The meeting concluded with LAWA distributing passenger jet data for flights that occurred in March and April 2025 (Attached). The next Roundtable meeting will be on August 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. For more information concerning Roundtable meetings, please visit the LAWA website [here](#).



Coastal Officer Hearing Scheduled

On June 2, 2025, the City's Coastal Hearings Officer will consider a request for a Major Grading Permit, Coastal Development Permit and Site Plan Review for a 4.07-acre vacant lot with agricultural uses located on the seaward side of Palos Verdes Drive West and east of Marguerite Drive (APN: 7582-002-025). The proposed project involves the legalization of 204 cubic yards of on-site grading and supporting retaining walls as well as the construction of a 64 sq. ft. patio area.

A copy of the public notice is available for review [here](#). If you have any questions about the project and/or scheduled hearing, please contact Associate Planner, Jeff Kim at (310) 544-5390 or via email at jkim@rpvca.gov.



REMINDER: City Council to Consider Proposed Revisions to the City's Housing Element

On June 3, 2025, the City Council will be considering proposed revisions to the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element. A copy of the [public notice](#), which was issued on May 15, 2025 is available for review. For questions, please contact, Senior Planner, Jessica Bobbott at (310) 544-5224 or via email at jbobbott@rpvca.gov.

Attachments:

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RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



Movies in the Park Returns

Grab your blankets and low-slung chairs, and enjoy our Movies in the Park summer series! Join us at the Ken Dyda Civic Center for three unforgettable nights under the stars, starting Saturday, June 14, with *Moana 2*.

Each movie night features pre-show fun and hands-on activities by ElectriKIDS beginning at 7 p.m., followed by the main feature at dusk. We'll keep the good vibes rolling on Saturday, July 12, with the high-flying original *Top Gun*, and close out the summer on August 9 with a screening of *The Wild Robot*.

Come hungry, as Woodfire Pies will be serving up their signature pizzas for the June 14 kickoff. Be sure to dress in layers as the evening chill can sneak up on you. Let's make it a season of fresh air, family fun, and cinematic magic!



Pedro Pet Pals Cat and Dog Adoption Event

Need a little love in your life? The nonprofit Pedro Pet Pals will be holding a cat and dog adoption event at Eastview Park on June 1, 2025, from 12-3 p.m. Come meet the adorable, fluffy four-legged friends, and make your home a forever home! Look for the Pedro Pet Pals truck and check them out. For more information, please email info@pedropetpals.com.



REACH Update

The REACH program serves the social and recreational needs of youths and adults with developmental disabilities. To RSVP for REACH activities or if you have questions, please email reach@rpvca.gov.

REACH Slam Dunks at Ladera Linda

REACH sure knows how to stay active and have some fun in the summer sun. Basketball legend and Ladera Linda Recreation Leader Guy Perry led us all in an engaging and interactive lesson where skills meet fun. We learned how to dribble, shoot and pass like a pro. It's a game that kept our hearts racing and our sneakers squeakin'! Shout out and many thanks to Guy for accommodating us. We look forward to our next slam dunk session.

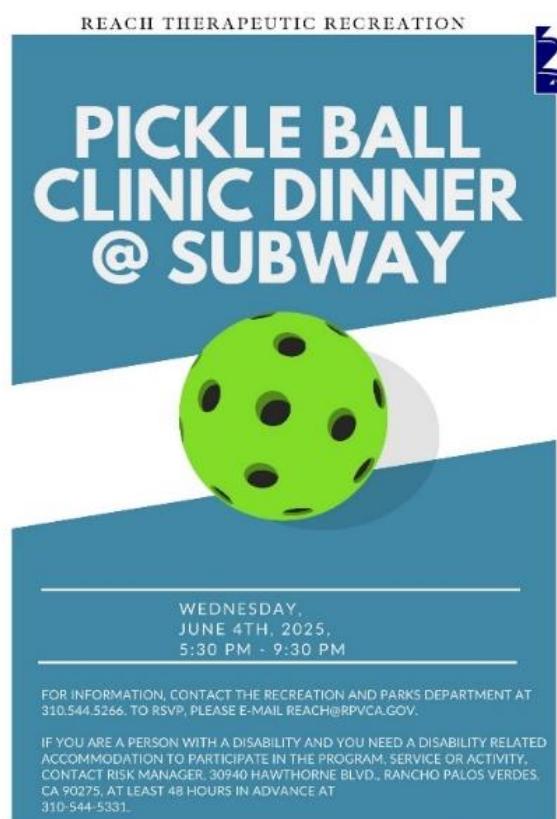
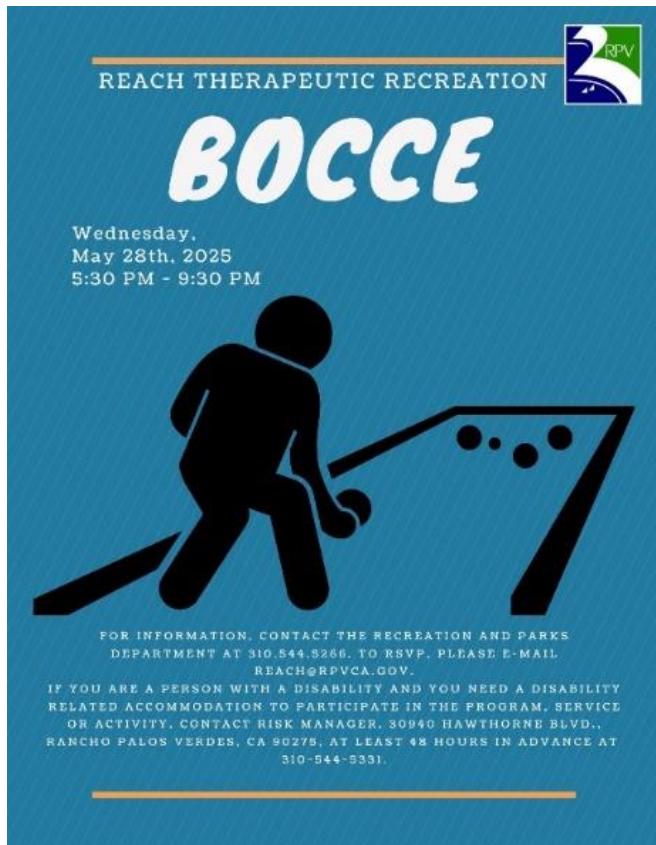


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Upcoming REACH events include a night of Bocce fun on May 28 and some Pickleball at City Hall followed by a sunset dinner on June 4.



Lights, Camera, RPV Filming Action!

There were two separate commercial film shoots at Portuguese Bend Beach Club on May 26 and May 27.



Parks Weekend Attendance Report

Below is a summary report of estimated public usage for the past weekend.

- HESSE PARK - walking paths, playground, and grass area
Estimated total park attendance: 988

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- RYAN PARK - walking paths, playground, basketball court, and grass area
Estimated total park attendance: 249
- EASTVIEW PARK - walking paths, playground, dog park, and grass area
Estimated total park attendance: 532
- LOWER POINT VICENTE PARK - walking paths and grass area
Estimated total park attendance: 3,913
- LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY PARK – walking paths, grass areas, playgrounds, basketball and paddle tennis courts.
Estimated total park attendance: 292

Total Weekend Attendance: 5,974



Preserve and Beach Weekend

May 24-26

Public Contacts: 633

Violations observed: 24

Filiorum Reserve

On May 21, Park Rangers continued to clear and address overgrowth along Zote's Cutacross Trail.

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San Ramon Reserve

On May 21, the Switchback Trail was temporarily closed due to vegetation clearing within the upper section of the Reserve. Work is anticipated to last through May 30.

Vicente Bluffs Reserve

On May 28, Park Rangers removed graffiti on interpretive signage in the Pelican Cove Parking Lot.





May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	3:00 pm–4:30 pm - Landslide Complex Working Group (Virtual)	7:00 pm – Finance Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room		
11	12 4:15 pm – Youth Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room CANCELLED 5:30 pm – ACLAD Board Meeting (Virtual Meeting)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 6:00 pm – IMAC Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	20	21	22 6:00pm – Civic Center Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room CANCELLED	23	24
25	26 5:00 pm-Klondike Canyon Meeting (Virtual Meeting) 6:00 pm – TSC Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room CANCELLED Memorial Day – City Hall Closed	27	28	29	30	31



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	4 3:00 pm–4:30 pm - Landslide Complex Working Group (Virtual)	5	6	7
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15	16 6:00 pm – IMAC Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	17 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	18 1:30 pm – Sanitation District Meeting (Mayor Bradley) 3:00 pm–4:30 pm - Landslide Complex Working Group (Virtual)	19 6:00 pm – Emergency Preparedness Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	20	21
22	23 5:00 pm-Klondike Canyon Meeting (Virtual Meeting) 6:00 pm – TSC Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	24 7:00 pm – Planning Commission Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	25	26 6:00pm – Civic Center Advisory Committee (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ City Hall Community Room	27	28
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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm – City Council Meeting (Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting) @ Hesse Park	2 3:00 pm–4:30 pm - Landslide Complex Working Group (Virtual)	3	4  City Hall Closed	5
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TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Agenda items listed below will be presented to the City Council for their consideration

DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
June 3, 2025			
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM			
	CLOSED SESSION		
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM			
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider PSA with CentralSquare for Trakit software	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Cloud backup and recovery contract services	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Amendment No. 6 for the City Manager's employment agreement	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Amendment No. 3 with Aleshire & Wynder	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Resolution for salary and benefits adjustments for management and confidential employees	
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Chair appointments for the Planning Commission and Committees	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Treasury Report (CC) (IA)	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm continued landslide emergency contracting	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	Adopt Ordinance for Ch. 5.28 RPVMC (Street vending)	
CDD	PUBLIC HEARING	Receive an update on HCD's review of proposed revisions to the Housing Element	1:00
FINANCE	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider FY 25/26 Master Fee Schedule	0:15
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider Successor MOU with RPVEA	0:15
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider 4th Quarter Updates to the FY 24-25 Goals and consider adopting the FY 2025-26 City Council Goals	0:15
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive and file the 2025 Financial Model	0:15
FINANCE	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget	0:30
June 17, 2025			
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM			
	CLOSED SESSION		
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM			
			3:45
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Border Issues	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider establishing a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Fiscal Sustainability	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider approving purchase orders for FY 2025-26 in excess of \$25,000	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider establishing the GANN limit for FY 2024-25	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm continued landslide emergency contracting	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider projects proposed to be funded by Senate Bill No. 1 Road Repair and Accountability Act 2017 FY 2025-26	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider FY 25/26 assessment for citywide Landscape Lighting Management District Assessment	
REC&PARKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Review and approve public interest survey for recreation classes and programs at Parks	
REC&PARKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider approval of contract class service payments exceeding \$25K for Recreation and Parks department	
ADMIN	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider Introduction of Ordinance to Adopt Cal Fire's updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps	0:30
FINANCE	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider Budget adoption	0:15

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DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Quarterly Update on Public Safety Division and Consider Annual Service Level Authorization 575 Contract with LA Sheriff's Department for FY2025-26	0:30
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider options for SCE's temporary power pole at Ladera Linda Community Park	0:30
REC&PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Report on Del Cerro parking/ParkMobile program	0:30
July 1, 2025			
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM			
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Receive and file biannual Commission and Advisory Committee reports	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Adopting the FY 2025-26 Investment Policy	
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Adopt Ordinance for Cal Fire's updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm continued landslide emergency contracting	
PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider annual AbCove Sewer service charge	0:15
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive report on PVDE speed enforcement efforts	1:00
REC&PARKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	PVPLC Annual and 3-Year Comprehensive Report	0:15
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider extending the resolutions declaring the local state of emergency related to the landslide and receive a progress report on landslide projects.	1:00
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider feasibility study for toll road	0:30
July 15, 2025			
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM			
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Approval of Class Specifications and Updated Salary Schedules	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm continued landslide emergency contracting	
REC&PARKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consideration of the Assignment and Assumptions Agreement for two Preserve-related grant projects	
PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC HEARING	Consider FY 25/26 assessment for citywide Landscape Lighting Management District Assessment	0:15
CDD	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider introduction of amendments to Ch. 15.20 RPVMC (Building Code)	0:45
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Continue discussion on EV charging stations fee structure	0:30
PUBLIC WORKS	REGULAR BUSINESS	Report on citywide beautification projects including Lower Hesse and medians	0:15
August 5, 2025			
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	

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Agenda items listed below will be presented to the City Council for their consideration

DEPARTMENT	AGENDA SECTION	AGENDA TITLE	ESTIMATED TIME
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM			2:30
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Youth Advisory Committee Appointments and Chair Selection	
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm continued landslide emergency contracting	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider MOU for RPV's Run for Myles event	
CDD	CONSENT CALENDAR	Adopt Ordinance for Ch. 15.20 RPVMC (Building Code)	
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive a report on speed cameras and loud exhaust legislation	0:15
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Consider program to address high fire vegetation in canyons by working with neighboring cities/homeowners to address	0:15
ADMIN	REGULAR BUSINESS	Receive a report on Los Verdes Golf Course net project	0:30
August 5, 2025			
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM			
	CLOSED SESSION	NO ITEMS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME	
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM			1:30
ADMIN	CONSENT CALENDAR	Minutes	1:00
FINANCE	CONSENT CALENDAR	Warrant Register	
REC&PARKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Consider Amendment No. 2 to the City/PVPLC Management Agreement	
PUBLIC WORKS	CONSENT CALENDAR	Affirm continued landslide emergency contracting	
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO			0:15
Request Date:	Requested By:	Item:	Scheduled Date:
12/21/2021	Bradley	Report on hydrology and hydraulics within the Portuguese Bend landslide	8/19/2025
4/19/2022	Alegria	Stormwater/Drainage Asset Management Update	TBD
9/6/2022	Cruikshank	Consider program to address high fire vegetation in canyons by working with neighboring cities/homeowners to address	8/5/2025
9/20/2022	Ferraro	Report on citywide beautification projects including Lower Hesse and medians	7/15/2025
7/18/2023	Cruikshank/Seo	Consider report on forming a Peninsula-wide Landslide Insurance Pool Authority	TBD
9/19/2023	Alegria	Receive a report on Los Verdes Golf Course net project	8/5/2025
1/16/2024	Alegria/Cruikshank	Receive a report on speed cameras and loud exhaust legislation	8/5/2025
2/4/2025	Bradley	Consider feasibility study for toll road	7/1/2025
CITY MANAGER REPORT			0:15

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUESTS - TRACKING LOG 2025

DATE OF REQUEST	DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTOR	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
3/26/2025	3/27/2025	Timothy Cotter	Request for any document showing the current owners of the 28011 Lobrook Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.	3/27/25 AA Zweizig forwarded request to staff. 4/8/25 ADCC Zweizig sent 14-day extension letter and first
5/12/2025	5/12/2025	Brian Nejad	Request for any City's communications and permit records for the property 49-1/4 Rockinghorse Road	5/12/25 ADCC Zweizig forwarded request to staff. 5/14/25 ADCC Zweizig sent partial records. 5/28/25 ADCC Zweizig sent 14-day extension letter
5/19/2025	5/19/2025	Barbara Zuliani	PRA for questions regarding map of her property	5/19/25 CC Takaoka forwarded request to staff.
5/27/2025	5/27/2025	Sean Parker	Request for the following: Along S Western Ave, between Palos Verdes Dr N & W Summerland Ave (location provided in attached map) - Streetlight/Traffic Signals: maps & as-builts - Stormwater: maps & as-builts - Fiber: maps (only city-owned assets in project area)	5/27/25 ADCC Zweizig forwarded request to staff.



May 23, 2025

Via email and U.S. Mail

Steven D. Powell
President and Chief Executive Officer
Southern California Edison
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, CA 91770

SUBJECT: Greater Portuguese Bend Landslide Update and the Ladera Linda Community Center SCE Box Loop Project

Dear Mr. Powell,

On behalf of the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council and community, I am writing on matters related to the Greater Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex (Landslide Complex) and the Ladera Linda Community Center Box Loop Project (Project).

As you are aware, on October 3, 2023, the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council declared a local state of emergency in response to the accelerated rate of movement of the Landslide Complex. The City has been monitoring land movement within the Landslide Complex since 2007 using Global Position System (GPS) monitoring points at over 100 points. Since October 2022, in certain areas of the Landslide Complex, the rate of movement has been documented at approximately 12 inches a week. As you are aware, Southern California Edison (SCE) along with SoCalGas and Cox Communications indefinitely shut-off service to properties within the Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA), Seaview, and Portuguese Bend Beach Club (PBBC) neighborhoods in and around August and September 2024.

In September 2024, the City began installing and operating Deep Dewatering Wells (DDWs) along the toe of the Landslide Complex based on recommendations made by the City's Geotechnical Consultants. Soon after operating the DDWs, the City began to see a sudden and significant reduction in the rate of movement especially in the Seaview and PBBC neighboring. On January 13, 2025, Mayor Bradley, Councilmember Perestam, Public Works Director Awwad and myself met with you and members of SCE's staff to

discuss the reduced rate of movement and our request to re-energize the area including the City's DDWs which have been powered by generators. At this meeting, we were informed that SCE would consider re-energizing neighborhoods if the rate of movement measured less than 1 inch per week, and because the rate of movement in the Seaview and PBBC neighborhoods met that threshold, these two neighborhoods would be re-energized in the weeks to come. In and around March 2025 and up to now, SCE has been re-energizing these neighborhoods which has been welcomed news for many affected by the power shut-offs.

As of April 2025, the PBBC and Seaview neighborhoods continue to measure undetectable movement while the PBCA is measuring movement around 4 inches a week (Attachment A). In light of current rate of movement in the PBCA, **the City is requesting SCE reconsider its threshold for re-energizing this neighborhood.**

The City's cost to respond to the acceleration of the Landslide Complex is projected to total approximately **\$48.5 million** between October 2022 and June 30, 2025. The City's cost for the current fiscal year is estimated to be over **\$37 million**. The City's cost responding to land movement is roughly equivalent to the City's General Fund budget of **\$39 million** for the current fiscal year. Of this cost, the City is projected to spend approximately **\$3 million** this fiscal year to maintain and operate the DDWs which includes the fuel for the generators powering the DDWs. If power were restored to this area, this would save the City costs incurred for fueling the DDWs which have been instrumental in slowing and stabilizing the landslide. Moreover, restored power in the PBCA will also result in a cost savings to the Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD) who also manage and operate DDWs with generators in the area.

As you are aware, City Staff has been working closely with SCE on a solution to relocate the errant power pole that was installed at the Ladera Linda Community Park (LLCP). Although the teams have been making progress in the discussions, I am writing to request that SCE move forward with the underground option, at their cost, to resolve this issue.

For background purposes, on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, Staff at the LLCP encountered an SCE crew initiating unpermitted and unannounced work to install a power pole and guy wire in the outdoor recreational area east of the LLCP building (Attachment A). SCE had neither obtained permits/approvals/easements/licenses to install equipment on City park property nor coordinated with City Staff in advance. Therefore, the City immediately issued a formal stop work order.

Subsequently, SCE indicated the need to expeditiously install a power pole at LLCC to continue providing power to approximately 40 homes along the landward side of Dauntless Drive, a portion of which lies in the west side of Seaview, which has been severely impacted by land movement. The City expressed strong opposition to the pole at LLCC and sought alternative routes that included undergrounding lines or obtaining easements from homeowners. However, SCE indicated that those alternatives would require additional time to implement and may result in indefinite outages for residents.

Given the importance of resolving the matter quickly and ensuring continued electrical service to the Seaview community, the City authorized SCE to complete installation of the pole at LLCC (Attachment B) and issued a retroactive encroachment permit with certain conditions. One of the key conditions was that the temporary pole must be relocated within 6 months, with an option to extend for 2 additional 3-month periods, provided SCE makes good faith progress in designing a permanent solution to relocate the pole.

Since that time, City Staff and SCE have been meeting on a regular basis to identify a mutually agreeable final design for this circuit that would provide power to the 40 homes on the landward side of Dauntless Drive. To allow more time for City Staff and SCE to work together towards a solution, on March 4, 2025, the City council authorized a 6-month extension to the terms and conditions of the encroachment permit.

There are the following design options that have been discussed between the City and SCE for the box loop project:

Forrestal Drive and Main Sail Drive – Option A (Attachment C)

SCE presented the City with an option to place new poles and overhead lines along Forrestal Drive and Main Sail Drive, as shown in Attachment B. City Staff expressed concern with this option because it would increase the risk of wildfires with the introduction of new vertical poles at the edge of Forrestal Reserve, a subarea of the overall Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Additionally, it would require the installation of 10 new poles.

Schooner Drive – Option B (Attachment C)

SCE presented the City with a second option to place new poles and overhead lines in the vicinity of Schooner Drive, as shown in Attachment B. City Staff preferred this option; however, City Staff proposed that a portion of the route be placed underground to reduce the risk of wildfire. SCE shared that the new re-route would maintain the SCE standard with covered conductors and poles designed to mitigate wildfire risk. Additionally, SCE expressed skepticism that the underground option was feasible because of the grade and proximity of houses and pools to the property lines.

Dauntless Drive Undergrounding – Option C (Attachment D)

Building upon discussions with SCE, the City is proposing an undergrounding option, as shown in Attachment C. This option involves interconnecting to the existing primary wires, installing a new underground primary conductor with a new pole and riser which then interconnects to the exiting primary wires. City Staff believes that this alternative would save SCE money from their original proposal. Further, the City is willing to provide all necessary easements required to install this underground alternative.

Considering the recent wildfires, the City is formally requesting SCE pay for the undergrounding alternative (Option C as shown in Exhibit C) as this has been done in other high-fire communities. Undergrounding approximately 220 lineal feet is likely less expensive than SCE's originally proposed overhead solution (10 poles + covered conductor) and should not financially impact SCE's rate payers.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and resolving this matter by the end of this month as I must report SCE's final decision to the City Council and community at the June 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

Best Regards,

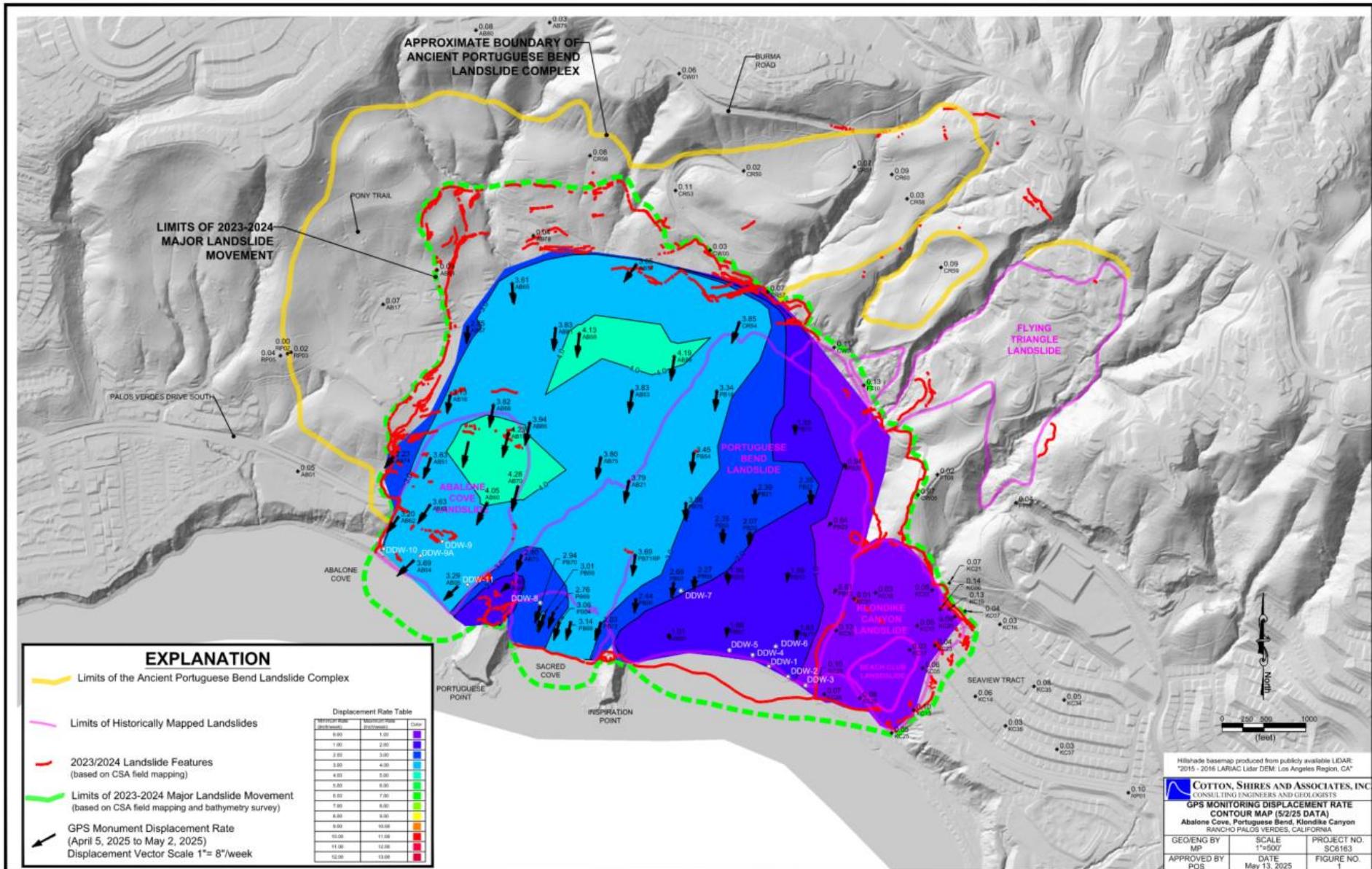
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Ara Michael Mihranian, AICP
City Manager

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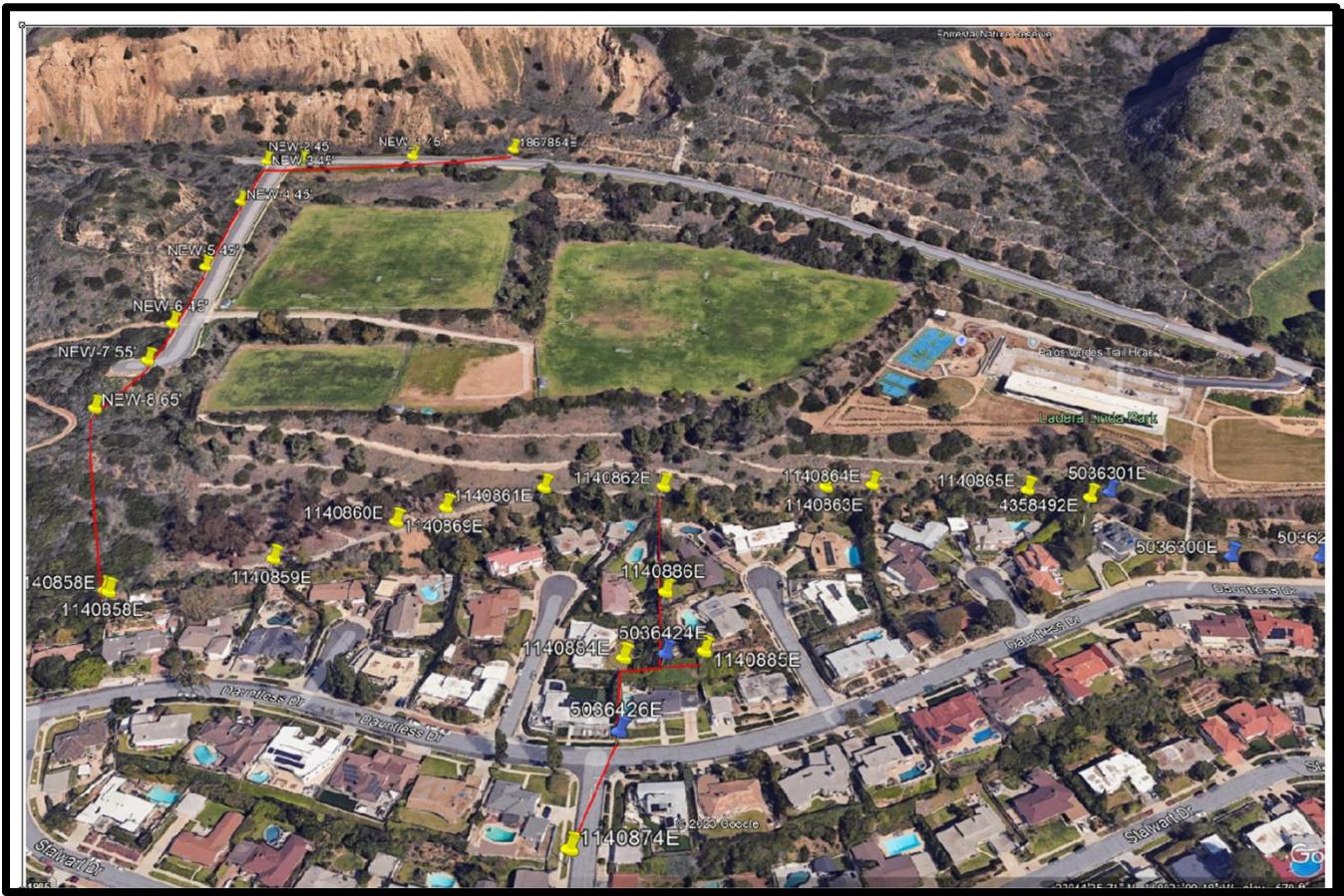
Attachment A – Heat Map Displaying Movement



Attachment B – Existing Circuit



Attachment C – SCE Proposed Circuit Route Options



Attachment D – City Proposed Alternative 1 – City Preferred Route





The Honorable Ted Lieu
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Ted Lieu,

On behalf of the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council and Wayfarers Chapel Board of Directors, we are writing you to request your support in securing and expediting the transfer of the historic Battery Barnes site from the U.S. Coast Guard to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and to help us identify and access federal discretionary funding to support the relocation and rebuilding of the National Historic Landmark designated Wayfarers Chapel to this site.

As you may know, Wayfarers Chapel, a masterpiece of Organic Modern architecture designed by Lloyd Wright, was decimated in 2023 due to the accelerated rate of movement of the Greater Portuguese Bend Landslide. The site, which had just received National Historic Registry designation in December of 2023 by the National Park Service, was promptly and professionally dismantled, with the help of the Architectural Resources Group (ARG), to preserve every possible component for reconstruction. With urgency and care, we are now seeking to rebuild this irreplaceable architectural and cultural treasure on a new site in our community—where it duly belongs. Wayfarers Chapel has a public benefit nonprofit corporation in place that was set up over a decade ago, which is a non-religious entity and raises funds solely to support the “Rebuilding of the Wright Legacy.”

Following in-depth discussions, the Wayfarers Board and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes have identified the Battery-Barnes site as the ideal new home. This approximately 4-acre location perched above the Pacific Ocean and across from the Point Vicente Lighthouse, offers breathtaking views and historic significance that align perfectly with the Chapel’s legacy. The City has long had an interest in acquiring the Battery Barnes property due to its location within the boundaries of the Ken Dyda Civic Center and the adjacent Alta Vicente Reserve, a sub-area of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. The City has maintained a steady line of communication with the U.S. Coast Guard in recent years about this site. Beneath the ground at Battery Barnes, there remains an extensive 4,500-square foot bunker, a well-preserved icon from our military past. As a former WWII coastal defense site named after Colonel Harry C. Barnes, it reflects the Peninsula’s rich military heritage—a heritage that the City and Wayfarers Chapel are committed to honoring through a dedicated museum and educational exhibits at the new Civic Center campus. Because this prospective site is similar in many aspects to the Chapel’s “heritage site” including dimensions, micro-climate, and views, the National Park Service has given assurances that the National Historic Registry designation could be retained, making the reconstruction of Wayfarers Chapel on Battery Barnes a tremendous opportunity for the City and the whole of the Peninsula.

As a veteran yourself, we hope you will see the importance of preserving this site, not only as a place of architectural and historical significance, but also as a living memorial to service members who protected our coastline. The new vision includes not only a rebuilt chapel and bell tower, but also public restrooms, a museum, café, interpretive visitor center, public trails and open space, public parking, and educational native plant gardens that will celebrate local ecology and protect endangered species like the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly. Wayfarers Chapel has always been a place that welcomes all wayfarers regardless of their faith to commune with nature and each other to form lasting community bonds.

Furthermore, the campus will expand its community-serving role through inclusive educational programming for local and Title I school districts, honoring Japanese American, and Indigenous histories, and hosting public events.

Although relocation offers of the Chapel have been received from sites in Northern and Southern California, Pennsylvania, and even from Canada—some with full coverage of transportation and construction costs—the Wayfarers Board and the City remain deeply committed to keeping Wayfarers Chapel rooted in Rancho Palos Verdes, where it has been a beloved part of the community for generations. To do so, we need your help.

We are respectfully requesting:

- Your support and advocacy to facilitate and expedite the transfer of the excessed Battery-Barnes site from the U.S. Coast Guard to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, by getting language to that effect added to the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Assistance in securing federal discretionary funding in the range of \$25-30 million to help rebuild this National Historic Landmark and establish the envisioned public campus.

Representative Lieu, your commitment to combating climate change, honoring our veterans, and preserving California's coastal legacy makes you uniquely positioned to champion this effort. We would be honored to have your support in ensuring that this extraordinary site remains a cultural and historical beacon on our coast and in your District.

We welcome the opportunity to speak further or provide any additional materials that you or your staff may require. Thank you for your continued service to our district and our country.

Respectfully,



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AGENDA

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT/COMMUNITY NOISE ROUNDTABLE *Regular Meeting of the Roundtable*

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 1:30 PM

This virtual meeting will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Public may join the meeting at:

<http://lax.to/joinRTmeeting>

Meeting ID: 264 018 751 934 9, Passcode: H2kb6Wr3

Or Dial in (audio only):

(323) 792-6246, Phone Conference ID: 277 148 632 #

***Please see instructions for public comments at the end of this agenda.**

1:30 PM	1. Welcome/Review of the Meeting Format – <i>Gene Reindel, Information Roundtable Facilitator</i>	Information
1:35 PM	2. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call - <i>Denny Schneider, Roundtable Chairman</i>	Information
1:40 PM	3. Comments from the Public - Speakers are limited to a maximum of two minutes or less depending on the number of speakers. Roundtable members cannot discuss or take action on any matter raised under this item.	Information
1:55 PM	4. Discussion/Consideration of Reducing Meeting Frequencies – <i>Gene Reindel, Roundtable Facilitator</i>	Action
2:15 PM	5. Briefing on Fort Lauderdale Airport Noise Abatement Committee – <i>Winston Cannicle, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl Airport</i>	Information
2:35 PM	6. Review/Approval of Updated Roundtable Work Program – <i>David Chan, Roundtable Executive Secretary</i>	Action
2:50 PM	7. Update on KYLOW and STHBY Departure Procedures – <i>David Chan, LAWA</i>	Information
3:10 PM	8. Aviation Noise News – <i>Gene Reindel, Facilitator</i>	Information
3:25 PM	9. Roundtable Member Discussion - Opportunity for members to suggest potential future agenda items, raise noise issues or concerns, or inquire about the statistical update handout.	Information
3:40 PM	10. Review of Roundtable Formal Action Items – <i>Gene Reindel, Facilitator</i>	Information

Materials to be provided at meeting:

- Updated Work Program
- Statistical Update on 25L Departures and Palos Verdes Overflights

***Instructions for Public Comment During Meeting**

1. Join the meeting using the information provided above using the Teams App or a compatible web browser, or by phone. If joining online (Teams App or web browser), please be sure to enter your name when prompted at login so we can easily call on you when it is your turn to speak.
2. If joining online, click on the “raise-hand” icon when the Chairperson calls for the item on which you wish you speak. The Chairperson will then call on/unmute you in turn to speak.
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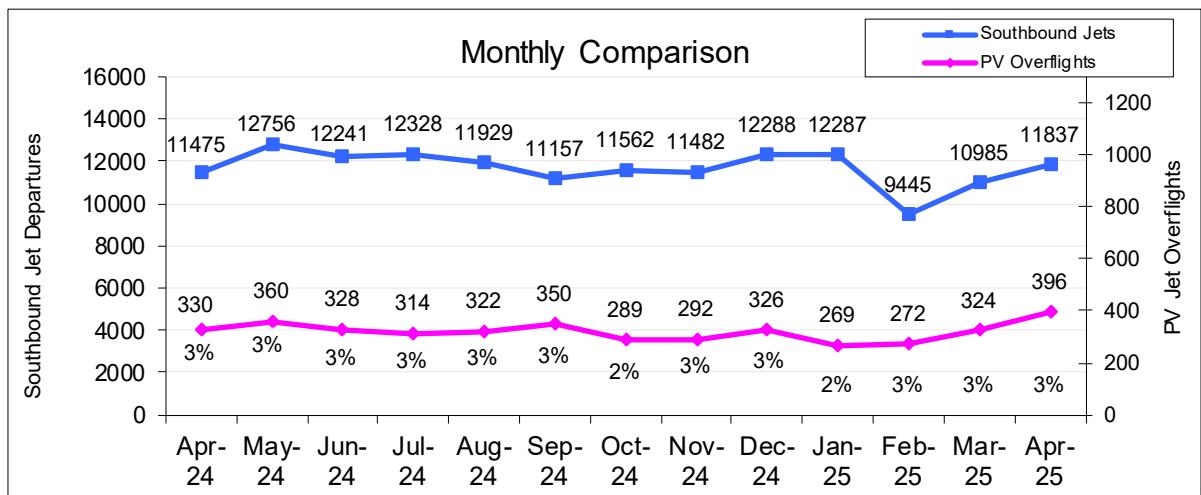
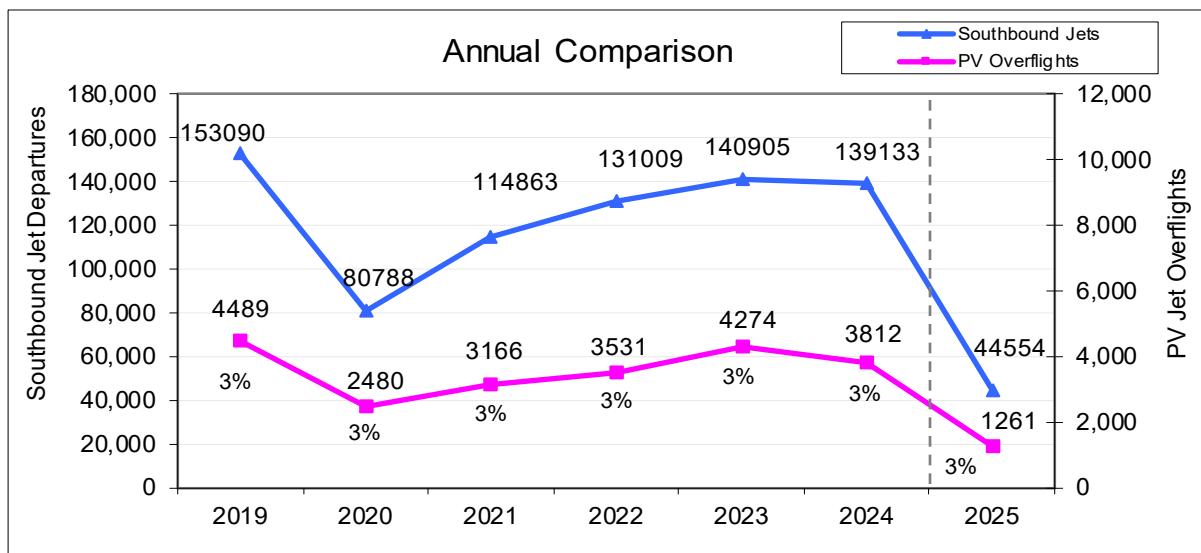
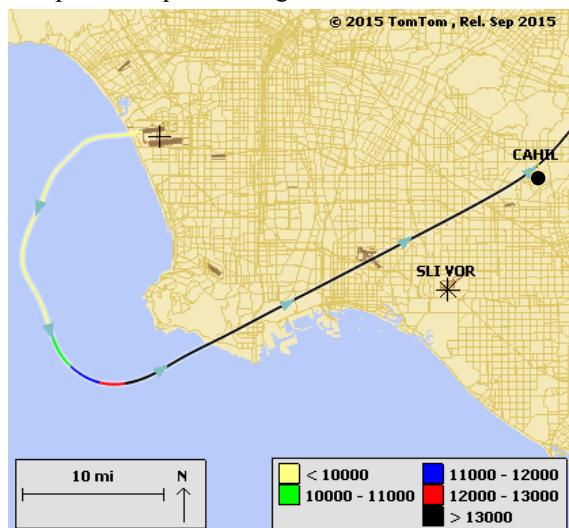
Additional information about the LAX/Community Noise Roundtable is available online at
<http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx>.

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Palos Verdes Peninsula – Jet Overflights

The graphs below show the total number of jets turning south upon departure from LAX and the number of those departures that fly over the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Sample Jet Departure Flight Track Over PV Peninsula



Jet Altitudes over PV Peninsula

