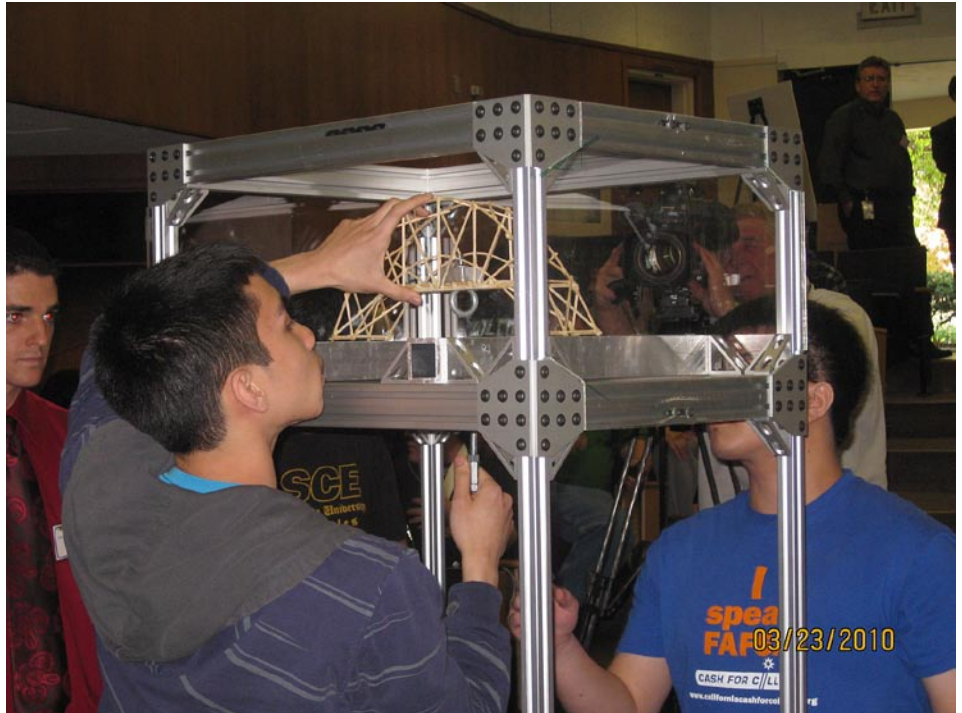


BOE Sponsors 9th High School Bridge Building Contest BOE Volunteers Mentor Students in Physics, Architectural & Structural Design

The Bureau of Engineering held its Ninth (9th) Annual Regional Bridge Building Contest on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) King Hall. High School teams competed for a chance to advance to the International Contest on May 1, 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This contest provides the Bureau of Engineering, high school students and local universities an excellent opportunity to promote education and learning beyond a basic high school curriculum. Once again Structural Engineering Division (SED) led the event with help from the Liaison Office, the Board of Public Works Public Affairs Office, CSULA Department of Civil Engineering, and members of the ASCE CSU-LA Student Branch.

Volunteer mentors from the Bureau of Engineering worked diligently with the students and their teachers to explore principals of physics, architecture and structural design. The objective for the students was to build a model bridge weighing no more than 30 grams (1.06 ounces) that conforms to specific limited dimensions for height, span and width. These requirements were developed for the International Bridge Building Competition by the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois. Over a period of four months, mentors guided high school students through a



High school student setting up his bridge for testing in the Los Angeles Regional Bridge Building Contest.

process of designing, drafting, construction, testing and helping the students understand the engineering concepts and laws of physics

that govern the performance of their bridge models. Model bridge building provides the students with hands-on experience that supplements their studies. Mentors also deliver an important message highlighting the benefits of continuing education and a career in engineering.

On the day of the event, each bridge was registered, weighed, and measured for compliance with the international specifications. Students were given the opportunity to modify their bridge if it failed to meet the weight or dimension guidelines.

After lunch, it was time to commence the competition. Once approved, the models were displayed for technical inspection and judged for best Architectural Aesthetics Design and Structural Design. Judges for Architectural Aesthetic evaluations were Commissioner Andrea Alarcón and Edgar Perez - Student President of ASCE, and Dr. Rupa Purasinghe of CSULA and Sunny Patel evaluated the best Structural Design. The event was kicked off by Acting Deputy City Engineer of Engineering Services Program, **Shailesh "Sunny" Patel** as the master of ceremonies with addresses from:

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BOE Mentors, teachers and high school students that participated in the Bridge Building Contest.

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Commissioner Andrea Alarcón; Dr. Keith Moo-Young, Dean of the College of Engineering, CSULA; Erick Martell - Field Deputy for Councilmember Jose Huizar; and Dr. Rupa Purasinghe, Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering, CSULA.

Trophies and prizes were awarded in the categories of *Architectural Aesthetics*, *Structural Design* and *Efficiency* category. In the *Architectural Aesthetics*' category, first place went to Wei Xie and Michael Arcana of Downtown Magnet High School, and second place went to Hilda Alquicira and Brian Flores of Roosevelt High School. For *Structural Design*, Jose Mendoza and Angel Franco from King Drew High School took first place, with Alex Conteras from Westchester High School taking second place.

There was excitement to see who the two top winners in the *Efficiency* category would be since those teams could advance to the 2010 International Bridge Building Contest. Model bridges were mounted on a platform where they were loaded with weights. An ultrasonic distance meter was used to measure the bridge deflection as it was loaded. The audiences watched anxiously as the model bridges were loaded and went through creaking, twisting, buckling and failure modes. The maximum load carrying capacity of the model bridge was used for efficiency computation. The goal was to score the highest efficiency ratio, which is calculated by dividing the maximum load carried divided by the weight of the bridge.

Jonathan Portillo's team from Lewis High School won the efficiency prize for the third year in a row. Their bridge supported 42.5 Kilograms (93.7 lbs) for an efficiency ratio of 1914. Miguel Marmolejo's team, also from Lewis High School, placed second for the second year in a row. The efficiency ratio of their bridge was 1440. Wei Xie's team from Downtown Magnet High School, took third place with an efficiency ratio of 706. Students from nine high schools built 15 qualifying bridges for this Regional Competition.

Jonathan and Miguel will now travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to represent Los Angeles in the International Bridge Competition. They will be accompanied by their teacher, Dr. Harald Holcomb who has guided Lewis High School to a top bridge building program. Jonathan and Miguel's mentor, **Kesavan Korand**, is very proud of the hard work that they have put into their bridges and for their success.

Special thanks to: Commissioner Andrea Alarcón from the Board of Public Works; Dean of Engineering - CSULA Keith Moo-Young; Councilmember Jose Huizar's Field Deputy Erick Martell; Chairman of Civil Engineering - CSULA Dr. Rupa Purasinghe; Civil Engineering staff - CSULA, Donna Melendez; ASCE - President of Metropolitan Los Angeles

Branch (MLAB) Serge Haddad; ASCE Student President-CSULA Edgar Perez; and Acting Deputy City Engineer Shailesh "Sunny" Patel. We extend our thanks to all the participating students, High Schools and their respective teachers, Public Affairs Officer, Lauren Skinner; Program Manager **Shirish Mistry**, **Kent Welling**, **Julia Moye** and all the BOE mentors for their leadership and dedication to the success of this Regional Competition.

We extend our thanks to CSULA and the Civil Engineering Department for their facility

and ASCE student staff for assisting during the event. As part of the entire team for this event, special thanks go to mentors and facilitators **Mina Azarnia**, **Shashi Bhakta**, **Kesavan Korand**, **Soyoon (Eunice) Lee**, **Richard Louie**, **Julia Moye**, **Alex Moreno**, **Karan Patel**, **David Perez**, **Robert Schultz**, **Henry Sisomvang**, **Andre Stutts**, **Cliff Thieme**, **David Ventura** and **Steve Martinez**. Our special thanks are extended to Dr. Harald Holcomb of Lewis High School for the testing apparatus and deflection measuring device.



l to r, Kneeling: 1st Place Winner Jonathan Portillo, and 2nd Place Winner Miguel Marmolejo. Standing: Sunny Patel, Dr. R. Purasinghe, CSULA, Saul Hernandez, Dr. Harald Holcomb, Lewis High School Principal Laura Hale, mentor Kesavan Korand.



l to r: Sunny Patel, Lauren Skinner, Pr. Public Relations Specialist, Sanitation and Jose Mendoza, student from King Drew Magnet High School, holding Structural Design trophy.

Support March of Dimes

Help support the March of Dimes and sign up to walk at the March for Babies Charity event on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**, or sponsor a fellow employee. Walk registration starts at 7:00 am and the walk begins at 8:30 am. The walk starts at Exposition Park, next to the USC campus. You can also visit any Los Angeles Federal Credit branch to sign up to walk.

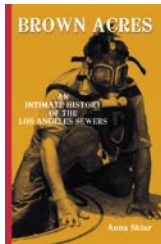
BOE MOD Coordinators

The division coordinators are the main contacts to find out about the activities related to the March of Dimes 2010 fundraising campaign. We thank them for helping to support this worthy cause.

Name	Division
Tia Davis	Admin
Karen Cundiff	Admin
Houshang Shahidi	Architectural
Noe Arce	Bridge Imp
Eda Meredith	Central
Kim Barton	Construction
Carolyn Reed	DSI/Structural
Jennifer Orange	EED
Virginia Naranjo	EED
Terri Winfield	Executive
Dennis Wong	Geotech
Donna Preston	Harbor
Quyen Phan	LDG
Mark Nuesca	Mapping
Mas Fujinami	Mapping
Barbara Schrader	PAB
Maryanne Yee	PAC
Wendy Young	Prop O
Ariel Larracas	Rec & Cult Fac.
Anthony Felipe	Streets/Strmwtr
Brian Szramowski	Survey
Rob Salerno	Survey
John Hallsted	Systems
Rajni Patel	WCCD
Sylvia Sanchez	WCCD
Nancy Giron	WCED
Juliet Ward	WLA
Ethan Wong	Zoo Bond

'Brown Acres' MOD Sale

Learn about the fascinating history of the Los Angeles sewer system. Buy a copy of *Brown Acres* for \$20 and help support the March of Dimes. From the review in the *L.A. Times*: "As any engaging cultural history should, *"Brown Acres"* illuminates the city's politics, landscape and ecology, especially through the labors of its municipal engineers." Contact **Myrna Braithwaite** Administrative Services Division, at (213) 485-4947 (x54947).



Interim DWP GM

Mayor's press release:

LOS ANGELES (April 19, 2010) - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced today that he has nominated Austin Beutner to serve as interim general manager of the Department of Water and Power (DWP) and charged him with developing and executing reform initiatives to change the culture at DWP, clear out the bureaucracy and lead a new era of accountable management and transparency.

"Austin has already made great progress building a team at city hall that changes our attitude toward business and job creation and I expect him to do nothing less as the interim general manager of the Department of Water and Power," Villaraigosa said.

As Beutner's first task, the Mayor has directed him to immediately perform a top-to-bottom financial and operational review to lead a new era of accountable management and transparency at the department and immediately implement business- and ratepayer-friendly reforms.

"Austin is uniquely qualified to oversee a top-to-bottom review of the department. He will continue to serve as my First Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive for Economic and Business Policy. In his private sector career Austin managed and advised dozens of large companies simultaneously, and I am confident he will be able to continue his work of creating jobs and making Los Angeles more business friendly while turning around the DWP."

Recently, Villaraigosa has emphasized the need to begin a new era of transparency, accountability and efficiency at the DWP. To that end, the Mayor has asked Beutner and the Board of Commissioners to implement business- and ratepayer-friendly reforms that make the DWP more efficient, while keeping water and power rates as low as possible and investing in green energy and creating jobs for Los Angeles.

Last week, Mayor Villaraigosa announced his nomination of respected businessman, Eric Holoman to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Holoman currently manages and directs Johnson Enterprises' day-to-day operations including strategy, finance and business development and oversees many of the organizations prestigious partnerships and will bring a unique financial perspective to the Commission.

Villaraigosa and Beutner will also continue the effort to find a permanent general manager who can bring the DWP into the 21st century in terms of both embracing the use of clean, green power and creating an efficient company by enlisting a top recruiting firm.

Beutner's nomination will be reviewed by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Upon approval, he will serve a six-month term.

Mayor's State of the City

Mayor's press release:

LOS ANGELES (April 20, 2010) - Mayor Villaraigosa today delivered his fifth State of the City Address where he unveiled this coming year's budget and his strategies to put the City of Los Angeles back on a path of fiscal sustainability, replenish the reserve fund and maintain a police force of just under 10,000 officers.

"We start by recognizing that LA's long-term fiscal sustainability goes beyond just one budget year," Villaraigosa said. "One year of cost-cutting won't solve this crisis. We must make lasting, structural changes that not only balance this year's bottom line but puts us back into the black for future forecasts."

"This budget provides a beginning path towards that sustainability. It is balanced by using 68 percent of cuts and revenue changes that are structural and just 32 percent that are one-time. It protects the reserve fund. It funds our first obligation public safety. It continues the fight against gang violence. It protects our basic infrastructure by maintaining streets. It forges new partnerships with the private sector and it balances our expectations with our resources.

"This budget totals \$4.34 billion dollars. Sets aside 6.5 percent or \$284 million dollars for the reserve fund and it builds a smaller, more efficient city government."

In acknowledging that the proposed budget does not fund some basic city services - libraries, pothole repair, tree trimming and park programs - the Mayor issued a challenge to all of the city's leadership and workforce to be willing to take cuts in pay or increase their contributions made to their pension or health care plans to pass an even better budget to avoid many of the cuts and prevent further layoffs.

"So I issue another challenge: the Mayor's office, the City Council, labor leaders and our city workers," Villaraigosa continued. "We must all share in the sacrifice to stop the cuts in services and prevent further lay-offs. We must all be willing to take cuts in our pay, increase our pension contribution, and contribute more to our health care plans.

"I will be cutting my office budget and I ask the Council to do the same.

"My friends, ultimately we are here today because we believe that people of good faith can come together and find the common ground needed to secure a more sustainable future. Let us commit ourselves to finding this common ground. Let us commit ourselves to a frank and open conversation. Let us challenge ourselves to engage in the sincere and honest search for solutions to avoid the austere future represented by this proposed budget.

"I stand here before you committed to the challenges before us. Committed to reviving the spirit of cooperation. Committed to sharing in the sacrifice. Committed to working side-by-side with you to create an even better budget."

LA GEECS Migration for Bureau of Engineering

The City of Los Angeles is switching its email and calendar systems from Novell GroupWise to Google Apps Premier Edition. The name of this project is the *Los Angeles Google Enterprise Email and Collaboration System* (LA GEECS). The migration will occur in multiple phases between now and June 30, 2010. On Monday, February 8, 2010, Systems Division completed their pilot phase migration for Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Systems Division is currently working with the Information Technology Agency to migrate all BOE employees on **Monday, May 10, 2010**.

Before this date, there are several tasks that must be completed by all employees to successfully migrate into Google. The LA GEECS pre-migration tasks shown below will help you prepare for the switch over. In addition, you will be receiving further email communications and training from Systems as the project progresses.

Pre-Migration Tasks

- All affected BOE employees should have attended the Google Apps end user training by now.
- Clean-up GroupWise archive(s)
Delete all unimportant e-mail and previously canceled appointments
- Breakdown GroupWise archive by year
Archive all mail by year - 2008, 2009, etc.
- Clean-up Online GroupWise Account
Mailbox, sent items, calendar, and trash
- Save any GroupWise e-mail attachments larger than 25MB to your PC
ITA will not migrate these large attachments into the LA GEECS system
- Clean up GroupWise Personal Address Books
Delete all old contacts
- Archive all GroupWise live e-mail and calendar items over 90 days
Archive items earlier than February 15, 2010
- Turn off Auto-Archiving by **May 7, 2010 at 12:00 pm**
Select manual delete and archive
- Backup GroupWise Archive
Make a copy of your GroupWise archive folder(s)
- Convert GroupWise Archive to Archive To Go software
Systems Technical Support staff will provide installation assistance
- Internet Explorer 7 is BOEs official browser and may be used to access LA GEECS
Systems Technical Support staff will provide installation assistance
- Google's Chrome Internet browser will be supported for LA GEECS usage only
Systems Technical Support staff will provide installation assistance
- Turn off GroupWise e-mail rules
LA GEECS uses e-mail filters instead of e-mail rules

- Print GroupWise calendar by May 7, 2010
This will serve as a reference once you log in to your new LA GEECS account on May 10, 2010
- Log out of your GroupWise account before **5:00 pm on Friday, May 7, 2010**
GroupWise e-mail will no longer be available for usage

Please attend one of the scheduled training classes for a detailed overview of the LA GEECS pre-migration tasks. For additional assistance, contact the BOE Systems Help Desk at <http://boedata.eng.ci.la.ca.us/support>.

Google Mail vs GroupWise Mail FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

In GroupWise email, I could classify my sent email as High Priority, Standard Priority, and Low Priority. Can I do the same thing in Google mail?

No. Google mail doesn't support classifying sent mail item messages at this time.

In GroupWise email, I could track the replies from recipients. Can I do the same thing in Google mail?

No. This feature is not available in Google mail.

In GroupWise email, I could only send attachments up to 10MB in size. Can I send larger file attachments in Google mail?

Yes. Google mail allows file attachments up to 25MB in size.

In GroupWise, I could retract a sent message. Can I retract a sent message in Google mail?

Yes. There is a new "message undo" feature that lets you recall a message after you send it. However, the undo timeframe is only 10 seconds.

In GroupWise email, I could use proxy rights to access another employee's calendar. Can I do the same thing in Google mail?

No. Proxy is not an available feature in Google. However, Google mail does allow you to share your calendars with other employees.

In GroupWise email, I used folders to organize my email. Can I do the same thing in Google mail?

No. Google mail does not use folders but uses labels instead. Google mail allows up to 10 labels per email.

In GroupWise email, my mailbox was limited to 300MB in size. Will I receive a larger mailbox limit in Google?

Yes. Google mail provides a 25GB size limit for each employee's mailbox.

City Works Receives CAPIO Award

Public Works Public Affairs Office press release: LOS ANGELES (April 16, 2010) - The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) presented its Award of Merit to "City Works," the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' half-hour television magazine, in the 2010 CAPIO Excellence in Communications Awards competition. Presentation was made April 15 during the 29th Annual CAPIO Conference in the CAPIO Awards ceremony at the Fess Parker Double Tree in Santa Barbara.

CAPIO's "Excellence in Communication" awards recognize the most creative and effective efforts in the areas of communication and marketing campaigns, newsletter production, photography, special events, writing, Web site development and video production. Nearly 200 entries statewide were submitted in the competition, 15 in the video production category.

"City Works" spotlights key personnel, projects, and special programs of the various bureaus and divisions within the Department of Public Works. It showcases the hard work the men and women of the department do everyday in order to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles. "We are honored to receive this prestigious award from CAPIO, the statewide leader in governmental communications and information," said Public Works Board President Cynthia M. Ruiz. "It distinguishes "City Works" among the very best video productions in the state.

"We are pleased to have CAPIO honor "City Works" with its Award of Merit," said Executive Director Enrique Zaldivar, of the Bureau of Sanitation. "It is an outstanding production and very effective tool in helping us inform the public about our programs and the people who deliver quality and cost-effective services each day to the citizens of Los Angeles."

"City Works" is produced in partnership with LA City View Channel 35 and debuted in July 1999. Award-winning producer Kim P. Friedman produces the show. His credits include Executive Producer "Good Day LA," Fox Television, Los Angeles, and Professor of Cinema and Television Arts, California State University, Northridge.

"City Works" Episode #24, which aired recently, featured in-depth reports the new Los Angeles Police Administration Building, the Light-Emitting Diode Green Street Light Program, and Best Practices for Proper Handling and Disposal of Automotive Waste.

This and other previously aired episodes of City Works also are available online from the Channel 35 City View On-Demand Video Library. Visit www.lacityview.org, scroll down, select City Departments/Informational, then find and select City Works.

CMAA Seminars

The Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter has announced the following seminars:

Claims & Construction Litigation in California on Thursday, May 20, 2010, 8:00 - 8:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast, 8:30 - 11:30 am Seminar, at The Grand Conference Center, 4101 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA. Discussion Topics Will Include:

- Factual and legal foundational elements of claims
- A party's burden of proof
- How claims are supported and defended against
- Claims both in the public and private context
- A summary of the legal restrictions that apply to claims under California law

Seminar Instructor: Chris Roux, Construction and Government Contracts Group, Alston + Bird LLP.

Cost is \$60 for members and \$90 for non-members. On-line registration is available for these programs at www.cmaasc.org. For the flier and registration form go to www.cmaasc.org - Event Calendar.

Exposition Rose Garden

Recreation & Parks press release:

LOS ANGELES - Exposition Rose Garden had one new type recommended to grow in 2010 when it reopened March 16 following its annual winter pruning. The addition is "Easy Does It" and it was picked by the All-American Rose Selections organization as the best rose for the upcoming season. For more information about the 2010 winning rose, go to www.rose.org. In addition, one unnamed type that will be the only 2011 rose of choice will be among the 140 styles of this flower at the garden, which is home to about 5,600 rose bushes in all.

Exposition Rose Garden is at 701 State Dr. (near the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the University of Southern California). It's open daily from 8:30 am to dusk going through December, with no charge for admission. The pruning period is from January 1 to March 15, during which time the facility is closed.

For 80 years the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks has operated and maintained the rose garden, which is visited annually by thousands of Los Angeles area residents and tourists, and is a peaceful location with a backdrop of downtown skyscrapers. The rose beds are oval-shaped and surrounded by grass, and are arranged around a delightful central fountain, with charming gazebos. This combination of features makes the Rose Garden a popular place for weddings and other celebratory events, and a location for photos and filming, all of which require a permit. For more information about Exposition Rose Garden, call (213) 763-0114, or go to www.laparks.org and select *Horticulture Centers and Gardens*.

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Fall Protection Crucial on Job Sites

Falls at construction sites top the list of fatalities in the construction industry. Every year, one out of three construction-related deaths are caused by falls. According to the 2007 Bureau of Labor Statistics, construction fatality data show that approximately 442 fatalities resulted from falls. In recent years, fall fatalities have increased even though safety regulations exist and fall prevention methods are commonly available. Cal OSHA, Title 8, Section 1669 - 1671.2 contains information governing the construction industries Fall Protection requirements.

Identifying fall conditions is the most important element in preventing fall injuries and death. Fall protection equipment and its proper use are important for worker safety. A personal fall arrest system consists of three key components: anchorage, body wear and a connecting device. All three must be in place and properly used to provide maximum worker protection.

Anchorage

Anchorage is an accessible location typically above the worker that is both at a safe distance above obstacles directly below the work area and is also able to support up to 5,000 lbs. per worker. An example of an anchorage is an I-beam. An anchorage connector is either a permanent or temporary device attached to an anchorage location. An example of a permanent anchorage connector is a D-bolt anchor; examples of temporary devices are a cross-arm strap, choker and beam anchor.

Body Wear

A full-body harness is an approved safety device worn to protect and/or prevent falls and injury. A body-belt is a safety device worn around the waist to assist in stabilizing/positioning only and to also assist in restraining a worker from reaching a location where a fall could occur. They are not an approved/acceptable safety device for fall protection.

Connecting Devices

Shock-absorbing lanyards and self-retracting lifelines are connecting safety devices that are, in turn, attached to an anchorage/anchorage connector and are then connected to the worker's full-body harness. A vertical lifeline and rope grab is a compact device that, when

connected accordingly to an anchorage and then connected to a worker's full-body harness, provides continuous fall protection.

In many circumstances, employees are exposed to fall condition and are not aware of it until it is too late. Approved personal fall arrest, personal fall restraint or positioning systems shall be worn by those employees whose work exposes them to falling in excess of 7 1/2 feet from the perimeter of a structure, unprotected sides and edges, leading edges, through shaft ways and openings, sloped roof surfaces steeper than 7:12, or other sloped surfaces steeper than 40 degrees not otherwise adequately protected by continuous guardrails or physical barriers to prevent free falls.

Questions regarding fall protection and other Occupational Safety & Health issues can be directed to **Calvin Toy**, Bureau Safety Engineer at calvin.toy@lacity.org.

Spring Garden Festival

Recreation & Parks Dept. press release:

CHATSWORTH - The Chatsworth Historical Society will hold its 2010 Spring Garden Festival on **Sunday, April 25** from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Homestead Acre/Hill-Palmer House, which is at 10385 Shadow Oak Dr., on the grounds of Chatsworth Park South, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility at the west end of Devonshire Street.

The event will include displays of more than 300 rose bushes in bloom, museum exhibits that feature Chatsworth pioneer families and the 1965 relocation of the Pioneer Church, arts and crafts, and other activities.

There will also be floral demonstrations and information about garden clubs, a Veteran's Quilt Project display, Polynesian dance revue by Chatsworth Dance Centre at 2:00 p.m., tours of Minnie's Cottage, and plants, baked goods, refreshments, and other items for sale.

A \$4 donation is requested from adults and \$1 for children age 6 or older; proceeds will help maintain and improve the Hill-Palmer property, which is operated by the Chatsworth Historical Society, and benefit the Virginia Watson Chatsworth Museum.

For those who are interested, a ceremonial tea will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Duchess Tea Room; the cost for this is \$7 per person, and reservations - which are recommended - can be made by calling (818) 882-5614.

Because of limited on-site parking, free shuttle service will be available from the Chatsworth Train Depot, 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd. For more information about the Spring Garden Festival or the Homestead Acre/Hill-Palmer House, call Virginia Watson of the Chatsworth Historical Society at (818) 341-3053.

Departures

Tim Haug, Deputy City Engineer I, retired, Exec; **Winifred Harano**, Chief Management Analyst, retired, ASD; **Mildred Owens**, Sr Management Analyst II, retired, ASD; **Sheryl Stacy**, Sr Clerk Typist, retired, ASD; **Richard Chung** and **Anna Sanchez**, Sr Management Analyst I, retired, ASD; **Cheryl Fallon**, Principal Clerk, retired, ASD; **Carlos Lopez**, Management Analyst II, retired, Survey; **Gay Lyons**, Land Surveying Assistant, retired, Survey; **Teresa Strazzella** and **Kurt Reimers**, Survey Party Chief II, retired, Survey; **Elvia Madrid-Aragon**, Secretary, retired, WCE; **Remberito Javier**, CE Associate II, retired, Harbor; **Sharon Nelson**, Sr Clerk Typist, retired, BIP; **Alex Davidian**, CE Drafting Technician, retired, LDG; **Barbara Frederick**, Sr Management Analyst I, retired, EED; **Linda Richardson**, Principal Clerk, retired, EED; **Francis Wong**, Geo Info Specialist, retired, Mapping; **Chuc Nguyen**, CE Associate III, retired, Street; **Jason Chang**, CE Associate II, retired, Central; **Sandra McClellan**, CE Drafting Tech, retired, Central; **Binh Pham**, CE Drafting Tech, retired, Arch; **Fuh-Shing Pan**, CE Associate IV, retired, DSI; **Daniel Yen**, CE Drafting Tech, retired, SED.

Farewell to Gutman

At **9:30 am, Friday, April 23, 2010**, the Board of Public Works will present a Resolution Award to Julie B. Gutman, Vice President of the Board of Public Works, in the Board of Public Works Session Room, City Hall room 350, as she is leaving after having served as a Public Works Commissioner since July 2007.

Mayor's press release:

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Villaraigosa issued the following statement on Julie Gutman, Vice-President of the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works Commission and Senior Labor Advisor, being named Executive Director of the Program for Torture Victims, the first human rights organization of its kind in the country.

"The Program for Torture Victims is not only acquiring a brilliant leader, but also a passionate and committed champion of social justice who has dedicated her career to working on behalf of the oppressed.

"I would like to thank Julie for her tireless dedication and service to the City of Los Angeles. As a trusted advisor, I have relied on her recommendations for workforce development initiatives that have created good middle class jobs in Los Angeles. She has been an invaluable asset for the City, bringing together labor leaders with private sector employers and spearheading legal and political strategies that help our most vulnerable residents.

"I wish Julie nothing but the best and look forward to seeing her progress and thrive in her new position as a national advocate for protecting human rights."

No Newsletter on May 5th

After today, the Engineering Newsletter will be published on a less frequent basis. There will be no Newsletter on May 5, 2010. The next Newsletter will come out **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**. We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. Please note that the main e-mail address to send articles, photos, etc., is now **BOENewsletter@gmail.com**. Continue to cc **Myrna Braithwaite**, Administrative Services, on all correspondence relating to the Engineering Newsletter.

Google Mail New Date

The transition of the Bureau of Engineering to Google Mail new effective date is **Monday, May 10, 2010**. For more information see the article on page 4.

Supply Order Deadlines

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching, so keep in mind the following purchasing deadlines. Due to the Mayor and the Controller having earlier called for a Citywide General Fund spending freeze, General Fund money will not be available. All requests must include correct coding information before submitting them to Administrative Services Division, Purchasing Services & Support Section.

Remember that your staff's Training Reimbursements are charged to your division's budget allocation. You must deduct pending Training Reimbursements against the available balance in your division's allocation before submitting final requests.

- Requests for non-contract items over \$1,000 and under \$100,000, must be date stamped **received** by the Purchasing Unit by **Friday, April 30, 2010**.
- Orders for office supplies covered under City Stores as well as those covered under City Contracts (such as Office Depot) must be date stamped **received** by the Purchasing Unit by **Friday, May 14, 2010**.
- Year-end encumbrances and disencumbrances of AFE's, TL's, IDO's and GEF's (General Fund and Wastewater) need to be **received** by the Purchasing Unit by **Friday, May 21, 2010**. *
- Payment Requests for non-SMS related transactions (GF and WW), should be **received** by the Purchasing Unit by **Monday, May 31, 2010**. *

* Subject to change.

Supply requests failing to meet the criterion noted above, or received after these deadlines, will be held for processing after July 1, 2010 and charged against the divisions' Fiscal Year 2010-11 allocation.

We'd Like to Hear from You

If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to **BOENewsletter@gmail.com** with a copy to **Myrna Braithwaite** (**myrna.braithwaite@lacity.org**) Administrative Services Division. Deadline for the next issue is **Thursday, May 13, 2010**.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

On April 20, 2010, Mayor Villaraigosa gave his State of the City Address and presented his Proposed 2010-11 Budget to City Council. The budget documents are now available on the City website - go to **www.lacity.org** and under the Mayor's section on the top right, click on **City Budget**.

The City Council Budget & Finance Committee will conduct budget hearings April 27 - May 11. The Committee will prepare a report with recommendations for changes to the budget, if any, to the Council. The Council will hold public hearings on the budget and should finalize its action on the Proposed Budget by May 20,, and adopt a formal Budget Resolution May 26-28. By Charter, the Mayor has 5 working days to veto any of the Council's changes and the Council then has 5 working days to override the Mayor's vetoes.

This is a summary of some of the proposed changes for the Bureau of Engineering:

- Reduction of 129 positions vacated due to the Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP), 27 were restored and 26 positions were offset cuts, resulting in a net reduction of 128 positions.
- Reduction of 21 General Fund positions vacated by transfers to special funded positions.
- Reduction of 4 positions and General Fund and Stormwater salaries and expense.
- Transfer of the Land Records function, funding and 7 positions from the City Clerk, plus 4 new positions, for a total of 11 positions added to BOE. This new function required the creation of a new Budgetary Program in BOE titled "Land Records" (FI7810).
- Reduction of 7 resolution authorities.
- Cut of \$2,566,500 in General Fund salaries. This is the description of the Blue Book item: *Change in Number of Working Days - Reduce the number of working days for civilian employees directly or indirectly funded through General Fund receipts with the exception of select departments and position classifications. Reduce 26 working days for civilian positions that have received cost of living adjustments on or after July 1, 2009. Reduce 16 working days for the remainder of civilian positions.*

The budget, as proposed by the Mayor, would not trigger layoffs in BOE, since the reductions can be covered with existing vacancies. We will do our best to keep you updated on Council actions related to the budget.

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