BOE Delivers Facility for Housing Homeless Veterans in West Los Angeles

Mayor Eric Garcetti’s A Bridge Home Program is tasked with delivering emergency housing to help homeless Angelenos find their way off the streets. On April 1, 2020, the Bureau of Engineering (Engineering), in partnership with Councilmember Mike Bonin (CD11), Los Angeles County, the Veteran’s Affairs (VA) and Department of General Services, Construction Forces (GSD), completed a new facility located at the VA West Los Angeles Campus, 11303 Wilshire Blvd., in Brentwood.

The Veterans Administration Bridge Home opened to homeless veterans this past week. The facility was originally designed to house 100 homeless veterans, but due to the need to provide additional separation space due to COVID 19, the facility is currently accepting half that number.

This facility is the first collaboration between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles and Veteran Affairs. The project design and construction was funded by Los Angeles County and the City, and operations are paid for from a federal grant, administered by the Veteran Administration.

The facility includes: two 60-foot by 120-foot Sprung structures, two hygiene trailers, a heated shade structure for dining, and a pet relief area.

Congratulations go to the Homeless Facilities and Special Projects Division: Allan Kawaguchi, Division Engineer; Project Manager and Construction Manager Marcelino Ascensio; Assistant Project Manager and Construction Manager Luz Rabelo; and the Department of General Services, Construction Forces staff: Charley Pallares, Josh Engstrom, and Sergio Avila; and everyone else who contributed to making this project a success.

Site Opens Saturday, Focusing on Preventing Unhoused Vets from Contracting COVID-19; VA also announces launch of “Safe Camping” for Veterans

Councilmember Mike Bonin press release: BRENTWOOD, CA (April 2, 2020) - Bridge housing for homeless veterans is opening Saturday at the Veterans Administration campus in Brentwood, giving vulnerable, unhoused veterans an opportunity to comply with social distancing and public health protocols.

The facility, built by the City of Los Angeles and paid for by both the city and the county, will launch as a 50-bed shelter...
for unhoused veterans who are displaying no symptoms of COVID-19. Originally designed as a 100-bed shelter, the facility will temporarily house a smaller number of veterans in order to comply with social distancing guidelines.

“This is a small payment on the debt we owe our veterans, and I am grateful this facility is finally opening its doors and letting unhoused veterans in,” Councilmember Mike Bonin said. “We can’t rest until every veteran has a place to call home, and until every unsheltered person in Los Angeles is allowed to come indoors.”

The new facility, proposed by Bonin and supported by Mayor Eric Garcetti, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, veterans and residents of Brentwood and West Los Angeles, will be the second “A Bridge Home shelter opened in Council District 11. In January, a bridge shelter, accommodating 100 adults and 54 youth, opened in Venice.

The news of the opening of the facility was part of a larger announcement by the Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. The VA also announced that 138 beds in building 214 are being made available to veterans who need to isolate or quarantine due to exposure to or risk of COVID-19. The VA is also allowing “safe camping” on the campus for unsheltered veterans in tents. The program, which will allow 25 veterans to participate, will provide showers, restrooms and hot meals, and may expand to accommodate a larger number of veterans.

“I am really pleased to see the local VA opening up the campus this way to those to whom it truly belongs,” Bonin said. “Veterans have been clamoring for more access for generations, and I am grateful the current team at VAGLAHS is stepping up and providing it. The addition of Safe Camping, while the VA builds long-term housing with its Master Plan, is a smart and greatly needed complement to the “Safe Parking” the VA already offers to veterans who live in their cars.”

In recent weeks, Bonin has been calling for unhoused Angelenos to be housed in vacant hotel rooms, and for the City of Los Angeles to create “safe camping” sites on vacant parking lots. Recently, Tampa opened a parking lot for safe camping, allowing unhoused residents to set up tents in a designated area, with appropriate social distancing, food, hygiene facilities, and medical services.
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Gregg Vandergriff as the Division Manager for the Project Award and Control Division (PAC) and the appointment of Ethan Wong as the Division Manager for the Environmental Engineering Division.

Gregg Vandergriff
Gregg began his career with the Bureau of Engineering in 1989 after graduating from Brigham Young University with a BS in Civil Engineering. He was recruited to the Bureau by Retired Deputy City Engineer Clark Robbins and Wayne Savaria through the on-campus interviews. Gregg had never been to California prior to coming to the City of Los Angeles except for a plane transfer at LAX.

Gregg began his career as Civil Engineering Assistant I with the City of Los Angeles with the Hyperion Construction Division at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant during the Phase II Primary and Secondary tank expansion. When asked what assignment he would like to start with Gregg asked for construction. He explained that his father was a contractor and he thought it important to understand what was being constructed prior to working on a design. Construction tended to be when any opportunities missed in design made themselves known and would be helpful to at least know about common issues.

Shortly after finishing his rotation in construction Gregg promoted to Sanitary Engineering Associate II. He spent five years working with the Household Hazardous waste program which collected hazardous materials from City residents with the intent to keep those out of the landfills.

He then promoted back to the Bureau of Engineering as a Sanitary Engineering Associate II. He spent five years with EED. During that time he worked on projects at the Los Angeles Glendale Water Reclamation Plant and the Terminal Island Treatment Plant. He also spent one year providing construction assistance to LAWA at the Ontario Terminals.

In December 1999 he promoted to Civil Engineer at Central District. There he supervised the Public Counter before becoming the B permit plan check supervisor. Gregg worked through the City process to provide computers at all public counter work stations, and staff cubicles. During his tenure there he also assisted in developing the precursor to the electronic A-permits, the cashing system which is only now being replaced, as well as secured large format scanners that allowed for scanning plans and maps for digitizing many of the documents now found online.

In February 2016 Gregg Vandergriff promoted to Senior Civil Engineer with the Land Development and GIS Division. There he participated in the development of the electronic work flow management system for the Sidewalk Repair rebate and access programs, negotiating the purchasing contract for the City’s GIS software, and other GIS related tasks. His last assignment was supervising the Land Development Section which makes recommendations to the Department of City Planning and the City Council regarding subdivision maps, vacations and other rights of way matters. He also helped develop the databases for the Development Services Program’s fee and labor modeling.

Gregg looks forward to leading the Project Award and Control Division and sees it as something of a return to his roots because he remembers helping his father prepare estimates and bids for submittal to various government agencies. In addition, there has been a long association with Risk Management because of requests from the City Attorney’s office and the public regarding permits and other public records.

During his career with the City Gregg and his wife Diana have raised 4 daughters. One is a nurse in Washington, another is a nurse in the Salt Lake Valley. His second daughter works for Oracle in their marketing department. The fourth is going to school at the University of Utah where she is studying Kinesiology and teaches dance part time while working full-time as a customer relations supervisor.

His office is located in the Public Works Building, Project Award and Control Division, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 140, Los Angeles, CA 90015, and his phone number is (213) 847-0577.

Ethan Wong
Ethan began his career with the City and Bureau of Engineering as a Civil Engineering Associate I with the Street and Stormwater group in 2001. After working in the Valley District Office and the Proposition F Fire Facilities Bond Program, he became a Civil Engineer in 2008 and was selected to be the construction manager for the Elephants of Asia project at the Los Angeles Zoo. Ethan was later promoted to Project Manager I in the Zoo Facilities Bond program managing the construction portion of the Rainforest of the Americas project. Ethan then transitioned to the role of Senior Construction Engineer in the Construction Management Division and has been in that role since 2012.

In his free time Ethan enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, watching sports, and playing golf.

His address is Environmental Engineering Division, 12000 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293 and his phone number is (310) 648-6120.

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Welcome to the Bureau of Engineering!

The following information about some of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of Engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

**Homar Alegre**  
Homar Alegre joined the Survey Division as a Field Engineering Aide on March 16, 2020. He is currently pursuing a certificate of achievement in Land Surveying at College of the Canyons.  

Before working for the BOE, Homar worked for nearly two years as a survey chainman in the private sector. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends, cooking new recipes, and reading new books. He is very grateful for the opportunity to work for the City of Los Angeles and looks forward to being of service to the community.

**Gregory Arbuckle**  
Greg Arbuckle graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating, he worked as an intern for a small manufacturing company. He joined the Environmental Engineering Division as a Mechanical Engineering Associate II on March 2, 2020 after working in the Department of Building and Safety for approximately 6 and a half years. His hobbies include reading, traveling, fishing, watching baseball, and spending time with family and friends. Greg is excited for this new career opportunity with the Bureau of Engineering.

**Jermaine Baylark**  
Jermaine Baylark joined the Sidewalk Division (SWD) as a Civil Engineering Associate I on November 12, 2019. Jermaine graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in December 2018 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering (Environmental) and a minor in Energy Engineering. During his time at Cal Poly Pomona, he was an active participant in Engineers Without Borders (EWB) and worked on designing wells and water retrieval devices for villages in Nicaragua.  

Prior to joining the Bureau of Engineering, Jermaine worked as an Environmental Consultant at Taylor Environmental Services, a small environmental consulting firm that focused on reporting emissions from facilities in the processing industry such as asphalt and aggregate plants.  

In his free time, Jermaine enjoys watching and discussing movies, skateboarding, trying new food, and learning more about coding and graphic design. Jermaine is enthusiastic and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Bureau of Engineering and looks forward to the new skills that he will attain.

**Fausto Miguel Camarena**  
Fausto Miguel Camarena joined the Sixth Street Viaduct Division as a Civil Engineering Associate I. He was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. He attended California State University Northridge where he earned both a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Science in Structural Engineering. During college, he worked for a Civil and Structural design firm for a few years and then he decided to work for a construction company to broaden his knowledge about construction engineering. In his spare time, Fausto enjoys spending time with his family and friends, playing sports, and helping others. Miguel is thankful for the opportunity and looks forward to a great career with the City of Los Angeles.

**Sahara Granados**  
Sahara Granados started with the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division on March 2, 2020 as an Administrative Intern. She was born in Monterey Park, California.  

Sahara received her Bachelor's in Psychology from Cal State Dominguez Hills. She used to work at Pizza Port at the Disneyland Resort as a food prep and also a cashier. She is a certified Behavior Technician for children with special needs; she has been doing that for almost two years. Sahara's hobbies include cooking, spending time with family, and learning new skills off YouTube. Although working with the kids can be very rewarding, she has always wanted to work on an Administration team. Sahara is very excited for this opportunity she has here.

**Jacob Mohoff**  
Jacob Mohoff joined the Survey Division on March 16, 2020 as a Field Engineering Aide. Previously, he worked as a chainman at a private land surveying firm for 3 years. He worked on many large-scale projects, garnering much experience in the field, and utilized cutting edge survey technologies. To supplement his field experience, he began attending Santiago Canyon College in the evenings; he is on his way to attaining a certificate in Mapping and Land Surveying Sciences.  

This past year, he got his FAA license to pilot an unmanned drone. In his spare time, Jacob loves to spend time with his wife and children. You can catch them at the library, park, or the beach. He is very excited about the future working here for the BOE in the City of Los Angeles.

**Damien Perez**  
Damien Perez joined the Survey Division as a Field Engineering Aide on March 16, 2020. He is currently pursuing an Associate's degree in Land Surveying from Santiago Canyon Community College to help him study for his Land Surveyor In Training Certification.  

Prior to joining the Public Works, he worked as a surveyor in the private sector and has more than one year of experience both in the field and in the office. Some of his hobbies include going to music concerts, playing the drums, watching sports, and spending time with friends and family. He is very thankful to be given this opportunity to learn and grow with his fellow co-workers and work hard to serve the City of Los Angeles.

**James Wohlmuth**  
James Wohlmuth joined the Environmental Management Group on March 16, 2020 as an Environmental Supervisor I. He earned his Bachelor's in biology from UCLA.  

Prior to joining BOE, James worked in stormwater and urban runoff compliance monitoring with the Watershed Protection Division of LASAN as a Water Biologist for the past six years. His hobbies continued on page 5
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include playing basketball, snowboarding, hiking, and traveling. James is excited to be a part of the Bureau of Engineering and looks forward to continuing his service to his hometown of Los Angeles.

Ezequiel Zimerman

Ezequiel Zimerman joined the Survey Division on March 16, 2020 as a Field Engineering Aide. He attended East Los Angeles College and Cal State University Los Angeles, where he majored in Civil Engineering and was introduced to Land Survey. He worked as a Land Surveyor Chairman for 2 years and 3 months before joining the City of Los Angeles.

In his spare time, he enjoys watching and attending Dodger games, working on classic cars, and spending time with friends and family. He is excited for the opportunity to work for the City of Los Angeles and for the growth he may have within the Survey Division.

BOE Project Receives CMAA SoCal Award

On March 12, 2020 the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Southern California Chapter has announced the winners of their 28th Annual Project Achievement Awards.

The Bureau of Engineering has won for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation Bus Maintenance & Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Facility project in the category of Transportation $11M to $50M.

The project consisted of:
- A two-story 21,625 square-foot Maintenance and Operation Building
- A one-story 4,550 square-foot Bus Service Building with CNG fueling stations, fuel storage, and compressor
- A one-story, 1,903 square-foot Bus Wash Building with wash equipment capable of recycle and re-use the same water
- A parking lot with solar panel shade structures for up to 70 DASH buses and layover parking capacity for 64 Commuter Express buses; and
- A two-story 39,104 square-foot Parking Garage for 98 parking stalls

The facility was meant to be a model of energy efficiency and sustainable design and it attained LEED Platinum Certification, which is the highest certification granted by the U.S. Green Building Council.

For more information about this project, see the article in the May 8, 2019 BOE Newsletter.

The CMAA SoCal 28th Annual Awards Gala which was originally going to take place in May has been rescheduled to September 3, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach, 200 S. Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802.

Congratulations go to everyone involved in this project.

Tate is Terrific

This e-mail was sent to Jim Wu regarding CE Associate | Tracy Tate, WLA District: Thu, Mar 5, 2020, 9:16 AM Subject: Tracy Tate is terrific Jim

We have not met but I want you to know that Tracy Tate in your office is great to work with. She represents your department and the city very well. Her ability to listen and her professional kindness is lacking in so many city staff these days that I had to let you know that you have a fantastic member on your team!

Sincerely,
Robert Grosse
Bergeman Group

A view of the LADOT facility from Commercial Street.

The bus parking lot can accommodate 70 DASH buses and has layover capacity for 64 Commuter Express buses. The shade structures are topped with solar panels.
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risks COVID-19 poses to their critical func-

tions in coordination with the Emergency

Management Department (EMD) and shall

coordinate all crisis communications to em-

and the public with EMD; and

FURTHER DIRECT, that all City Depart-

ments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and

equipment related to COVID-19 prepare-

ation and prevention and forward that infor-

ation to the Office of the City Administrative

Officer (CAO); and

FURTHER DIRECT, that EMD shall coor-

date Citywide planning, preparedness and

response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the

Los Angeles County Department of Pub-

lic Health (LACODPH) and the Los Angeles

County Office of Emergency Management

(LACOEM).

THEREFORE DIRECT, that the Declar-

ation of Local Emergency shall take effect imme-

diately and that widespread publicity and notice

shall be given said Declaration through the

most feasible and adequate means of dissem-

inating such notice throughout the City.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND OR-

DERED, that a copy of this Declaration be

forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of

Emergency Management to be forwarded to the

Director of the California Governor’s Office of

Emergency Services requesting that the

Director find it acceptable in accordance with

State law; that the Governor of California

pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue

a proclamation declaring an emergency in

Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive

regulations that may hinder response and

recovery efforts; that response and recovery

assistance be made available under the Cal-

ifornia Disaster Assistance Act; and that the

Governor of California pursuant to the

Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation

declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County;

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The novel coronavirus pandemic is a global

emergency that is unprecedented in modern

history. Profoundly impacting our daily lives,

it has inspired Angelenos to respond with

courage, compassion, wisdom and resolve to

overcome this crisis and help each other.

In a short period of time and at an unprece-
dented scale, residents in every community

have embraced urgent social distancing best

practices and aggressive hygienic precaution,

not just to protect themselves, but to protect

others. Angelenos understand with excep-
tional clarity that there is only one way to get

through this difficult moment: together.

The City’s recent emergency orders - curtail-
ing large public gatherings; temporarily

closing many government facilities; closing

theaters, bars and entertainment venues;

prohibiting restaurants from serving to dine-in

customers while permitting take-out, delivery

and drive-thru; and a ban on evictions of resi-
dential and commercial tenants who cannot

pay rent due to financial impacts caused by

COVID-19 - have been followed with a willing

and generous spirit.

While we have previously taken strong

action, now the City must adopt additional

emergency measures to further limit the

spread of COVID-19.

With this virus, we are safer at home.

Wherever feasible, City residents must iso-
late themselves in their residences, subject to

certain exceptions provided below. This Order

is given because, among other reasons, the

COVID-19 virus can spread easily from person
to person and it is physically causing property

loss or damage due to its tendency to attach to

surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

Under the provisions of Section 231(i) of

the Los Angeles City Charter and Chapter 3,

Section 8.27 of the Los Angeles Administrative

Code, I hereby declare the following orders

to be necessary for the protection of life and

property in the City of Los Angeles, effective

on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM:

1. Subject only to the exceptions outlined

in this Paragraph and Paragraph 5 below,

all persons living within the City of Los

Angeles are hereby ordered to remain in

their homes. Residents of the City of Los

Angeles who are experiencing homeless-

ness are exempt from this requirement.

The City is working, along with partner

government agencies and non-govern-

mental organizations, to make more emer-
gency shelters available for the unhoused

residents of our City. City of Los Angeles

officials and contracted partners responsi-

Remember - The latest letterhead is always

available on the Engineering Forms Library

under the category “Correspondence” on the

Bureau of Engineering intranet.
5. Exceptions. People may lawfully leave their residence while this Order is in effect only to engage in the following activities:

(i) Deleted

(ii) Essential Activities. To engage in certain essential activities, including, without limitation, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, obtaining grocery items (including, without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences and other buildings) for their household or to deliver to others, or for legally mandated government purposes. In addition, any travel related to:

(a) providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
(b) returning to one's place of residence from outside the City;
(c) traveling to one's place of residence located outside the City;
(d) compliance with an order of law enforcement or court shall be exempt from this Order; or
(e) legally mandated government purposes.

Persons engaging in these essential activities are required to maintain reasonable social distancing practices. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

(iii) Outdoor Activities. To engage in passive outdoor activity and recreation, provided that the individuals comply with social distancing requirements, including, without limitation, walking, running, cycling; use of scooters, roller skates, skateboards, or other personal mobility devices; or travel in a vehicle with household members to a location where it is possible to walk, run or ride a bike, horseback ride or operate personal mobility devices, while maintaining social distancing practices. Indoor and outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within childcare centers, shall be closed for all purposes. The City of Los Angeles, following the recommendations and directives of the County Department of Public Health, shall cancel its recreational and cultural programming and close its beaches, park trails, trail heads, and park facilities. Parks shall remain open for passive recreational activities while practicing social distancing. “Recreation and cultural programming” refers to recreational and cultural activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, aquatics classes, instructional courses, and group sessions on City-owned and operated park land. “Park facilities,” which shall be closed to the public, refers to the City’s Department of Recreation and Parks facilities, including: skate parks, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, Venice Boardwalk (except as necessary to travel to an essential business), Griffith Observatory, Travel Town, Griffith Park train rides and pony rides, the Cabrillo Marine Museum, Sherman Oaks Castle, EXPO and aquatic facilities. Censor Centers located at Recreation and Parks facilities may remain open, provided strict adherence to social distancing practices.

(iv) Work in Support of Essential Activities. To perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.

(v) To care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.

(vi) Emergency Personnel. All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and related contractors and others working for emergency services providers are categorically exempt from this Order.

(vii) Essential Activities Exempt. Certain business operations and activities are exempt from the provisions of this Order, on the grounds that they provide services that are recognized to be critical to the health and well-being of the City. These include:

(a) All healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical and scientific research, laboratories, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, veterinary care providers, mental and behavioral health providers, substance use providers, physical therapists and chiropractors, cannabis dispensaries, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, manufacturers and suppliers. Healthcare operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.

(b) Grocery stores, water retailers, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, warehouse stores, food banks, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and medication supply (but not grooming or training), fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products (such as construction supplies, cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and continued on page 8
sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. Certified farmers markets may operate only if they are able to obtain written approval from the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and only according to the guidelines set forth by BSS.

(c) Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing.

(d) Organizations and businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless services agencies).

(e) Newspapers, television news, radio, magazine, podcast and journalism.

(f) Gas service stations, auto part supply, mobile auto repair operations, auto repair shops (including, without limitation, auto repair shops that operate adjacent to or otherwise in connection with an used or retail auto dealership), bicycle repair shops and related facilities. No auto dealership may operate, with the exception of its auto service and part stores. Fully automated or self-service car washes are permitted to operate; car washes that require personnel are not permitted to operate.

(g) Banks, credit unions, financial institutions and insurance companies.

(h) Hardware and building supply stores, day labor centers, and nurseries.

(i) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, custodial/Janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral home workers and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, day laborers, landscapers, gardeners, property managers and leasing agents, private security personnel and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other essential activities discussed in this subsection.

(j) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, boxes and packaging, and post office boxes.

(k) Educational institutions - including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities - for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained.

(l) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers.

(m) Restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare and offer food to customers, but only via delivery service, to be picked up, or drive-thru. For those establishments offering food pick-up options, proprietors are directed to establish social distancing practices for those patrons in the queue for pick-up. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and carry out basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or any other gathering site. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities are also exempt from this Order. Social distancing shall be maintained at a distance of at least six-feet away from others.

(n) Businesses that supply or provide storage for products needed for people to work from home.

(o) Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support, services, or supplies necessary to operate, provided that strict social distancing is maintained. This section includes, without limitation, utility companies.

(p) Individuals and businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, beverages or goods directly to residences or businesses, including rail and trucking.

(q) Airlines, taxis, ride sharing services, car rental companies, and other private transportation services providing transportation services necessary for essential activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order.

(r) Home-based care for disabled persons, seniors, adults, or children.

(s) Residential facilities and shelters for homeless residents, disabled persons, seniors, adults, children and animals.

(t) Professional services, such as legal, leasing and real estate transactions, payroll or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legal mandates activities. Open houses and in-person showings of housing for lease and sale are prohibited.

(u) Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:

(1) Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).

(2) Children shall not change from one group to another.

(3) If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.

(4) Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.

(v) Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.

(w) Military/Defense Contractors/FFRDC (Federally Funded Research and Development Centers). For purposes of this Order, essential personnel may leave their residence to provide any service or perform any work deemed essential for national security including, without limitation, defense, intelligence, and aerospace development and manufacturing for the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and NASA and other federal government, and or United States Government departments and agencies. Essential personnel include prime, sub-prime, and supplier contractor employees, at both the prime contract level and any supplier level at any tier, working on federal United States Government contracts, such as contracts for national intelligence and national security requirements.

(vii) Government Employees. This Order does not apply to employees of government agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Employees of the City of Los Angeles shall follow any current or future directives issued by the Mayor.

(ix) Essential Infrastructure. Individuals may leave their residences to provide any services or goods or perform any work necessary to build, operate, maintain or manufacture essential infrastructure, including without limitation construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing; airport operations, food supply, concessions, and construction; port operations and construction; water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining; roads and highways, public transportation and rail; solid waste collection, removal, and recycling; flood control and watershed protection; internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, phone retail sales and servicing, and web-based services); and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the industries referenced in this Paragraph, provided that they carry out those services and that work in compliance with social distancing practices as prescribed by the Centers for

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Face Coverings

WEAR NON-MEDICAL FACE COVERING IN PUBLIC

Bandanas  Scarves  Other cloth or fabric

N95 masks are reserved for medical workers

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Disease Control and Prevention and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, to the extent possible.

6. To the extent that this Order is in conflict with earlier Orders, this Order shall supersede the others.

7. Failure to comply with this Order shall constitute a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment. I hereby urge the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney to vigorously enforce this Order via Sections 8.77 and 8.78 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

8. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

This order shall be in place until April 19, 2020, and it may be extended prior to that time.

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Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

On March 18, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the US Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Among other things, the FFCRA amends the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) by providing Public Health Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) and FMLA Public Health Emergency Leave (FMLA+) for employees for certain coronavirus or COVID-19 related reasons. Effective April 1, 2020, employers are required to post a notice of the FFCRA requirements. The notice was sent to all divisions for posting.

April 6, 2020 Message from the Personnel Department General Manager:

The health and well-being of our employees is of utmost importance to our City leaders. Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the coronavirus and the need to maximize safety for you and your families, Mayor Garcetti issued new guidance to Angelenos on Monday, April 1, 2020 about the importance of wearing non-medical cloth face coverings in public. Face coverings are another way to limit the spread of respiratory droplets that may be infected with COVID-19.

The Mayor suggested that city employees wear their own face coverings when commuting and interacting with others. At this time, the City is unable to provide face coverings or face masks to all employees due to shortages across the country and the need to ensure supplies are reserved for medical workers and first responders.

In line with this new guidance, I ask that all City employees voluntarily comply with the Mayor’s request and wear a face covering when coming in to work. Face coverings are strongly recommended as they may provide an extra layer of protection. However, it is still important to limit trips outside your home, to wash your hands frequently, and to sanitize your environment. Face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing. Please continue to practice physical distancing when around other people, including at work.

What is a face covering? Is it a mask?

A face covering is not the same thing as a mask. At this time, you should not be purchasing medical-grade masks, which are in short supply. It is extremely important that N95 masks are reserved for those who need them most and have the highest risk of infection, including medical professionals and healthcare workers.

It is recommended that you wear cloth face coverings, such as one made from a bandana or scarf, or make your own using fabric. Any face coverings should be washed after each use. For additional background information on cloth face coverings and how to wear and care for them, please see face covering guidance from the State of California.

From the California Department of Public Health

What is a cloth face covering?

A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen.

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When should I wear a cloth face covering?

You may choose to wear a cloth face covering when you must be in public for essential activities, such as shopping at the grocery store. Wearing a cloth face covering does not eliminate the need to physically distance yourself from others.

How should I care for a cloth face covering?

It’s a good idea to wash your cloth face covering frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily. Have a bag or bin to keep cloth face coverings in until they can be laundered with detergent and hot water and dried on a hot cycle. If you must re-wear your cloth face covering before washing, wash your hands and wash your cloth face covering before washing, wash your hands and stay home when ill, but they may be helpful when combined with these primary interventions.

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Submittal of Papers

This is a reminder that employees must get the approval of their division/group manager and deputy/senior manager prior to submitting any abstract or paper for presentation at a professional conference.
**Temporary Employee Parking**

**March 31, 2020 Message from the General Manager of the General Services Department:**

This memo is being reissued to extend the effective dates and to include additional facilities. To support the City’s efforts to protect the workforce and ensure continuity of operations during the COVID-19 outbreak, City employees without parking permits may park in the garages at the LA Mall, City Hall East, Piper Technical Center, and Braude Building. The following guidelines will apply:

1. This temporary policy is being extended to April 19, 2020. It may be suspended or extended and is subject to change at any time without advance Citywide notification.
2. Employees with parking permits for the above mentioned facilities will continue to park in the structures and gain entry with their permits. Parking entrances are subject to closure when necessary and vehicles may be re-routed to other entrances.
3. Employees who do not have parking permits will be allowed to park in the following structures upon presenting their City identification:
   a. Los Angeles Mall (P1 Level): 201 N. Los Angeles Street
      The entrance is on Los Angeles Street between the 101 Freeway and Temple Street. This facility will be open Monday to Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.
   b. City Hall East Garage: 225 N. Los Angeles Street
      The entrance is on Los Angeles Street between Temple and First Streets. Enter using the VISITOR lane on the right-hand side. This facility is open 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.
   c. Piper Technical Center: 555 Ramirez Street
      This facility is open 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.
   d. Marvin Braude Building: 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard
      This facility is open Monday to Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Employees with permits to Friar Garage must continue to park at that facility.
4. Entry will be on a first come – first served basis, as space allows. Parking spaces are not guaranteed to be available.
5. Parking attendants will instruct employees on which level to park, based on space availability. Employees must park in unmarked spaces, and not in reserved, designated, or other marked spaces.

Thank you to all City employees both permitted and non-permitted, for your cooperation and understanding.

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**Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Program**

**March 31, 2020 Message to City General Managers from the Personnel Department General Manager:**

As you are aware, disaster service work is authorized by the California Emergency Services Act. In the event of an emergency City employees may be assigned duties that may not be consistent with the duties allocated to their classification. Duties are assigned that can be performed safely, to assist in emergency response and recovery efforts.

On March 18, 2020, Mayor Garcetti activated the Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Program to address the COVID-19 crisis. In an effort to share best practices for the DSW program, the Personnel Department developed best practices to meet the need to deploy DSWs. The success of this program requires the participation of all City departments.

**Executive Summary - Requests for General Managers**

For a successful DSW program, General Managers are asked to comply with the following requirements:

1. There are currently two lists of employees available for DSW deployment. The first is the Mayor’s Call to Action list where employees signed-up to be DSWs online. The second is the Personnel Department’s DSW list (bench) where Department Personnel Officers supplied non-essential employees (those employees not required for continuity of operations as identified by the department’s COOP telecommuting plan) eligible for DSW deployment. Personnel will compare the Mayor’s DSW list to the DSW bench list and prioritize deployment of employees on both lists. If the employee is only on the Mayor’s DSW list and not the DSW bench list, they will not be considered at this time. Both lists will be consolidated shortly.
2. Departments should review your DSW list (bench) using this link of non-essential employees, again considering who could be used for field assignments, and update the list provided to the Personnel Department. While we will account for the size of the department, it is to your advantage to identify a larger number of employees to pull from. Due to our new deployment system, employees might be deployed disproportionately if there is not a larger number in the department to which to distribute the load. Please submit updated lists by 12:00pm on Friday, April 3, 2020.
3. Have your Department Personnel Officers (DPOs) work closely with the Personnel Department’s COVID-19 Disaster Service Worker deployment team. We are implementing a deployment strategy where certain departments will be on call for a rotating two-week period and DSWs from those departments will be deployed to any given assignments. This will assist departments operationally to plan for when DSWs are deployed. The only exceptions would be if we have a larger demand than anticipated or special skills are required for the assignment. When your department is on call, your DPOs will need to fill the DSW deployment requests very quickly. This new process will begin Monday, April 6th, 2020.

4. If you are a department requesting DSWs, due to a qualifying need, these requests must be submitted to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Department requests must contain as much detail as possible (when, where, how many, duties, etc.), identify a knowledgeable point of contact, and/or make your team available for a pre-deployment phone conference with the COVID-19 DSW team to answer questions. Departments must use the Personnel Department’s intake form when submitting DSW resource requests to the EOC. See “Requesting DSWs” below.

Thank you for your participation in this critically important endeavor.

**Below are terms and processes related to the DSW process:**

**Activation** - The activation process starts with the Mayor declaring an emergency, proceeds with a City department making a resource request for assistance to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) housed in the Emergency Management Department (EMD), continues with a request to the Personnel Department to initiate the DSW Program, requires the Personnel Department to communicate with City departments to request non-essential personnel to be deployed as DSWs, and requires the assistance of Personnel Directors in City departments to identify non-essential personnel to be redeployed in the requesting department.

**Personnel Department’s Role** - DSW Program activation is coordinated by the Personnel Department, and requires the assistance of Department Personnel Officers across the City to identify non-essential employees to be assigned as DSWs; all public employees are considered DSWs.

**DPO Roles** - Department Personnel Officers (DPOs) play a vital role in DSW Program activation, as they identify appropriate and available staff in their departments to redeploy to other City departments/ agencies; essential staff should continue to work in their departments to ensure the department can continue to meet its mission and goals; DPOs should track the work and hours of all DSWs.

**DSW Activation Process**

The process for activating DSWs is as follows:

- A request to activate DSWs is submitted to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC)
- The EOC notifies the Personnel Department, and the Personnel Department continued on page 11
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contacts each DPO with the information relative to the deployment (DSW assignment notification)
- DPOs will review the DSW list (bench) then select, notify, and schedule needed employees

Training & Preparation - Department Personnel Officers in departments across the City have been equipped with the tools to activate the program, including an introductory video, the Personnel Directors’ DSW Activation Toolkit, and the DSW Standard Operating Procedures.

Identifying Employees for DSW Activation

DSWs do not require any special skill. Generally, DSWs may be utilized to fill staffing gaps in City departments. There are many possible roles and assignments including various clerical assignments, interpretation, animal care or data entry assistant, and maintenance worker or laborer (see Page 35 of the Activation Toolkit; these are general roles identified by EMD). Again, these assignments may or may not align with the employee’s actual job classification.

We are approaching a count of 1,000 DSWs who have been identified on our DSW list (bench) to be deployed. Some departments have not added their employees to this list; we ask that you do this as soon as possible. The Mayor’s Office will be following up directly with each department about DSW bench list participation.

As DSW activations are circulated to departments, the sign-up sheets are not being fully completed. Consequently, the City was only able to partially fill some requests. This inability to fill a DSW request has a ripple effect through the requesting department and the City as a whole.

For the DSW Program to be a success in its response and recovery support efforts, Department Personnel Officers play a critical role in communication with employees and confirming deployment through the tracking sheet and filling out all of the information requested.

FAQs for DSWs

The Emergency Management Department provides general Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for DSWs. The Personnel Department developed FAQs specific to working in a COVID-19 shelter environment. Please share these FAQs for DSWs with your deployed employees.

Requesting DSWs

For Departments requiring DSWs to support their needs, all DSWs are requested through the EOC process. Once submitted, requesters must also complete Personnel’s DSW Intake Form before DSWs will be assigned. Please be prepared to provide additional information, such as dates/times, locations, contacts, safety, parking, and meals situation, if your department is requesting DSWs. We will not begin work on fulfilling a request until all of the information is provided. Also, please provide as much lead time as possible to fulfill the request as it may take several days to review the request before DPOs begin assigning employees.

Safety Concerns Protocol

Employees’ health and safety is our utmost concern. If an employee who has been deployed as a DSW believes their health or safety is compromised, please direct employees to immediately contact their Personnel Director. Personnel Directors can address the concern by either reassigning the DSW to another location or determining other options.

COVID-19 Links

Below are two helpful links with important information related to COVID-19:
- Personnel Department Disaster Service Worker and COVID-19: https://per.lacity.org/covid19/
- City of Los Angeles COVID-19: https://corona-virus.la/

Reference Executive Directive No. 16 (Villaraigosa Series)
http://ens.lacity.org/mayor/villaraigosa/mayorvillaraigosa331283130_03172011.pdf

Development Services Centers Changes

Effective March 23, 2020 the City’s Development Services Centers changed to allow only for online services, mail (e.g., US Mail, FedEx, UPS) and drop-off/pick-up. In-person interactions at the public counters were suspended.

To ensure continuity of service for those limited circumstances where online or mail-in services are not available, dropboxes will be available outside of the Development Services Centers in Figueroa Plaza, Marvin Braude Building, and West Los Angeles in a special designated “Drop-off/Pickup” area that is monitored by LABDS staff and routed to the appropriate department on a daily basis from Monday through Friday. Customers may drop off plans and applications along with contact information, including an email address and phone number.

Department staff will contact customers to confirm receipt of any items that were dropped off and process their applications accordingly. For transactions that involve payment of fees, the Departments will inform the applicant about the amount and payment options. Payment options will include online payment or check via mail or drop off at the designated “Drop-off/Pickup” areas.

The Bureau of Engineering continues to fully support all services. Most services may be conducted online. Please visit https://eng.lacity.org/permits to apply online and/or for contact information for individual offices. Permits that can be applied for online include the following: A-Permits, B-Permits, E-Permits, R-Permits, S-Permits, U-Permits, Highway Dedication and Hillside Referral Forms

BOE Counter Staff Commended

This letter was sent to Ana Guerrero, Chief of Staff to Mayor Garcetti:

Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 5:37 PM
Subject: LETTER of Acknowledgement Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti . LA City & COVID 19 Virus

Hello Ana,

I am writing to congratulate Mayor, Eric Garcetti’s on his concerted efforts to keep the City of Los Angeles functioning while combating the new normal of the COVID 19 virus. Many of us were relieved to learn that professionals essential in the construction field, operation of public transportation and utilities, tradespersons, and other service providers necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences and other essential businesses will be allowed to conduct business with the City of Los Angeles at this crucial time.

I also wanted to acknowledge the General Managers, Directors, and Supervisors at the Los Angeles Department of Building And Safety, Department of City Planning, and the Bureau of Engineering as they continue to encourage the staff to serve the public in their professional capacity while maintaining a clean and orderly working environment in the wake of COVID 19. I have made several visits to the DTLA Metro, WLA and Van Nuys Offices to personally encounter how the new “normal” may be affecting normal operations and services. If it weren’t for the “PPE’s” and the “new social-distancing/queuing system”, I would have never noticed any changes in the depts practices or policies during this extraordinary period. This, I am sure is due to Executive Staff and counter staff equally.

Again, thank-you for implementing measured directives that will keep our city safe, secure and financially solvent for the foreseeable future. And remember, please be safe out there with every encounter.

Bradley, Land Use Entitlement Consultant EBE Associates, Inc.

Words to Remember

This message from Dr. Abdu Shawkawy, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto was written March 5, 2020:

I implore you all. Temper fear with reason, panic with patience and uncertainty with education. We have an opportunity to learn a great deal about health hygiene and limiting the spread of innumerable transmissible diseases in our society. Let’s meet this challenge together in the best spirit of compassion for others, patience, and above all, an unfailing effort to seek truth, facts and knowledge as opposed to conjecture, speculation and catastrophizing.

Facts not fear. Clean hands. Open hearts. Our children will thank us for it.
Fred Eaton - The Man Who Built Los Angeles
Engineer, Mayor, Visionary and Forgotten Man

Former Los Angeles City Engineer and Mayor Frederick Eaton is a fascinating figure in the history of Los Angeles. This is an update to an article that appeared previously.

Fred Eaton was the man behind the plan for the Los Angeles Aqueduct, a man-made river of water that was completed 100 years ago on November 5, 1913. It took him several years to convince his good friend William Mulholland to build an aqueduct from Inyo County to L.A. Eaton knew that the Los Angeles River could not supply enough water for the exploding soon-to-be metropolis. That’s because Eaton was born in L.A., unlike Mulholland, who arrived as an Irish immigrant in 1877, and knew little of the periodic droughts inevitable to the town built along the river. Although Mulholland later called him “the father of the Aqueduct,” Eaton is barely a blip in the memory of long-time residents.

Eaton was born in Los Angeles in 1855 on Fort Moore Hill, overlooking the Plaza. It was bounded roughly by today’s Spring Street, Hill Street, and Cesar E. Chavez Avenue. He would oversee much of the City’s water supply during the 1870s. Eaton was the City’s first elected City Engineer, during which time he developed several of the City’s parks, which still exist today. He was later elected Mayor and led the often contentious, lengthy and eventual successful legal battle to bring municipal ownership to the water supply of the L.A. River. And, of course, he was intimately involved in bringing Owens River water to Los Angeles via the California Aqueduct.

In many ways Eaton was, to quote Orson Welles, “a man who had within him the devil of self-destruction that lives in every genius.” Although many writers compare Mulholland’s rough-edged childhood with that of Eaton’s more patrician background, in many ways they were similar. Both loved camping and exploring the Sierra Nevada range. Both men were fascinated with water: its power as essential to the lifeblood of the city, and a plentiful supply of it to quench the thirst of an ever-growing city. Mulholland was often impoverished. So was Eaton. Both men enjoyed the social company of men in fraternal organizations. But Eaton was more of a politician, and Eaton loved to engage in public debate. He also had a wicked sense of humor that he rarely demonstrated unless within the confines of his family.

As an adult Eaton was a Radical Republican, promoted Civil War reconstruction and was intimately involved with development of city parks, roads and sewers both in Los Angeles and Santa Monica. He made a second home in Santa Monica away from the demands of the ever-growing city that would eventually become a metropolis.

Eaton’s father was Judge Benjamin Eaton, who arrived in Los Angeles in 1853 and shortly afterward became the city’s district attorney. He subsequently served as county assessor in 1857. Benjamin later moved to San Pasqual, the area now known as Pasadena and is most widely acknowledged as the founding father of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Altadena. One of Pasadena’s main streets, Fair Oaks Boulevard, takes its name from Eaton’s large ranch home that he built in 1865 not far from Eaton Creek. Judge Eaton brought irrigation to vineyards in the area; and, at the time, a revolutionary method of using iron pipes to bring water supply to the area. He was also instrumental in the development of the Mount Wilson Toll Road in 1891. Several distinctive spots including Eaton Canyon, Eaton Wash, and Eaton Falls bear his name.

Fred was five when his father left for San Pasqual with his second wife, after Fred’s mother died. Fred remained in Los Angeles and lived with his relatively wealthy aunt and uncle in Los Angeles. Despite the absence of his father, who had begun a new family with his second wife, Fred Eaton was deeply influenced by his father’s work with water and his reputation as a leading citizen of Los Angeles.

Fred Eaton began his water career with the Los Angeles Water Company, a privately owned company that supplied the city with water, brought, by various methods, from the Los Angeles River. He became the company’s superintendent in 1874 and shortly thereafter hired William Mulholland, who arrived in the city in 1877 as a jonacker (ditch digger), who quickly moved up in the company under Fred’s tutelage.

Fred Eaton became active in progressive politics in the city. After serving an appointed term as City Surveyor, precursor to the elected office of City Engineer, Fred Eaton, the only candidate, was declared by acclamation the City’s first City Engineer. During his two-year tenure from 1887-1889, he redesigned and renovated present day Pershing Square—first known as 6th Street Park, later Central Park, and finally renamed in honor of General Pershing, a WWI hero. Other parks he designed included Elysian Park, the second largest and oldest park in Los Angeles founded in 1886 by the Elysian Park Enabling Ordinance.

He designed Westlake Park (later renamed in honor of General MacArthur). He also designed the Plaza, a park that had been built by the privately owned L.A. Water Company under an agreement with the city to improve the site. But it wasn’t until Eaton became City Engineer that the Plaza became a true park, a popular site that included fountains and grass, all of which are no longer there. His design for the park added a bandstand, and the square soon became a meeting ground and cultural center for the town’s ascendant Anglo population. Fred also developed Eastlake Park with an artificial lake. Eastlake was later renamed Lincoln Park under Mayor Hazard, who served as mayor from 1889 to 1892 - the year that Fred Eaton left the City Engineer’s office to pursue other business interests.

Fred Eaton’s major achievement while City Engineer, however, may have been his design of a new sewer system for the city, as well as a twelve and-a-half mile sewage outfall to the ocean that would carry the city’s sewage fully by gravity. Voters paid for the internal system, but balked at paying for an outfall for sewage that was then a valuable asset. Sewage was sold to farmers until 1907, and, after expenses and salaries were subtracted, profits ranged from $1,500 to $5,200 a year. Despite what would appear to be an overwhelming yuck factor, sewage farms throughout Southern California operated until well into the late 1940s when suburban development pushed out farmers operating the plants. These farms were primarily used for walnut trees and other non-vegetable products.

Eaton purchased a home on Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica in 1891 and retained homes there until 1904, when he permanently moved to Inyo County. While in Santa Monica he led the campaign for a paved road from Santa Monica to Los Angeles to accommodate bicycle riders. He also designed a sewer system for the City as well as the wharf for the sewer to the ocean. The wharf was the later site of the present day Santa Monica Pier.

Eaton had visited Inyo County several times with his father when he was younger. Later,
in 1892 he visited Owens Valley on a camping trip with friends where he made an extensive study of land and water resources. It was at this time that he had first become convinced that the Owens River could provide water via an aqueduct to Los Angeles. He purchased property in July that year and went into partnership with three men. They formed a corporation, the main aim of which was to acquire and reclaim desert lands by means of irrigation in Inyo County.

Several years later he recalled, “I caused a preliminary survey to be made then at my own expense. I allowed the matter to lie dormant until the middle of 1904. Finally I made up my mind that the time had come for action.” In an interview with a reporter he said, “My idea was to organize a strong company which should develop the great water power of the streams which pour down from the High Sierra and then combine with the electric feature, bringing the water to the San Fernando Valley. From the sale of the electricity and water I was satisfied the project would be an inviting one.”

Many critics of Eaton’s role in the acquisition of land and water rights in Inyo County in 1905 assume that he was simply working on behalf of Los Angeles and had no true interest or previous residence in Inyo. But, in October 1893, he attended the National Irrigation Congress held in Los Angeles as a representative from Inyo, while his father Benjamin Eaton was there as a representative from Pasadena.

In addition to his residences in Inyo and Santa Monica, Fred Eaton retained a home in Los Angeles. While serving as the city’s Mayor in 1899, he fought for City ownership of the water from the Los Angeles River. Primary spokesperson and leader of prominent businessmen, he headed up a committee of 100 for passage of a $2,090,000 bond measure to pay for the acquisition of the water company’s rights. It received the largest vote ever cast in Los Angeles at a special election with two-thirds of the vote needed for passage. While mayor, Eaton led a series of battles for civic betterment: efforts to reform the city charter; ensured strict enforcement of civil laws, which were used by women; desegregated the fire department (re-segregated by the department of Reclamation would not approve anything but a purely public venture, so he agreed. But he never let go of his dream of wealth. Eaton was insistent. After all, when he first conceived of the aqueduct, he planned on a combined public-privately owned operation. City officials convinced him that the Department of Reclamation would not approve anything but a purely public venture, so he agreed. But he never let go of his dream of wealth.

When one looks at Eaton’s time in Los Angeles, it is clear that he, like Mulholland, was an obstinate man. He relished public debates. He often wrote lengthy articles defending his position, and more than once was up in the city council. However, it may have been upset upon noting the prominent businessmen - Moses Sherman, Harrison Gray Otis, his son-in-law Harry Chandler, E.H. Harriman, and H. E. Huntington among others - who profited greatly from the fast land purchases in the San Fernando Valley (laying the foundation for the myth that became the movie Chinatown).

Despite the strange, so-called retelling of the Inyo County water deal in the now classic movie Chinatown, which set the story in the 1930s, there was no conspiracy to wrest the water rights from Inyo County. There was, however, a concerted effort on the part of Los Angeles to obtain the water rights.

The stalemate over the Long Valley reservoir land continued to 1927 when Fred’s son, Harold, wanted $800,000 for the land. Mulholland decided, in 1924, to build a reservoir above the San Fernando Valley in the San Francisquito Canyon. This would be the Saint Francis Dam that collapsed in 1928. More than 500 people died when the dam collapsed and water poured through the Santa Clara Valley raging through homes until...
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K-12 School Districts Bond Program Updates on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speakers: Alan Reising, Business Services Administrator, Long Beach USD; Luis Velez, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, Hawthorne School District; CJ Knowland, Director, Facilities, Maintenance, Operations Transportation, Los Alamitos USD.

Moderator: Joe Dixon, Founder, Dixon Smart School House


Community College Districts - Capital Construction/Bond Program Updates on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Speakers: Joel Peterson, Director of Facilities, Glendale Community College District; Nawar Al Juburi, Outreach Administrator, Measure CC, San Marin Community College District; Julie Alfred Mata, District Director; Gloria Roberts, Chief Operations, GAFCON.

Moderator: Fred Parker, Director of Operations, GAFCON


OC Public Works Capital Program Update on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: Edward Frondoso, P.E., Deputy Director, Construction and Fiona Man, P.E., Program Manager, Infrastructure Programs.

Cost: $89/person until 4/28/20, $129/person until 5/15/20, $149/person at the door.

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering Project Updates on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Featured speakers: Deputy City Engineer Alfred Mata, Deputy City Engineer Julie Sauter, Deputy City Engineer Kenneth Redd, Deputy City Engineer Mahmood Karimzadeh.

Registration cost: $89/person until 5/5/20, $129/person until 5/22/20, $149 at the door after 5/22/20.

LA Metro P3 Projects on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Featured speaker is Colin F. Peppard, Senior Director, Office of Extraordinary Innovation.


LA Metro Construction - Outlook on Upcoming Metro Capital Projects on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation. Guest speaker: Timothy Lindholm, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management & Capital Projects.

Cost is $89/person until 5/5/20, $129 until 5/22/20, at the door $149.

Water District Capital Project Updates on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Riverside Marriott, 3400 Market St., Riverside, CA 92501.

Guest speakers: Bruce A. Mitzel, P.E., Director, Field Engineering, Eastern Municipal Water District; Dan Ruiz, Engineering Manager, Coachella Valley Water District.


OC Streetcar Project Update on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker Jim Beil, Executive Director, Capital Projects, OCTA.


Legal Seminar: Design-Build Delivery - Best Practices for Success on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation.

In today’s construction market, the overwhelming majority of construction projects use some form of alternative delivery. Design-Build is a delivery method that has surged in popularity over the last two decades on both public and private projects. However, this is by no means a fail-proof means of delivery. This informative seminar will help to ensure a greater likelihood of project success. Lear the following:

• Pros and cons of design-build compared to other delivery methods
• Understanding and managing risks and liabilities unique to design-build
• Benefits of teaming agreements
• Implementation of best practices during planning, design and construction
• Managing design deficiencies, differing site conditions, schedule delays and construction changes
• Discussion of published case law and actual project experiences
• Tips for successful design-build project and much more. . .

Presented by: Mary Salamone, Esq., Parner - Procopio; William Reifsteck II, FDBIA CRIS, Director, Preconstruction - Webcor Builders

Cost is $89/person until 5/19/20, $129 until 6/5/20, at the door $149.

Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit - Linking Union Station & Dodger Stadium on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 Presentation. The proposed 1.25 aerial gondola system would transport 5,000+ passengers per hour per direction with a less than 5-min nud ride from Union Station to Dodger Stadium.

Featured speakers: David Grannis, Consultant, Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies; Holly Rockwell, Senior Executive Officer, Real Estate, Transit Oriented Communities and Transportation Demand Management, LA Metro.

Cost is $89/person until 6/2/20, $129 until 6/19/20, at the door $149.

Los Angeles World Airports Capital Program Updates on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at the Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Jake Adams, Deputy Executive Director, LAWA

Registration: $89/person until 6/2/20, $129/person until 6/19/20. After 6/19/20 $149/person at the door.

Caltrans D7 Project Updates on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Speakers: John Bulinski, District Director; Gloria Roberts, Chief Deputy Director; Mark Archuleta, Deputy District Director, Construction; John Yang, I-5 Construction Manager

Registration: $89/person until 6/23/20, $129/person until 7/10/20. After 7/10/20 $149/person at the door.

Hollywood Burbank Airport Capital Program Update on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Patrick Lammerding, Deputy Executive Director of Planning & Development, Hollywood Burbank Airport.

Registration: $89/person until 6/16/20, $129/person until 7/10/20. After 7/10/20 $149/person at the door.

California Prevailing Wage Law - How to protect yourself against fines, penalties and interest on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators who are involved in public works projects. Topics:

• New statute AB 5 – The practical end of independent contractors
• Critical updates and hot topics
• Compliance 101
• Know the difference between prevailing wage and Davis Bacon requirements

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CMAA Seminars

The Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is offering the following seminars. For additional information please go to www.cmaasc.org.

Risk and Value Engineering: Stories at the Intersection

Webinar on April 15, 2020, 8:30 am - 10:00 am, Zoom Meeting. Log in/access information will be e-mailed 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Risk and value engineering are different but closely related tools for evaluating projects. While risk is aimed at assessing uncertainty and potential project outcomes, value engineering and value analysis are focused on maximizing value: bang per buck. Both tools use a multi-disciplined workshop approach; can they be combined to achieve greater, more insightful results? For your consideration are two stories from the intersection of risk and value engineering: one a macro view of these tools combined to evaluate an enormous capital program; the other a micro view of risk and VE combined and compressed into a highly effective workshop.

Michael Albergo and Richard CITRINE, Arcadis
Register by April 13, 2020: $45/member - $75/non-members

Risk Management and Successful Project Delivery

On April 21, 2020, 8:30 - 10:30 am, Zoom Meeting. Log in/access information will be e-mailed 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Projects fail because they are unable to adequately manage uncertainty and expectations. The plans are either too optimistic (i.e., the budget and schedule are based on the wrong assumptions), or external events and risks impact the plan’s objectives, often giving rise to construction claims and disputes. Effective risk management aims to promote successful project delivery claims avoidance through the identification, assessment and response to these uncertainties. Hear from industry experts on how they are managing risks on their projects in today’s project delivery environment.

Moderator: Andrew Dick, Arcadis
Panel members: David Davies, LA Metro Program Risk Manager; Anthony Niccoli Esq., Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rued & Romo; Mumbie Fredson-Cole, Caltrans District 7 Risk Manager; John Scherck, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.
Register by April 20, 2020: $45/member, $74/non-member.

L.A. County Department of Public Works Capital Program Update

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: Vincent Yu, Assistant Deputy Director; Joseph Niccitta, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; Michael Owh, General Manager, Internal Services Department.

L.A. County Department of Public Works Capital Program Update on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Dr. Rubeen Smith, Chief Facilities Executive, LACCD.

Lam & Ranade Commended

This e-mail was sent to the City Engineer. Melissa Lam, Architectural Associate, added, “I’d also like to credit much thanks to the oversight and mentorship from Robert Lomelin with the Architectural Division.”
Fri, Feb 21, 2020
Good afternoon Gary,
Thank you so much to you and your team for your assistance with our front counter construction. We are so grateful for the time and dedication of your knowledgeable staff in helping to transform our public counter into a more secure and functional environment.
We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with Melissa Lam and Pradeep Ranade, whose extensive knowledge and expertise proved essential to the completion of the project. Melissa, as our Project Lead, did an amazing job keeping the project on schedule and within budget, while ensuring constant and effective communication between all entities involved. The success of this project was in great part due to Melissa’s exceptional collaboration and organizational skills. I hope you get a chance to stop by and see her great work.
From all of us at the Office of the City Clerk, thank you again!
Holly Wolcott
City Clerk

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It reached the ocean.
Fred Eaton suffered the first of several strokes in 1926, and by 1931, had become enfeebled in both mind and body. His land in Inyo County was foreclosed in 1932 due to a mortgage he had not signed, but which had apparently been signed by his wife. The mortgage was unpaid because the Watterson Brothers, who owned all five banks in Inyo County, embezzled funds, including money from mortgages they held on dozens of local properties. The Inyo county bankers were convicted of their crime and went to prison for ten years. That was of no help to Eaton and his family. Both Eaton’s wife Alice and son Harold publicly announced their poverty in 1932 and need for public welfare. Fred Eaton died in 1934 in Los Angeles, pretty much a forgotten man.
The final irony may be that had he been more willing to negotiate for the reservoir, had Mulholland also been less stiff-necked, then a Long Valley reservoir could have been built in the 1920s, instead of in 1935, long after the St. Francis Dam collapsed in 1928. Mulholland never recovered after the dam disaster. The two long-time friends reconciled in 1934, and they died within a year of each other—Eaton in 1934 and Mulholland in 1935.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks to Hal Eaton, Fred Eaton’s great-grandson who generously shared family stories, links to publications, and photos for this article.
Anna Sklar retired as the Public Information Officer for the Board of Public Works and is the author of Brown Acres: An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewers published by Angel City Press.

Newsletter Submissions

We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. There are a few tips that we’d like to be kept in mind.
Please do not submit articles using the “table” or “column” feature of MS Word. It will not translate correctly. Instead, just use tabs.
If you have photos, please send them in their native format, i.e., jpg or tif. Do not place photos in a word processing document.
Also, please run your article through spell check and make sure all names are spelled correctly before submitting it.
Again, thanks to all for their contributions.
**Notice NO. 08 Standard Division/Group Titles**

Notice No. 08 dated March 31, 2020 titled *Standard Division/Group Titles and Abbreviations* states that the following is a list of the standard titles and abbreviations of Bureau of Engineering divisions or group titles. For consistency, please instruct your employees to use these titles in all correspondence, reports, charts, etc.

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**Arrivals**

- **Gregory Arbuckle**, Mech Eng Assoc II, EED; Miguel Camarena, Civil Eng Assoc I, SIX; Sahara Granados, Administrative Intern II, WCE; Homar Alegre, Field Engineering Aide; SUR; Lesi Mai, Geographic Information Systems Supervisor I, LGD; Jacob Mohof, Field Engineer Aide, SUR; Damian Perez, Field Engineer Aide, SUR; Ezequiel Zimerman, Field Engineer Aide, SUR; Crespin Barba, Field Engineer Aide, SSD; James Wohlmuth, Environmental Supervisor I, EMG; Danielle Jupiter, Sr. Administrative Clerk, CEN; Juan Vargas, Civil Eng Assoc I, CEN; Emmanuel Solis, Administrative Intern II, EMG.

**Promotions**

- **Ohaji Abdallah**, Architectural Assoc/PM I, ARC; Jin Chae, Structural Engineer Assoc. II, CEN; Atousa Ghoncheh, Civil Eng Assoc II, POD; Willis Huffman, Sr. Environmental Engineer, WCC; Nur Malhis, Sr. Environmental Engineer, ARC; Adrian Sanchez, Civil Eng Assoc II, WCE; Kayla Truong, Civil Eng Assoc II, MTD; Charles Vandergriff, Prin. Civil Engineer, PAC; Ethan Wong, Prin. Civil Engineer, EED.

**Internal Transfers**

- **Omar Braish**, Civil Engineer, from MTD to CCD; Abdullah Sadozai, Civil Engineer, from SSD to Valley

**Winter Rotation - Civil Engineering Associate I**

- **Eduardo Pineda**, from BID to WCE; Alexander En, from CEN to CSD; Winston Boyce, from CEN to GEO; Kevin Avila, from CEN to WCC; Richard Reyes-Abraham, from CSD to WCC; Jacqueline Velez, from EED to WCC; Adria Zulueta, from GEO to CMD; Edwin Rivera, from HFD to CMD; Chamu Arnulfo, from HFD to SSD; Wei Feng Hu, from LGD to GEO; Jack Bailey, from MTD to WCC; Fernando Gonzalez, from POD to SSD; Saul Garcia, from POD to WLA; Tommy Quach, from SSD to CEN; Edwing Godina, from SSD to LGD; Emilia Der Sarkissian, from SSD to WCC; Jadesola Ogundije, from VAL to SSD; Apelshya Bajracharya, from VAL to WCC; Cecilio Navarro, from WCC to CEN; Renz Soriano, from WCC to CEN; Vanessa Chavez, from WCC to MTD; Brandon Yamaguchi, from WCC to POD; Lubna Malik, from WCC to POD; Matthew Giragosian, from WCC to VAL; Bianca Argueta, from WCE to BID; Alyssa Reyes, from WCE to CSD; Jenny Cea, from WLA to SSD; Jose Cruz Rodriguez, from WLA to WCC.

**Departures**

- **Edrick Ohanian**, Prin. Civil Engineer, retired, PAC; **Helenia McNeil**, Administrative Clerk, retired, CEN; **Cheng Tong R. Chang**, Architect, retired, CMD; **May Fong**, Secretary, retired, CEN; **Claire No**, Mgmt Analyst, promoted from CDD to CAO; **Cheyenne Coleman-Lyons**, Administrative Intern II, promoted from ADM to PW/Board.

**Professional Registration**

- **Nikta Mousavi**, Civil Eng Assoc. I, PE License, WLA; **Aaron Hemeon**, Land Surveying Asst., LSIT Certificate, SUR; **Kayla Truong**, Civil Eng Assoc. II, EIT Certificate, MTD

**ICC Certificate**


**Corrections**

The following should have appeared in the November 2019 Promotions listing:

- **Siamak Zahir**, Environmental Eng Assoc. IV, MTD.

This is to correct the Professional Registration listing that appeared in the March 11, 2020 BOE Newsletter:

- **Uyen Lam**, Structural Eng Assoc. IV, ICC Certificate, MTD.

**Passing of Jacklich**

We are very sorry to report that retired Civil Engineering Assistant III (old series) George Jacklich passed away in November 2019 in San Diego. He retired from the former Program Management Division on January 6, 1996. Our deepest condolences go to his family.

**We’d Like to Hear from You**

If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to BOENewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is **Thursday, April 30, 2020**.