



STREET TALK

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Eric Garcetti
Mayor



From the desk of
Nazario Saucedo, Director
Bureau of Street Services



Board of Public Works Newly Elected Officers

The Board of Public Works elected its officers on July 31, as it is required to do each year during the final meeting in the month of July. Kevin James, who was recently reappointed to a full five year term on the Board by the Mayor and City Council, was re-elected as President of the Board. Heather Repenning was re-elected as Vice President of the Board, and Mike Davis was re-appointed as President Pro Temp. These elected officers, alongside Joel Jacinto and Luz Rivas, make up the new Board.

Board of Public Works



Joel Jacinto Mike Davis Kevin James Heather Repenning Luz Rivas
President Pro Temp. President Vice-President

From Past to Present, A Tale of Two Chief Foresters

The City's first Chief Forester was L. Glenn Hall, best remembered for his 1930's ten-year beautification plan. During the first two years of the beautification plan, the City planted approximately 25,000 palm trees. This massive palm planting was part of the efforts to create a more beautiful Los Angeles in preparation for the 1932 Olympic Games centered in South Central Los Angeles. The most abundant species of palm trees planted at that time was the Mexican Fan Palm (*Washingtonia Robusta*). The City of Los Angeles current Chief Forester, Timothy Tyson continues this legacy as a steward of the City's Urban Forest.



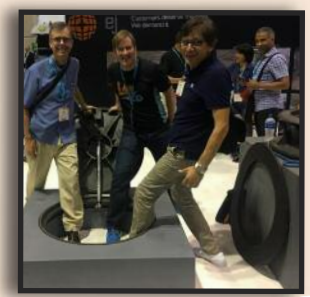
Echo Park Rising

Echo Park was home to its 7th Annual Echo Park Rising Festival which focuses on showcasing local music and supporting local small businesses. Hundreds attended the free event which spanned over 3 days. Angelenos were able to enjoy delicious food from hometown food trucks while many local businesses provided free give-a-ways. Investigators were present to enforce permit requirements to ensure public safety.



APWA Annual Conference in Orlando Florida 2017

Public Works President Kevin James along with Director of Street Services Nazario Saucedo, and other BSS employees attended the APWA conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference provided the opportunity for the Bureau to interact and share best Public Works practices with other municipalities. The Bureau's representatives participated in educational sessions related to Public Works management, innovative new technologies, operations, and maintenance.



BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES

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