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City Auditor's Harbor Initiative Impact Summary

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FOR THE TIDELANDS
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After finding inconsistencies with the calculation of the Harbor Department's annual transfer of 10% of the Harbor's net income to the City's Tidelands Fund, City Auditor Laura Doud recommended an important change to the basis of the transfer. This recommendation led to the Long Beach Harbor Department and Oil Properties, Measure D 2010 (Harbor Initiative) which was passed overwhelmingly by the voters. The Harbor Initiative reformed the annual transfer to 5% of gross operating revenue and transferred control of the oil properties to the City. Per Long Beach City Charter Article XII Sec. 129, these funds must be used in the designated Tidelands area covering seven miles of coastline and beaches.

Since 2010, the Harbor Initiative has resulted in an additional \$259 million for the Tidelands Fund, which has made a significant impact by funding projects and activities for safety, clean beaches, water quality, and infrastructure. A majority (63%) of the \$259 million was generated from oil revenue. With the anticipated decrease in oil production and revenue, the City should plan accordingly for the continuation of Tidelands area safety, environmental, and infrastructure improvement projects.

Safety, Environmental and Infrastructure Improvement Project Highlights in the Tideland Area

Fiscal Years 2011-2023



ADA Beach Mobility Mats & Projects

Recycled, non-slip rubber ADA beach mats were installed at Alamitos, Mother's, and Granada Beaches. ADA ramps and sidewalks were also improved. These projects make the coast more accessible and equitable for beachgoers.



Beach Lifeguards

Lifeguards ensure the safety for beachgoers. They are responsible for numerous water rescues and respond to thousands of calls annually for medical assistance on the beach.



Shoreline Walking Path

A 3.1-mile pedestrian path was added to compliment the bike path along the beach. This promotes mobility while providing safe dedicated pathways for all users.



Bluff Improvements

Parkgoers can enjoy activities such as yoga, walks, and sunsets on the bluff with enhanced safety through lighting features and improved environmental seismic stability from deep root native vegetation and soil reinforcements.



Safety Patrol

The Police Department provides safety patrol and additional assistance during special events around the Long Beach Convention Center, Aquarium of the Pacific, Shoreline Marina, and downtown areas.



Alamitos & Bayshore Water Playgrounds

All summer long, families can enjoy safe water play at Alamitos Beach and Bayshore's public inflatable water playgrounds featuring springboards, bouncers, monkey bars, and more.



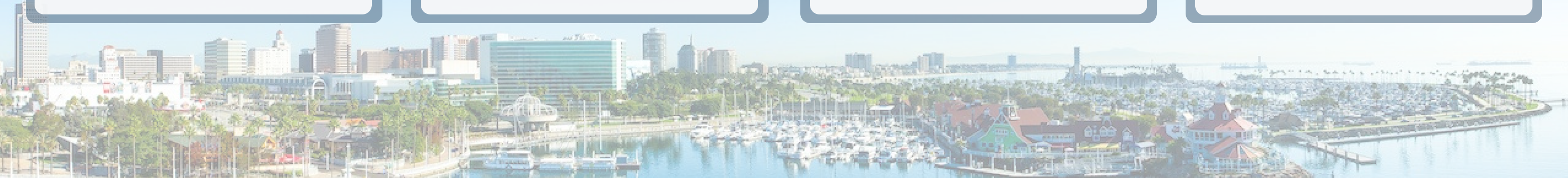
Beach Maintenance

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department keeps our beaches safe and clean by constructing sand berms, beach raking, sweeping pedestrian paths, clearing storm debris, and emptying 300 trash containers daily.



Colorado Lagoon Restoration

Water quality and environmental improvements were made at the Colorado Lagoon with dredging and replanting of native landscape. A pedestrian pathway and ADA accessible children's playground were added for recreation.



"Since the passage of the Harbor Initiative in 2010, Tidelands area safety services and improvement projects have received an additional \$259 million. These funds are vital in safeguarding the environment, improving infrastructure, enhancing our beaches, and keeping residents and visitors safe. With a majority of the \$259 million generated from oil revenue and the anticipated decrease in oil production and revenue, the City should plan accordingly for the continuation of Tidelands area safety, environmental, and infrastructure improvement projects."

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