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RIBBON-CUTTING – Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new LAX Central Utility Plant (CUP) are, from left: Los Angeles City Councilmember **Mike Bonin**, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Executive Director **Gina Marie Lindsey**, LAWA Deputy

Executive Director **Roger Johnson**, retired LAWA employee **Walt Garrick**, for whom the Central Utility Plant's Central Control Room is named; LAWA's CUP Chief Building Operating Engineer **Brian Pendleton**, and Board of Airport Commissioners Vice President **Valeria Velasco**.

Energy-Efficient Central Utility Plant Opens

Los Angeles City Councilmember **Mike Bonin** and Board of Airport Commissioners Vice President **Valeria Velasco** were joined April 23 by airport officials and nearly 175 guests and media at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate completion of a \$423.8-million replacement Central Utility Plant (CUP) at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

The new CUP will provide additional capacity for heating and cooling of airline terminals and other buildings in the Central Terminal Area (CTA) – significantly improving passenger comfort for the more than 70 million travelers who pass through LAX annually. The four-year project finished under budget.

The new CUP is considered the first sustainable utility plant at a U.S. airport. Designed to achieve Gold certification in LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) by the U.S. Green Building Council, the new facility is 25 percent more energy efficient and more environmentally friendly than the 50-year-old facility it replaced.

The replacement CUP will save LAX an estimated \$7 million annually in electrical and natural-gas use. State-of-the-art, pollution-control equipment also will reduce carbon-dioxide emissions equivalent to removing 1,000 cars from road. The facility generates its own electricity for operations that will result in an estimated \$2 million in rebates from the L.A. Department of Water and Power.

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'Principal of the Day'



HONORARY PRINCIPAL— Airport Police Officer **Robert Pedregon** was selected to serve as the Honorary Principal of the Day at Greenville Fundamental Elementary School in Santa Ana. The day began with a flag ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance. "Principal" Pedregon also announced the names of students who were recognized for various awards. Following the ceremony, he visited classrooms where he introduced himself to the students, answered questions, and spoke about honesty, respect and the importance of doing the right thing. After attending a luncheon at Santa Ana High School with the district superintendent, Officer Pedregon returned to the classrooms where he read aloud to students.

ARRIVALS

Los Angeles World Airports welcomes the following new employees:

Alma Ayala and **Marianna Konavalova**, Airport Guides I, Customer Service

Enrique Baca, Equipment Operator, Maintenance Services

Demetrick Clifton, **David Dedeaux**, **Jennifer Hagan**, **Kristen Jones**, **Rosalinda Kornegay**, **Victor Lopez**, **Sageian Murphy**, **Elvis Nti**, **Maynaure Ornelias**, **Obeer Qazi**, **Jorge Pena**, **Carlos Saldana**, **Gabriel Sanchez**, **Oswaldo Santillan**, **Randolph Scott** and **Saul Viramontes**, Security Officers, Police – Security Officers

Freddie Chaline, **Gary Chen**, **Albert Murillo**, **Zachariah Pierini** and **Pedro Shih**, Airport Police Officers I, Police – Sworn Officers

Dominique Camaj, Senior Personnel Analyst, Human Resources

Eric Campbell, Senior Window Cleaner, Maintenance Services

Glynnis Cash, Personnel Analyst I, Human Resources

Christal Chacon, Management Assistant, Capital Programming & Planning

David Childress and **Rafael Gomez**, Garage Attendants, Maintenance Services

Angela Coleman, **Sharon Gibbons**, **Dave Nikita**, **Keisha Stovall** and **Joshua Vanskike**, Community Administrative Support Workers (CASW), Human Resources

Pablo De Jesus, Student Professional Worker, Business & Job Resources

Gloria Feng, Management Assistant, Information Management Technology Group

Damian Flores, Accounting Clerk II, Planning Engineering

Gary Gordon, **Tuan Luu** and **Eleazar Villagarcia**, Air Conditioning Mechanics, Facilities Maintenance

Kevin Henderson, Management Assistant, Airports Development

Diana Ho and **Jisell Rodriguez**, Clerk Typists, Regulatory Compliance & Standards

Troy Honeycutt, Electrical Craft Helper, Facilities Maintenance

Elisa Jimenez, Senior Clerk Typist, Regulatory Compliance & Standards

Miguel Puente and **Alfred Varela**, Communication Electricians I, IMTG

Frank Rivera, Vocational Worker I, Human Resources

Imagination Takes Flight



CAREER DAY—Students at Crozier Middle School in Inglewood let their imaginations soar as they hear from **Treva Miller**, standing at the front of class, of Los Angeles World Airports' First Source Hiring Program about the job possibilities at LAVA during the school's first annual career day on April 7. The students were encouraged to apply to the Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Academy, a week-long program designed to provide middle- and high-school students with an understanding of career opportunities within the aviation industry, and general knowledge about LAX. Applications are now being accepted for the LAX Junior ACE will be held July 6-10. Call (424) 646-7465 for more information.

LAWA Cited for LAX Community Outreach Efforts



AWARDS CEREMONY—Accepting Association of Environmental Professions award on behalf of Los Angeles World Airports(LAWA) are, from left: **Brenda Martinez-Sidhom; Evelyn Quintanilla; Lisa Trifiletti**, LAWA Environmental and Land Use Planning Division manager; **Gene Talmadge**, Association of Environmental Professionals president; **Mariana Valdivia, Angelica Espiritu, Veronica Siranosian**, AECOM; **Vinita Waskow**, and **Joseph Palombi**.

The Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) recognized Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) for its outstanding community outreach efforts and engagement with the public as part of its Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Northside Project.

The project was one of just 10 throughout California to earn AEP's 2015 Outstanding Award and the only one in the category of Public Involvement. LAWA and other honorees were recognized at an AEP event in late March in Santa Barbara.

Throughout the entitlement process, which began in late 2011, LAWA sought input from neighbors, business leaders, and other stakeholders, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to create a plan that works for the airport and meets the needs of neighbors and the region.

'Flight Experience Program' Begins for Families with Autism

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), participating airlines, and partner agencies launched its Flight Experience Program on April 22, offering a practice airport experience at LAX from check in to boarding for families with autism to help prepare for future travel, and to help reduce anxieties and fears associated with flying. American Airlines hosted the first program.

"There are many families that do not fly simply because they fear not knowing how their loved one with autism will act or how others will react to possible behavioral situations that may arise," said Larry Rolon, LAWAs Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator. The program gives families with autism the opportunity to experience the airport environment, including the inside of an airplane, increase the comfort level, and reduce anxiety through familiarization with the travel process."

Upon arrival at LAX, the participants checked in as if they were actually taking a flight, received boarding passes, proceeded through Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening, and walked to their gates. When the flight was called, families boarded the aircraft, took their seats, and followed the usual airline procedures, giving participants an educational and realistic travel experience.



CHECKING IN—Parents and children check in at American Airlines for first-ever Flight Experience Program for Families with Autism.

The LAX Northside Plan Update includes the proposed LAX Northside Design Guidelines and Standards that reflect new land uses, community input, current best-practices in design and sustainability, and clear zoning restrictions and development standards.

The LAX Northside Plan Update seeks to create a realistic framework for future development that reflects the needs of the community and LAWA, and benefits both. The uses proposed in the plan are designed to encompass community needs and desires, as well as the airport's operational requirements. The LAX Northside Plan Update would create a vibrant, sustainable center of employment, retail, restaurant office, hotel, research and development, civic, airport support, recreation and buffer uses.

"We recognized from the beginning that a project like this needed a high level of community involvement and input to be successful," said **Lisa Trifiletti**, Environmental and Land Use Planning Division manager. "Not only did we conduct all of the required community outreach, we also went door to door. We met with people in their living rooms – two, three, four times. We really listened to what they had to say and incorporated that feedback into a plan that we believe everyone can be proud of."

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The ceremony included an announcement that the new CUP's Central Control Room is named in honor of **Walt Garrick**, a 41-year employee at the original CUP until his retirement 13 years ago. In 2014, Garrick and a team of retired employees returned to LAX to manage the original CUP's operations while current employees trained and transitioned to the new computerized systems and machinery of the replacement CUP.

When the original CUP opened in 1961, Garrick was hired as senior building operating engineer to ensure smooth operations of the machinery. He promoted to chief building operating engineer in 1969 and later oversaw the plant's first upgrade in 1983. Since retiring in 2002, Garrick visits the current CUP staff monthly for lunch and to share stories about construction and operations. He was present when the original CUP was demolished on April 1, 2014.

The facility sits in the heart of the LAX Central Terminal Area (CTA) on the west side of the LAX Air Traffic Control Tower.

The replacement Central Utility Plant required more than 1.5 million man-hours to build and employed more than 300 construction workers daily during the different phases of the project's four-year construction schedule.

The \$423.8-million replacement Central Utility Plant was funded using LAX airport revenues and proceeds from revenue bonds. No monies from the City of Los Angeles general fund were used.



Joy Berkowitz

HONORED—Former Chief Building Operator **Walt Garrick** was surprised when he learned that the new LAX Central Utility Plant's Central Control Room has been named in his honor. He is pictured at the grand opening of the new facility with LAWA Executive Director **Gina Marie Lindsey**.



Clark McCarthy

OFFICIALLY OPENS—New \$423.8 million replacement LAX Central Utility Plant officially opened April 23.

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My Best Shot



SURFIN' USA—When **Janice Batson**, a management analyst in Finance & Budget, visited Hawaii earlier this year she went to Oahu's North Coast and took photos of the surfers. Although the waves at this surfing mecca weren't as big as she thought they would be, locals said it was still excellent surfing. Winter waves at this legendary surfing spot attract the best surfers in the world.