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ACCEPTING AWARD—Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, standing at left, presents a Green Leadership Award to Los Angeles World Airports for its successful Harvest Food Program. Accepting the award on behalf of LAWA are Environmental Affairs Officer **Carolyn Lin** and Airport Environmental Manager II **Scott Tatro**. Standing next to Tatro is Lisette Maliwat, representing HMS Host, the original member organization of this program. Other participants in the ceremony are, back row from left: Darryl Smith and Miriam Vickers, Miriam Vickers Foundation; Brandon Level, Hudson Group; Pastor David Manila, Oceangate Southern Baptist Church; Jeremy Lewis, Hudson Group; Pastor Rodney Nicholas, Oceangate Southern Baptist Church; Kelvin Miller, Hudson Group, and County Supervisor Don Knabe, whose Fourth District includes LAX.

LAWA Honored by Los Angeles County

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) was honored with an annual Green Leadership Award on April 28 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for “its outstanding and innovative environmental sustainability” LAX Harvest Food Program that benefits homeless and low-income families.

“The Green Leadership Awards were established by the Board in 2008 to promote citizen involvement in conservation and the protection of our natural resources,” said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. The award was

presented to LAWA representatives at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in downtown Los Angeles. HMSHost and the Hudson Group spearhead the food-donation program at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

LAWA representatives who attended the awards ceremony included: Airport Environmental Manager II **Scott Tatro**, Environmental Affairs Officers **Carolyn Lin** and **Marjorie Phan**, Environmental Supervisor II **Erica Blyther**, and **Nancy Price**, Environmental Specialist II,

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VNY's Jess Romo Receives Air Transportation Award



Jess Romo

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) on May 1 announced the recipients of its Industry excellence awards given annually to individuals, offices, and organizations that have helped improve the general aviation community.

Jess Romo, airport manager at Van Nuys Airport (VNY), a general aviation facility, is this year's recipient of the NATA Airport Executive Partnership Award.

The Airport Executive Partnership Award recognizes an airport manager for his or her outstanding efforts to

foster relationships between aviation businesses and airport operators.

Founded in 1940, NATA is the leading organization representing aviation service businesses such as fixed base operators, charter providers, maintenance and repair organizations, flight training, airline service companies and aircraft management companies, including those supporting fractional shareholders.

"Romo's collaborative nature and strong command of aviation businesses has served him well as airport manager," NATA said. "He and his staff work closely with business and community groups in Los Angeles to promote the airport, its strategic vision and its value."

NATA added: "Among his impressive achievements is overseeing a \$20.5

million, seven-month plan to modernize the 8,000-foot primary runway at Van Nuys Airport to current FAA standards – marking the largest maintenance project conducted at the airport in more than 50 years.

"He has also helped facilitate the construction of new hangars through private investment, improved airport maintenance and security, and worked to reestablish U.S. Custom and Border Protection services that will open this year."

"NATA made an excellent choice in selecting Jess for this award," said **Gina Marie Lindsey**, Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Gina Marie Lindsey. "He has done a great job building landlord and tenant relationships at VNY, and fostering and maintaining an open line of communication."

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all of the Environmental and Land Use Planning Division.

HMSHost, the original member organization of this program, began donating high-quality, unsold, individually-wrapped food in May 2012. Hudson Group joined in April 2014.

LAWA began actively promoting the LAX Harvest Food Donation Program to encourage other airport tenants to participate.

"By donating high quality, unsold food, the food is sent to local organizations that help those in need while minimizing the amount of food waste sent to a local landfill," said Environmental Affairs Officer Lin, who coordinates the program at LAX.

Third-party vendor, Food Donation Connection, worked with HMS Host and Hudson Group to develop the process and supplies for their programs, and also linked with other local charities to receive donated food items.

Since May 2012, LAWA and its partners have donated more than 178,000 food items weighing a total of 87,514 pounds.

"Local charities are placed on a schedule so that the donated food is picked up by a charity every day. Currently, the food donated through this program is individually wrapped, but it is not a requirement," Lin said. "Containers can be provided by Food

Donation Connection for larger portions of food. Everything is weighed, logged, and put into larger tubs for pickup."

Since the inception of this program at LAX, receiving charities have included: U.S. Vets of Inglewood; Vickers Foundation, which serves victims of domestic abuse; Oceangate Southern Baptist, which feeds homeless; and Much More Bounce, which serves youth in need and offers programs and services for females.

"We continue to recruit more concessionaires and restaurants at LAX to join this worthy program," Lin said.

Team LAX Volunteers During Annual Festival of Service

The 17th annual citywide Festival of Service on May 2 motivated a crowd of volunteers to "Clean, Weed & Save a Natural Habitat" at the LAX Coastal Dunes Preserve located west of the airport.

Among the crowd of participants who removed invasive plants, non-native plants and trash were airport employees volunteering as part of the Team LAWA program. They were: **Denise Chang** and **Michelle Irwin**, Airport Police; **Cynthia Darmasaputra**, Customer Service; **Bill Haydt** and **Kim Somvongsiri**, Airports

Development Group; **Jignasha Pandya**, Environmental Services; **Jennifer Wong**, Finance & Budget; and their guests. **Peggy Nguyen** of Environmental Services coordinated the event, assisted by intern **Suryanshi Pandya**.

The LAX Coastal Dunes Preserve is an environmentally sensitive habitat area being restored to its natural beauty via seed collection, propagating and planting native coastal dunes plants. It is home to the El Segundo Blue Butterfly and the silvery legless lizard.



VOLUNTEERING—**Jennifer Wong** and **Cynthia Darmasaputra** at work at the LAX Coastal Dunes Preserve west of the airport.

Achieving Milestones: Employees with More Than 30 Years of Service Are Honored



Albert "George" Kramer, center, accepts commendation for 45 years of service from Deputy Executive Director – Facilities, Maintenance, & Utility Group **David Shuter**, left, and **Ralph Morones**, director of Maintenance Services.



Dana Tipton, left, and **Ralph Valencia**, right, receive awards for 35 years of service from Assistant Airport Police Chief **Brian Walker**.



Deputy Executive Director - Administration **Samson Mengistu**, second from left, is flanked by from left: **Constance Moore**, **Bertha Vega** and **James McGuirk** all recognized for 30 years of service.



Deputy Executive Director - Commercial Development Group **Debbie Bowers**, left, presents 30-year service award to **Carol WianECKi**.

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Ralph Morones, left, director of Maintenance Services Division; and Deputy Executive Director - Facilities, Maintenance & Utility Group **David Shuter**, right, with **David Cortez** recognized for 30 years service.



Cynthia Guidry, center, deputy executive director Capital Programming, Planning and Engineering Group; and **David Shuter**, third from right, deputy executive director Facilities, Maintenance & Utility Group, participated in the presentation of 30-year service awards to, from left: **Martin Keffer**, **Patrick Tomcheck**, **Hugo Valencia**, **Brian Pendleton**, and **Nelson Marquez**.

Motor Officer Completes 10K Run in Full Gear



Officer Raymond Woods

Los Angeles Airport Police motor officer **Raymond Woods** completed the 10K memorial run in honor of fallen LAX officer **Tommy Scott** on May 16. He completed the run in full gear in just under one hour and 20 minutes.

Woods, a 14-year airport police veteran and Medal of Valor recipient, ran the entire course adjacent to LAX in full motor uniform, complete with motor boots, belt and helmet. Officer Scott, who was killed 10 years ago at the age of 35 in a carjacking incident after stopping a suspicious man near LAX.

The Tommy Scott Memorial 5K/10K Run was one of several events in Los Angeles commemorating National Police Week and featured hundreds of law enforcement professionals, local runners and community members who came out to pay their respects and show support for law enforcement officers. Proceeds from the event benefited the Tommy Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“Scott was a junior academy classmate of mine and his locker was directly across from mine, so I saw him every day,” said Officer Woods. “Officers from other departments have run 26 miles in patrol uniform so the least I can do is run a 10K in my boots for Tommy.”

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SPRING CLEANING—This timely photo by Principal Public Relations Representative **Harold Johnson** of Community Relations shows two Maintenance Service workers busily giving an LAX sign a spring cleaning. Pictured in white with hose is **Salvador Sufle** and at right with ladder is **Eric Estrada**.