



## LA CONSERVATION CORPS

July 9, 2010

The Corps attended the **America's Great Outdoors Listening Sessions** this week, an initiative established by President Obama to develop a conservation and recreation agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Held at **Rios de Los Angeles State Park**, students from the Clean and Green, LA River Keepers and LA Education Corps programs, along with many other young people from the Southern California region join in on a special listening session for youths about conservation of outdoor spaces in America. Then, representatives from the Corps join in on the Public listening session at **Occidental College**. Special speakers included the EPA Administrator **Lisa Jackson**, Secretary of the Department of Interior **Ken Salazar**, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality **Nancy Sutley**, Undersecretary of the US Department of Agriculture **Harris Sherman** and Assistant secretary of the Army Civil Works **Jo-Ellen Darcy**.



*Harris Sherman with Forest Service Representative and members of Generation Green at Rios de Los Angeles State Park.*



*Nadia Montes from the LA River Keepers Program with EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas*



*Public Listening Session at Occidental College with Bruce Saito as one of the four panelists*

### **Young Adult Corps**

This week,

- A group of 15 to 20 corpsmembers will participate and get certified in Forklift Training.
- Five corpsmembers from the Cal-Releaf program are taking a three-day camping trip to Inyo Forest for some good quality outdoor learning and group bonding.
- A team of corpsmembers from both the East LA and South LA centers are cutting and breaking concrete and backfilling each with decomposed granite in Koreatown, South Los Angeles, Pico Union, Mid-Wilshire and the Westlake areas in order to create over 140 tree wells. This was a partnered effort with the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC) to bring trees to much-needed areas.

### *Vocational Training Program*

The second ARRA Brownfields Job training program began this week at the East LA Center. There are 26 individuals in this program who will earn their certifications in hazardous waste, asbestos abatement, lead abatement, environmental technology, refinery safety overview, basic solar and basic weatherization in 12 weeks.



### *Graffiti*

This week,

- Crews continue to maintain a high weekly monitor score of 4.0
- Corpsmembers cleared over 21,500 sq. ft. of graffiti from City streets
- Completed a total of 355 Service Requests

### *Solar Panel Installation*

Classes went on this week at LA Trade Tech with instructors Brano Goluzza and John Olszewski. This week-long training course is designed to teach young adults from the Corps the needed skills for a career in green jobs. Corpsmembers learned how to use various power tools to drill bolts into concrete and how to properly install solar modules. In a few short weeks, corpsmembers will begin installation of a solar panel in Obregon Park in East Los Angeles.



### *Trees Program*

This weekend, the Trees for a Green LA program will be at the following locations to distribute trees. Free trees will be given qualified to LADWP customers.

- Lotus Festival – 751 Echo Park Blvd, Los Angeles. Saturday, June 12 from noon to 8pm and Sunday, June 13 from 10am to 8pm
- Montecito Heights Centennial celebration – 4701 N. Griffin Ave, Los Angeles. Saturday, June 12 from 10am to 8m.
- Lankershim Blvd & Califa Street – 6502 Ben Ave., North Hollywood. Saturday, June 12 from 9am to noon.

### *Wildland Recovery Team*

The WRT program is currently hiring for potential Wildland Firefighters. Interested candidates should be at least 18 years of age with a valid California Drivers License. Orientation dates are Tuesday, July 13 at Bishop Mora Salesian High School and Tuesday, July 20 at King Gillette Ranch. For more information, please contact Hop Hopkins at [hhopkins@lacorps.org](mailto:hhopkins@lacorps.org).