



LA CONSERVATION CORPS

April 2, 2010

Great news! We received a \$10,000 grant from the Union Bank of California Foundation for the Alternative Education Program and support services.

Four corpsmembers in total from our East LA and South LA Centers have been accepted for the National Outdoors Leadership School program (NOLS). **Andre Matias** (ELA) will be heading out to the Yukon region, **Erik Diaz** (ELA) and **Jorge Perez** (SLA) to Alaska, and **Victor Garcia** (SLA) to the Rocky Mountains in Wyoming. These corpsmembers will spend their summer in the wilderness backpacking, kayaking, and learning about wildlife. It will be the experience of a lifetime. Congratulations!



Two of the four NOLS participants: Andres Matias and Erik Diaz from the East LA Center.

Four students from our LA Education Corps charter school program recently were accepted for a summer leadership program at the Foundation for Teaching Economics. Our students, Karla Garcia, Diego Diaz, Maria Barragan, and Moises Gamino will be heading out to a variety of locations throughout the United States. Congratulations!

Young Adult Corps

Our Green Careers Program completed the weatherization of six homes in the City Terrace area in March over a period of three-weeks. Our corpsmember Andreas Kukurelo (seen below) was trained in insulation, weather-stripping, moisture barrier, window glazing, caulking, and installation of energy efficient fixtures and low-flow plumbing.



Solar crews completed their fourth installation for Grid Alternatives last week. The installation was scheduled for two days but our crews only took one (photo below). Good job!



This week,

- Our MWD crew continued their work in Rancho Cucamonga. The crew has removed overgrown vegetation from eight sites this week and abated over 250 yards of debris. This is a great accomplishment for a crew of just 10 corpsmembers.

- New session corpsmembers provided ongoing community beautification in Council District 10 on Washington Boulevard between Cimarron and Wilton Place.
- The EPA Brownfields Job Training Program completed its one-week weatherization training at LA Trade Tech College with 15 participants.
- CPWR Monority Job Training program started Green Build Training with a class of 25 participants. This is a four-week long training consisting of Green Building professionals, Title 24 California Energy Efficiency Standards, Building Performance, Home Energy Rater, Building Analysts, Envelope professionals, auditors from water and energy companies, and accredited Green plumbers.
- Cal Trans crews worked on irrigation and planting at Site #1. The system has been completely installed and water now flowing through. Through this project taught our corpsmembers the way in which an irrigation system functions as well as give them the opportunity to read detailed plans for Cal Trans.
- The work continues on the Kellogg Interchange landscaping project. Crews are installing drip lines to plant basins in preparation for the upcoming planting of native vegetation (shrubs, small trees and native flower mix). Corpsmembers are also worked on booster pump operations and large shut-off valve installations for remote control valve manifolds.

Graffiti

This week,

- Crews serviced over 200 requests as well as 25 special requests from Council District 10.
- Corpsmembers abated over 12,000 square feet of graffiti
- The monitoring program received a Monitor Score of 4.75. Well done!
- Former corpsmember and new Supervisor Jose Garcia received a score of 5.0 in his Venice Corridor zone.

Cal Re-Leaf

This week,

- Crews from Cal Relief continued their work which will commence their work on April 5 with over 110 tree well concrete cuts on Main Street and Broadway near the South LA Center.
- Crews on Tree Maintenance Project #9 continued their work on Washington Boulevard between Flower and Alameda. They removed concrete wells that were girdling the trees, back-filled them with dirt gravel, and provided some light pruning on the lower branches.

Census 2010

The LA Conservation is a partner with the US Census 2010. **April 7** has been designated as **Census Awareness Day** at the Corps and the North East LA Center will hold an orientation and prep rally at Cornfield Park at noon. Attend this event and help the Corps spread the word about the importance of Census participation.

Building a Green Economy Summit

The Corps is proud to be a Cooperating Organization with the LA Business Council's 4th Annual Sustainability Summit on *Building a Green Economy*, scheduled for April 6. For more details and information to register, please visit www.labusinesscouncil.org.