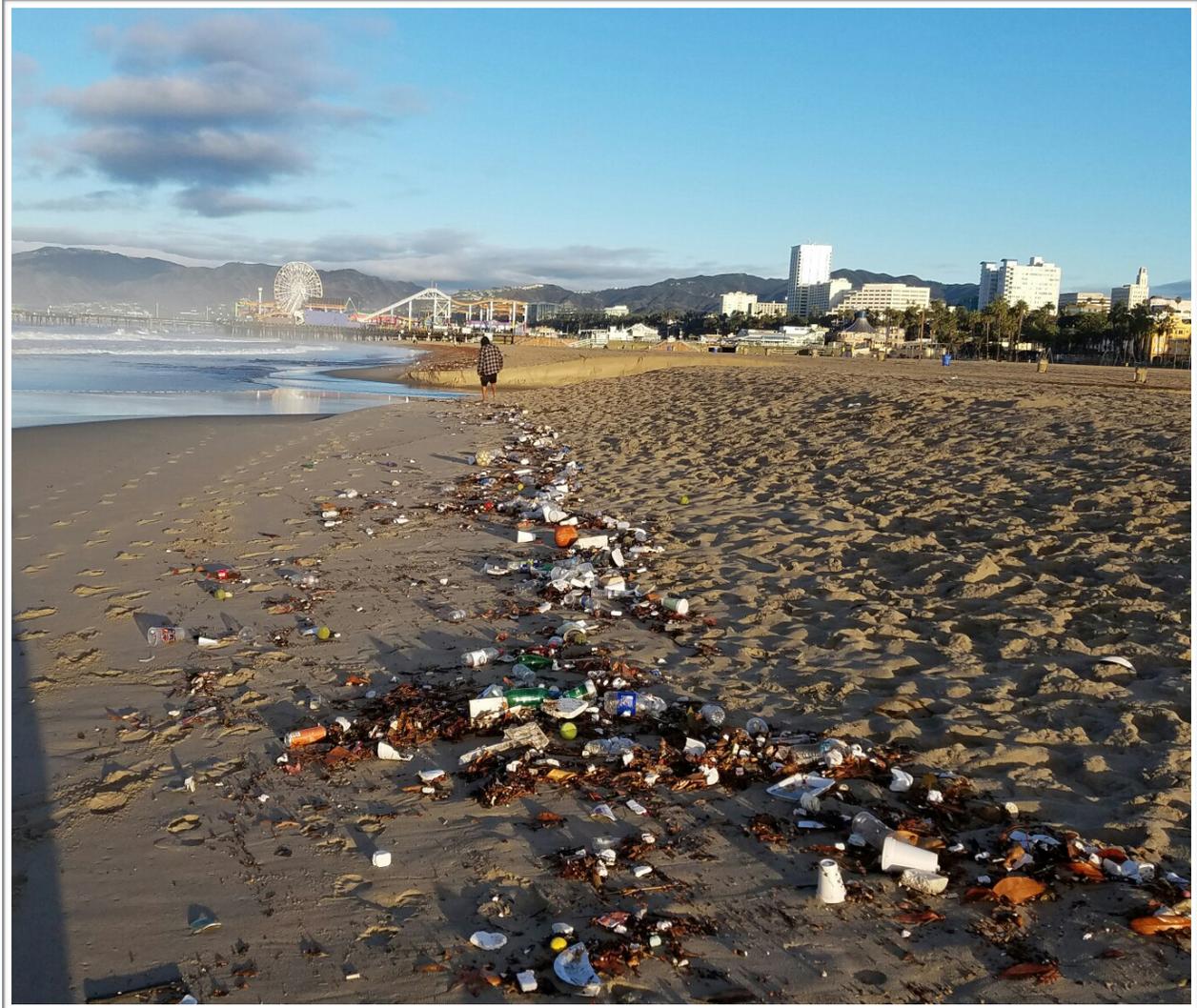


# PUBLIC LANDSCAPE

*A division of the Public Works Department*

Beach Maintenance | Park Maintenance | Promenade Maintenance | Urban Forest



Debris was left strewn across the beach after heavy rains in November, prompting quick clean-up by staff.

## Beach Maintenance

Equipment Operators Aaron Valenzuela, Wayne Butler and Jose Navarro and supervisor Paul Davis cleaned up debris along Santa Monica State Beach following several days of heavy rain in late November. The debris collected on the beach from storm drain outflows and washed ashore from the ocean. Staff used tractors, sweepers, sand rakes, surf rakes and a dump truck to clear the waste.

## Promenade Maintenance

Equipment Operators Oscar Campos, Chris DeShields, Roberto Frayre, Eduardo Garcia and Juan Montes, as well as Maintenance Workers Jaroslaw Kralka and Harold Street swiftly cleaned and sanitized a hydraulic fluid spill in a downtown alley on the day of the Farmers Market in early November. They completed the job using a sweeper, scrubber and good old-fashioned elbow grease. Thanks to their quick work, the area reopened to the public and the Farmers Market resumed in less than an hour.



Above: Promenade staff reacted quickly to the hydraulic fluid spill in downtown Santa Monica.

## Urban Forest Maintenance

Urban Forest staff oversaw the selection and purchase of two *Pinus canariensis* trees (Canary Island pines) to be used as holiday decorations outside of City Hall. The 36" box trees will be decorated by city staff for the holiday season. This species has been very successful in Santa Monica and thus will be used more extensively going forward. The two holiday trees will be planted and become part of Santa Monica's public urban forest in early January.



Above left: City contractor crew unloaded the 36" box trees. Above right: The trees on display at City Hall.

## Announcements

Welcome to new Public Landscape Division employee **Luis Diaz**, who is now a groundskeeper with Park Maintenance!... Congrats to Promenade Equipment Operator **Oscar Campos** and his wife who recently welcomed a new baby girl, Casey Rose...The annual DTSM holiday party was held in early December at the skating rink ICE at DTSM for those who help maintain the downtown district. Among the attendees were Public Landscape Superintendent Darrell Baker, Promenade Maintenance Supervisor Jay Aguilar and Promenade Maintenance staff, who enjoyed catered lunch from Fritto Misto and a raffle... As always, you can follow us on social media. We are **@santamonicapubliclandscape** on Instagram and **@SMTrees** on Facebook... Finally, below is a holiday reminder to all PLD staff!



PLD Admin staff on ice at the DTSM holiday party.

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Cordially Invites You to the

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCH

Thursday, December 22nd  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Colorado Yards