New State Water Policy Could Negatively Impact Redondo Tourism

Acknowledging that California’s water conservation efforts are falling short as the state descends into a fourth year of punishing drought, the administration of Gov. Jerry Brown has imposed new mandatory water conservation rules that will affect millions of people -- from how homeowners water their lawns to how restaurants and hotels serve their guests.

“There have been some heroic efforts that people have taken, but we are not seeing the efforts to step up and ring the alarm bells that the situation warrants,” said Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board, which approved the measures in Sacramento. “We’re going to need to go further if it doesn’t rain.”

But enforcing the rules, which could carry fines of up to $500, will be left up to local cities, counties and water districts. And so far, very few have fined residents for wasting water. Critics called the rules, which take effect April 15, a step in the right direction. But they said they are insufficient without more enforcement to avoid water shortages if the drought drags past this summer.

“At this point, we are failing. We are not meeting our goals,” said Conner Everts, with the California Environmental Water Caucus, a nonprofit group. “At what point do we accept that this might be the fourth year of a 10-year drought and plan for that?”

The past three years have been the driest three years in California history dating back to the Gold Rush. On Tuesday, the Sierra snowpack was at 13% of its historic average, and many of the state’s largest reservoirs were far below normal. Meanwhile, 2014 was the hottest year in recorded history in California and around the globe.

In January 2014, the governor declared a statewide drought emergency and asked Californians to cut water use by 20 percent voluntarily. But the state’s urban and suburban residents have fallen short of that goal, cutting water use by only 9.7% from June to January, compared with the prior year.

SPECIFICALLY, THE RULES ADOPTED TUESDAY:

- Ban all restaurants, bars and hotels from serving water unless customers ask for it.
- Require all hotels and motels to provide signs in rooms telling guests that they have the option of choosing not to have towels and linens

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Moving Forward

As we leave this most recent municipal election behind us, everyone should now focus on how to move forward collectively as a community. Regardless of where anyone stood on Measure B, waterfront revitalization will take place with the CenterCal project.

But far more important than the election is a surging sense of optimism within the city that improvements along our precious waterfront that have been neglected like an aging neighborhood are now within sight of becoming a reality. The pending improvements to the waterfront throughout the pier and along Harbor Drive will indeed transform the area and breathe a new sense of life everyone will be able to enjoy.

I cannot think of a more exciting time than now to be able to witness this, and for the Redondo Chamber to be part of it. We are also very fortunate to have a Chamber that is as vibrant and active as the one we have. The partnership we have with the City of Redondo Beach is also very strong and interactive with numerous community projects and collaborations occurring on a regular basis. Not many communities have a relationship between their Chamber of Commerce and the City that is as productive as the one we share.

Sustaining our partnership with the City is always an on-going priority for the Chamber leadership and we build on our successes year after year. Looking ahead, I also envision more focus on our marinas that will accommodate the new waterfront revitalization as boaters from Marina del Rey to Newport Beach will now have a reason to utilize our facilities. Having such a centrally-located combination of marinas and harbor as we do is an asset that will finally materialize into the destination place we knew existed. It just took an incredible amount of determination and political will to overcome those skeptics who continually oppose progress.

So I move into this current year with a new sense of optimism that I hope will carry forward into everyone else’s priorities as we live in a city that has a tremendous natural resource that few others enjoy.

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Horvath Makes Runoff!
Future of Redondo Relies on Him!

The Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce Candidates PAC was very active in supporting Chamber member Christian Anthony Horvath for District 3 City Council. His hard work made him one of the top two vote getters and earned him the endorsements of many groups in addition to the Chamber’s including Police, Fire, Realtors, Voices Community Group and the County Federation of Labor.

It is very unusual for a candidate to get so many diverse groups to support them. However, in a field of crowded candidates Horvath stood out for many reasons. Horvath is always well versed on both sides of the issues. This is the type of mentality needed to be a council member in Redondo Beach. Redondo Beach has many issues that are not black and white. Horvath excels at understanding every shade of grey. He works hard to understand both sides of an issue and find the common ground. At a time when the council is divided on many issues, Horvath will bring a sense of balance and collaboration to achieve compromises on important issues.

As a small business owner, Horvath knows what it takes to listen, understand, and influence. He also brings practical experience balancing a budget and managing his time. He knows that even though city council is a part-time job, it is a full-time commitment. His values and work ethic make him a prime candidate to lead District 3.

Horvath has a long and decorated history in Redondo Beach. He has been on several city commissions, currently serving as Harbor Commissioner. Horvath was named Volunteer of the Year by the Chamber in 2013 and was the Janet Johnson Spirit Award Winner for the 2011 Leadership Redondo Class. He has also helped bring TEDx to Redondo Beach, has spear headed efforts to upgrade our parks, and has been a tireless advocate for making Redondo Beach a healthier more active community through the blue zones effort.

Horvath is not a one issue candidate. He has been an active member of our community for years and has earned this opportunity. This election will have a major impact on what the future of Redondo Beach looks like. Horvath has the vision, the ability, and experience to insure that Redondo Beach’s best days are ahead. If you live in District 3, when you receive your ballot, cast your vote for Christian Anthony Horvath. Vote for our Future, Vote for Horvath!
Double-Pay Holiday Bill Set for Committee Hearing

A California Chamber of Commerce-opposed bill requiring double pay for work on certain days is scheduled to be considered by the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee.

The CalChamber opposes AB 67 (Gonzalez; D-Sherman Heights) because it increases costs, creates a competitive disadvantage, and potentially violates employers’ constitutional rights by forcing employers to recognize certain days as “family holidays” and compensate all employees with double pay for work performed on those days.

AB 67 significantly increases costs and interferes with employers’ religious beliefs by forcing all employers to recognize Christmas and Thanksgiving as family holidays by paying employees double compensation for hours worked on those days, which will place brick-and-mortar stores at a competitive disadvantage to online retailers.

VIOLATES CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

AB 67 provides that employers shall compensate an employee at no less than twice the employee’s regular rate of pay on a “family holiday,” defined as “December 25 of each year” and “the fourth Thursday of November of each year,” commonly referred to as Christmas and Thanksgiving. While the recognition of these holidays may seem benign to some persons, employers who have nonChristian-based beliefs or are immigrants to America might not see the recognition the same way.

Forcing a nonChristian employer to recognize Christmas as a unique workday by paying all employees double their regular rate of pay is likely a violation of that employer’s constitutional free exercise of religion.

AB 67 is not neutral on its face, but rather, affirmatively recognizes Christmas as a “family holiday” on which employers must provide double compensation to all employees. This is a government endorsement of a Christian holiday, to the detriment of all other nonChristian religious denominations and beliefs.

Similarly, forcing an employer, especially those who are immigrants and do not embrace American culture, to recognize Thanksgiving as a special “family holiday” fails to embrace other cultures and beliefs. The Legislature should not mandate certain days as more significant based upon religious or cultural beliefs that are not maintained by all.

For more information please visit www.RedondoChamber.org/News

President MESSAGE

By Marna Smeltzer
President & CEO

Mandatory Posting: Approved CFRA Rule Changes to Take Effect July 1

(March 10, 2015) Amendments to the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) regulations have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and will take effect July 1.

The Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, along with several other trade associations, submitted comments on the regulations, which were proposed last year by the Fair Employment and Housing Council.

Several changes align the CFRA regulations more closely with the federal Family and Medical leave Act (FMLA) regulations. Other changes:

• Provide guidance on certain definitions, such as how to determine when businesses will be considered joint employers under CFRA; and
• Clarify the current state of the law as interpreted by the courts.

Even with the revisions, some differences still will exist between state and federal family and medical leave laws, including how CFRA coordinates with state pregnancy disability leave laws.

The amended regulations include changes to the mandatory poster requirement, as well as changes to the information that must be included on the certification form that is given to health care providers for leaves involving serious health conditions.

The Chamber encourages you to purchase the CalChamber’s 2015 California and Federal Employment Notices Poster, which will be updated with the revised mandatory CFRA notice once the Department of Fair Employment and Housing releases the final poster. The Chamber will keep members apprised on the status of this mandatory posting requirement.

Be sure to add the “Proud Member” logo to your website! Search engines look for frequency of specific information when determining how high to list a site when a search is made. This means, the more members use the logo, the higher those businesses will appear after a search!
Redondo Beach will host athletes for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles

From July 21 to 24, 2015, up to 100 athletes with intellectual disabilities and their families will dine, stay and play in Redondo Beach while preparing for the most elite sports competition in their lives, and acclimating to life in L.A.

“Every athlete will mimic that victory pose as they pass the finish line, regardless of whether they arrive first or last” said Patrick McClenahan, President and CEO of LA 2015. It symbolizes triumph through persistence to overcome all odds.

Redondo Beach will be one of 100 host towns in Southern California from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. Each town will receive around two delegations, totaling approximately 100 athletes.

The representatives hosted by each town are chose based upon special connections between each town and the particular country, such as sister city relationships or large populations of a particular nationality. Redondo Beach is proud to host Haiti, Suriname and Benin.

There are 177 countries registered to participate, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, totaling 7,000 athletes competing in 25 sporting events. There will be 30,000 volunteers needed to make sure the events run smoothly. Competitions are free to attend, and they will be televised on ESPN.

In addition to accommodations and food, Redondo Beach will make sure athletes can train during their stay and participate in a minimum of two activities or events to celebrate their time in the city, meant to highlight unique attributes of the community, from its history to its local cultural scene.

Help us in making the Host Town program an amazing experience for the athletes! It takes $100 to host one athlete during one day (including lodging and food) or $300 for all three days. Your generous support will unite our community in welcoming our international delegates.

If you would like to volunteer, donate and cheer contact Jeff Melodia, Dinah Lary or Barbara Ramsey-Duke for more info at info@teamredondo.org.

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washed daily.
• Ban Californians from watering lawns and landscaping with potable water within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
• Require cities, counties, water districts and private companies to limit lawn watering to two days a week if they aren’t already limiting lawn and landscape watering to a certain number of days a week.

The rule applies to all 411 water providers with more than 3,000 customers in California, covering more than 95% of the state’s population. But there is a loophole: If water providers are already limiting days of the week, even if it is to three or more days, they can continue with those rules and not restrict watering to two days a week.

The lawn-watering provisions are expected to have the most impact. That’s because outdoor irrigation makes up 44 percent of water use in California’s urban and suburban communities, according to the state water board.

The statewide rules passed Tuesday also require water providers to promptly notify property owners when they discover leaks. And they mandate that water providers report every month to the state water board which days of the week they have limited watering and whether they are penalizing violators.

It will be interesting to see how the rules are enforced here, locally in Redondo Beach. One thing is for sure, if the conditions do not improve we can expect more stringent actions by lawmakers in Sacramento. These could greatly impact tourism based communities and suburban cities, much like ours.
The post-Measure B world

By Harry Munns

I’m going to leave complaints about defeat of Measure B to others. Don’t get me wrong. There’s plenty to complain about. I’ve just begun devoting my energy to learning to live in the post-Measure B world. But I can’t keep from imagining all the things I hoped Measure B would bring this city might not be entirely lost.

I reached out to an AES insider during campaign season to ask about what might happen if Measure B failed. I got this reply, “Certainly over the next decade, while we are operating our existing units, there will be additional opportunities to get a contract to build a new power plant in Redondo Beach. Additionally, the probability of us winning a competitive solicitation and getting a contract at Redondo is higher than most all of our competitors since the cost of constructing a new plant at our site will be lower due to all the existing infrastructure.”

In other words, without the prospect of a zoning change that would allow alternative, profitable development (Measure B), AES will look for an opportunity to keep generating electricity here in Redondo Beach. The company will use the next ten years to find those opportunities.

As an observer who isn’t privy to the inside story behind who’s doing what and why, I have no choice but to take the various players at their word. I have to believe the NO people want to get rid of the power plant and their main Measure B objections were about the number of residential units, the percentage of open space and some other particulars of the AES concept. Those were the arguments I heard.

I also have to believe under the right circumstances, AES would stop operating a power plant in Redondo Beach and proceed with an alternate plan for the future of the property. Measure B was supposed to provide those circumstances. I have to believe, failure of Measure B doesn’t mean there aren’t other possibilities for those circumstances to occur.

Would it be crazy of me to make another assumption, that maybe there’s a way for AES to get the zoning changes it needs to plan alternate uses for its property and for the people who voted against Measure B to support some kind of mixed use development?

I’m not sure what that would look like. I honestly don’t see the parties who appear to be in conflict developing the respect and trust they would need to engage in constructive dialogue.

Maybe there’s another way. What if that dialogue was conducted by surrogates? The process might go something like this.

The NO people would spend time explaining their needs, wants and desires to their surrogate, a person who has no emotional, financial or historical involvement in Redondo Beach or the issues surrounding the power plant.

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ELIGIBILITY:
• Open to all artists residing in California. All entries must be original, completed in the past two years and not previously shown at the City of Redondo Beach. All mediums are welcomed.
• Framed pieces must be ready for hanging. No saw tooth or string hangers.
• No size limitations.
• Installations artists, please contact pchca101@hotmail.com to arrange a walk through at the Industrial Cathedral.

ENTRY RULES:
• No entry fee.
• No limit to the number of entries
• All entries must be submitted in jpeg form. Please only one image per entry.
• Images must be 300dpi in resolution. Please write the artist’s first and last name on the CD and indicate the number of entries. Please title each file name with the artist’s last name and title of work, separated with an underscore.
• Collectors will pay the artist directly
• 25% of sales will be donated to Friends of Redondo Beach Arts, a 501c (3) nonprofit organization.
• Please fill and sign an entry form.
• Entries can be emailed to pchca101@hotmail.com or mailed to: Nina Zak Laddon Attn: CA101 2015 546 South Helberta Ave. Redondo Beach, CA 90277
• For more information contact: Sandra Dyer Liljenwall at liljenwall21@gmail.com or 310.617.2840 www.friendsredondobeacharts.org
• Sponsored by AES Redondo and CenterCal

IMPORTANT DATES:
• Entry Deadline: Monday June 22nd, 2015 midnight
• Notification of Results: Tuesday June 30th, 2015
• Shipped works must arrive by: Saturday July 25th, 2015
• Artworks drop off: Monday July 27th, 2015 10am - 6pm
• Opening Reception: Friday July 31st, 2015, 5 -10pm
• Exhibit Dates: August 1,2,7,8,9, 2015
• Artworks Pick up: Monday August 10th, 2015, 10am - 6pm

Tip of the Month from Your Health & Wellness Committee

Did you know, Mindfulness can help Reduce Anxiety, Depression and Stress?

There is a growing movement in America to train people to get around the stresses of daily life. Mindfulness can be useful for anxiety, depression and stress reduction. When practiced regularly, mindfulness can boost immunity, increase happiness, help us focus, enhance relationships and more.

10 practical tips to start being more mindful right now:

1. Take a couple of minutes to notice your breathing. Sense the flow of the breath, the rise and fall of your belly
2. Notice what you are doing as you are doing it and tune into your senses. When you are eating, notice the color, texture and taste of the food.
3. When you are walking, tune into how your weight shifts and the sensations in the bottom of your feet. Focus less on where you are headed.
4. Don’t feel that you need to fill up all your time with doing. Take some time to simply be.
5. When your mind wanders to thinking, gently bring it back to your breath.
6. Recognize that thoughts are simply thoughts; you don’t need to believe them or react to them.
7. Practice listening without making judgments.
8. Notice where you tend to zone out (e.g., driving, emailing or texting, web surfing, feeding the dog, doing dishes, brushing teeth, etc.). Practice bringing more awareness to that activity.
9. Spend time in nature.
10. Notice how the mind likes to constantly judge. Don’t take it seriously. It’s not who you are.

*Read more about mindfulness, and an upcoming workshop: http://www.bchd.org/news-events/events/free-mindfulness-workshop
Business Spotlight of the Month

WEDGEWOOD MAYOR’S BUSINESS AWARD OF THE YEAR

Wedgewood is a leading acquirer of distressed residential real estate. Founded in 1985, Wedgewood has grown into a diversified, vertically integrated company, expanding its business footprint to include residential rehabilitation, non-performing loans, property management, private lending, brokerage, escrow, and more. The Company generates in excess of $800 million in annual revenue, has 250 employees, and is housed in an 86,400 square foot, state-of-the-art headquarters in Redondo Beach, CA.

In Spring 2014, Wedgewood had the opportunity to consolidate its operations from multiple buildings in El Segundo to a single location in Redondo Beach. Wedgewood renovated what was once a data center owned by Comerica Bank.

Many of Wedgewood's leadership team live in the South Bay. It was for that reason, along with easy access to public transportation, proximity to the freeway and airport, and the supportive business partnership provided by the city that made Wedgewood's decision to locate its headquarters in Redondo Beach an easy one.

On Thursday, March 19, Wedgewood was honored with the 2015 Business of the Year award by the city of Redondo Beach. This inaugural award was given at the annual Redondo Beach State of the City meeting held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and presented by Mayor Steve Aspel. The Mayor highlighted several aspects of Wedgewood’s business model including its residential improvement business, its in-house business incubator program, and its on-site solar project which offsets about 75% of the office’s energy load.

Wedgewood is currently hiring. If you are interested in exploring our employment opportunities, contact us at resume@wedgewood-inc.com.

Covered CA Health Insurance Deadline Extended

Dr. Lisa Santora, BCHD Chief Medical Officer

The deadline to enroll in health care insurance for 2015 was recently extended through April 30, 2015 for people who say they weren’t aware they would face a tax penalty for being uninsured.

According to the Covered California Executive Director, more than 600,000 California residents may face a tax penalty under the Affordable Care Act. The extension will not prevent people from having to pay the 2014 penalty, but it will help them avoid additional penalties in 2015.

For the 2015 tax year, the penalty is $325 per adult or 2 percent of a person’s income, with some exceptions for financial hardship. The penalty is called the “shared responsibility payment.”

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) offers free enrollment assistance for Beach Cities residents. BCHD’s team of certified enrollment counselors can walk individuals and families through their options one-on-one at no cost. Appointments are required, so call (310) 374-3426, ext. 256, to reserve a slot.

So far, more than 1.4 million Californians have signed up for health insurance through Covered California. BCHD has helped nearly 1,000 Beach Cities residents navigate the online health care exchange since 2014.

Visit bchd.org or call (310) 374-3426, ext. 256, for more information.
Ribbon CUTTINGS

Fit On Studios Celebrates their Redondo Beach location with a Ribbon Cutting!
Pictured here are friends and family of Fit On Studios including (Front Row): RBCC Ambassador Joanne Galin from MixAgoGo; Julie Christensen; co-owners of Fit On Studios Franca Stadvec, Michael Stadvec, Angela Bennett and Taylor Bennett; Fit On Instructor Natalie Padveen; Geidy Tabraue; Sarah Matzen; Tanya Shin; and RBCC Ambassador Mark Applegate, Applegate Insurance. Back Row: Fit On Instructor Dawn Gordon; Leslie Payne; Karen Gorgeous; and Fit On Instructors Nikki Murray, PK, Lisa Chu, and Becky Anzivino.

Cornerstone Construction Group
105 W. Torrance Blvd., #202, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 792-1052 | www.cornerstonecg.com

A ribbon cutting was recently held for Cornerstone Construction Group Inc’s 30th anniversary celebration. Pictured here for the ribbon cutting are: Chair of the Board Michael Jackson, The Dardanelle Group; Meaghan Kautzer, Comerica Bank; Samantha Bossu, Decora; Marna Smeltzer, RBCC President/CEO.

Jersey Mike’s Subs
561 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Phone: (310) 374-4900 | www.jerseymikes.com

Jersey Mike’s Subs celebrated the opening of their Redondo Beach location with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured here are Vera Jimenez; Hermosa Beach Fish Shop, Steve Goldstein, Payroll Management Solutions; Mayor Steve Aspel; Waleed Bayoni, Garen Khodaverdian, Challa McKinow & Ashley Adams, Jersey Mike’s Subs; Michael Jackson, RBCC Chair of the Board; Meaghan Kautzer; Comerica Bank; Nanci Goussak, RBCC; Mike Rabe; Marna Smeltzer, RBCC President & CEO, Lisa Rodriguez, Array Systems; Jack Tracy; Bob Christian; RBCC & VB; Ray Gedert, Money Mailer; Heidi Butzine, ShopLocal.US; Joanne Galin, Mixagogo; Matt Mellier, Cook & Associates; Mark Applegate, Applegate Insurance.

Hilton Garden Inn
2410 Marine Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 727-9999 | www.residenceinn.marriott.com

A ribbon cutting was recently held to celebrate the Hilton Garden Inn’s grand opening of the Tesla Supercharger Station. Pictured are Joe Hoefgen, Redondo Beach City Manager; Brad Wagstaff, property owner; Michael Jackson, Chair of the Board; RBCD & VB and the Tesla rep.
AES would spend time with its surrogate, someone who is equally disconnected from all things to do with the power plant. The company would educate that person about its needs, wants and desires. Then the surrogates would meet and discuss what might be done to achieve what the community wants, getting rid of the power plant. The only thing that would really be necessary for this to occur would be agreement by both sides to engage in the process and a shared understanding that compromise is necessary. The process of reaching consensus and moving toward a plan to rid our community of the power plant would take time, effort and compromise. What’s the alternative? AES digs in its heels and makes electricity for ten years, all the while looking for an opportunity to engage in future power generation or some other industrial activity? The NO people drag this city through more initiatives and legal battles that divide us at a time when we should be united in our desire to get rid of the power plant? I’d like to see this city take the momentum both sides of the Measure B debate generated before the election and use that energy in some constructive way. I supported Measure B with considerable passion. I’m sure the people who worked to defeat the initiative felt just as passionately about what they ultimately accomplished. Imagine what all that energy might achieve if it was focused in the same direction.

The thing I would have liked best about passing Measure B was the idea that our city would be taking the first step on a path toward the single most important improvement we could make as a community. I’m living with the results of Measure B’s failure but I’m not willing to give up on the possibility of taking that first step sometime in the not too distant future. Want to join me?

Harry Munns owns Beach Cities Computers & Video.

The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and are not in any way to be taken as the official position of the Chamber.

Orlando’s
1000 Torrance Blvd., #A, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 792-9300

Orlando’s celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Pictured here owners Orlando Mulé and Carole Beauvais, son Brando Beauvais Mulé, daughter Brianna Beauvais Mulé, Rachel Beauvais, Jesse Gutierrez, Nina Collins, Orlando’s; Chair of the board; Michael Jackson, The Dardanelle Group; Mary McKenrick, Athens Services; Deborah Shepard, DestinationExcellence; Joanne Galin, Mixagogo; Ray Gedert, MoneyMailer; Steve Goldstein, Payroll Management Solutions; Chris Cagle, South Bay Workforce Investment Board; Dinah Lary, Body Glove International; Cristan Higa, Beach Cities Health District.

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Mr. Alex See
903 N. Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 892-2213
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424 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
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- Entertainment
  - A girl’s interactive birthday party boutique and shop where Princess Penelope and her Princess Pals will show all guests that every girl is royally amazing!

**The SEA Lab**
Ms. Maria Madrigal
1021 N. Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 318-7458
www.lacorps.org/programs/sea-lab
- Non-Profit Organizations
  - The SEA Lab is a program of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps focused on providing education and job-skills training to at-risk young adults. The SEA Lab fulfills this role by training college students to lead informative marine education programs. We serve thousands of students throughout the Los Angeles County every year through field trips, in-school presentations and summer camp programs. We also offer hands-on guided tours of our facility to the public with the help of community volunteers. Visit the SEA Lab to learn more about our education programs, volunteer opportunities and birthday parties!

**Sperry Van Ness / Anika Avery**
Ms. Anika Avery
10940 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024
(310) 425-3377
Web Address:
- Real Estate - Commercial
  - South Bay native specializing in commercial investments, specifically multi-family buildings.

Chamber Business Connections Thrive:
Meet New & Anniversary **MEMBERS**!

Welcome our New Members! Pictured here at the March Network Café Luncheon are Misa Zaker, DC; Adam Weitzman, MD; and Kristen Andrich from South Bay Pain and Wellness. We’re proud to have you as members!

Happy Anniversary to members Mark Wecker and John Biaco of Always Best Care Senior Services; Elizabeth Wallmark of the Belamar Hotel; Maria Frias of South Bay One Stop Business and Career Center; Bill Pomeroy of Travel Host Magazine; Dinah Lary of Body Glove; Chris Cagle of South Bay Investment Workforce Board; Al Wise of Manhattan Beach Toyota; Liza Theval of Dominique’s Kitchen and Pamela Rice of Office Depot.

**Member2Member **DISCOUNT**

- Discover more discounts at RedondoChamber.org
  (In the members only section)

**The Ripe Choice Catering Co.**
312 Rosecrans Ave. • Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
www.theripechoice.net • (310) 962-4597

**DISCOUNT:** Chamber members enjoy a 10% discount off the total catering cost.
Networking Tip
OF THE MONTH

PLAN SOME ICE-BREAKERS AHEAD OF TIME
Shy people, in particular, have a hard time starting conversations with strangers, but doing a bit of homework before an event can help anyone come up with good questions to ask. Find out who will be at an event, and research the people you want to meet by looking them up on Google or LinkedIn. “Come up with a few questions as ice breakers,” Whitmore advises. “My typical go-to questions always revolve around food and travel, because everybody loves to eat and most everybody loves to travel.”

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Rita’s Ice of South Bay
Smashburger
South Bay Workforce Investment Board
SunLiving Health & Wellness
The Redondo
Tony’s on the Pier
US Bank
Verizon

South Bay Medal of Valor

MAY 22nd, 2015
TORRANCE MARRIOTT HOTEL
3635 Fashion Way, Torrance
$45 Per Person – $450 Per Table
11:00 a.m. - No Host Cocktails
12:00 p.m. - Lunch

Join us to honor the South Bay’s law enforcement and fire protection agencies. This 41st annual luncheon will recognize the conspicuous acts of braver police officers and firefighters who selflessly serve and protect our communities.

2nd Annual South Bay Beer Wine Festival

Sunday, May 3, 2015 • 1:00 to 5:00p.m.
at South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula
Admission includes craft beers, fine wines, delicious food, live music, and silent and live auctions
Ticket Price: $55.00 (Until April 4) • $65.00 After April 4
$20.00 (Ages 12 to 20) • Free (Under 12)

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit our website at www.SBBeerWineFest.com
If you have any questions, call Karen Greenberg at (310) 296-7567

Presented by the Rotary Club of El Segundo, Palos Verdes Peninsula and South Bay Sunrise
Proceeds will benefit organizations including: Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, Wounded Heroes of America
Rotary’s mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, support of education and the alleviation of poverty.
2015 Calendar of EVENTS

RedondoChamber.org/events

NOTES: Reservations for these events must be made online at RedondoChamber.org or by calling 310.376.6911. Please cancel your reservations for events if you are unable to attend. No-shows will be invoiced.