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Malibu's Legacy Park Crowned Project of the Year

The American Society of Civil Engineers will present the City with the award on February 28, 2012.

Malibu, California – After winning five major awards last year, Legacy Park, the centerpiece of the City's \$50 million commitment to improving ocean water quality, has won its biggest prize yet: the American Society of Civil Engineers' Project of the Year Award for the entire state of California.

The award will be presented to the City of Malibu by the American Society of Civil Engineers at its awards dinner on February 28, 2012 in Sacramento, California. The Project of the Year Award spotlights Legacy Park's innovative approach to construction, progressive ideas promoting sustainability, and its use of advanced technologies and materials. The project is now in the running for the American Society of Civil Engineers' National Project of the Year.

"We thank the American Society of Civil Engineers for acknowledging our commitment to environmental stewardship and our leadership in sustainable construction," Malibu Mayor Laura Rosenthal said. "The creation of Legacy Park is one of the many ways the City has shown its dedication to helping create a cleaner environment and protecting the health of our nearly 13,000 residents and approximately 15 million visitors who explore Malibu's mountains and shores annually."

Completed in October 2010, \$35 million Legacy Park transformed 15 acres in the heart of Malibu into a central park that is one of the most ambitious and innovative stormwater and urban runoff projects in California. This state-of-the-art project is an environmental cleaning machine capable of capturing up to 2.6 million gallons per day of stormwater and urban runoff for treatment and disinfection. The creation of Legacy Park also restored and developed important native coastal habitats, while creating open space for passive recreation and environmental education. It offers a living learning center, informational kiosks, an outdoor classroom, a cultural interpretive center and numerous other features to provide information and education about flora and fauna along the Southern California coast.

The community came together to raise the money to purchase the land for Legacy Park, preserve it as open space and transform it into an innovative project that has improved ocean water quality and protected public health. Hundreds of donors contributed to the \$25 million purchase and the \$10 million design, engineering and construction of the project.

"The State Water Board is happy to have partnered with the City of Malibu on such a terrific project," said Charles R. Hoppin, Chairman of the State Water Resources Control Board, which contributed a \$4 million grant to construct the park's stormwater treatment plant and \$2.5 million toward the purchase of the land. "We are very pleased to see the American Society of Civil Engineers recognize the ingenuity of the City's efforts in protecting and improving the environment, and we congratulate Malibu for its leadership in environmental preservation."

Individual donors gave more than \$2.4 million and the Annenberg Foundation awarded the City a \$2 million matching grant for the project. The remaining funding came from Santa Monica Community College, Los Angeles County's Proposition A, MTA Proposition C, the City of Malibu, the Solid Waste Management Fund, Parkland Development and Certificates of Participation offered by the City.

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