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Newly Certified Clean Bay Restaurants in Redondo Beach

Los Angeles, CA (January 18, 2013) – The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and the City of Redondo Beach would like to congratulate the newly certified restaurants of the [Clean Bay Restaurant Certification Program](#) (CBRP). They have achieved a 100% score on the program’s checklist of standards for stormwater runoff reduction, going above and beyond local stormwater regulations. These Redondo Beach restaurants have been recognized with Certifications acknowledging the City’s appreciation.

Those certified range from harbor-view restaurants such as the Charthouse, to mall eateries. “Hot Dog on a Stick has been certified through the Clean Bay Restaurant Program since June 2009. We are proud to do our part to improve and protect the Santa Monica Bay and our community. We believe this program benefits us by promoting our commitment to keeping our ocean clean through good practices, but also by encouraging others to do the same,” states Laurie Sonia, Executive VP, Hot Dog on a Stick Enterprises.

About 460 restaurants are currently certified in the cities of Hermosa Beach, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, and Torrance.

Stormwater pollution poses a serious problem for Santa Monica Bay—which stretches from the LA-Ventura county line in the north to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the south—and local beaches, and is a major source of coastal pollution in Southern California. The Bay and its coastline are critical to the regional economy and local ecology, and are important recreational and cultural resources for the 2nd most populous region in the U.S.

The SMBRC created and facilitates the CBRP, and works closely with the cities to identify and acknowledge those restaurants doing their part to protect the Bay and beaches. The restaurants in the program receive the following benefits:

- Window display identifying the establishment as a “Clean Bay” Certified Restaurant, committed to protecting the Santa Monica Bay
- Special recognition by the city
- Recognition in the local paper
- Recognition/inclusion on the SMBRC’s Clean Bay web site as a Certified Restaurant
- Potential increased patronage by environmentally concerned residents



“Through the Clean Bay Restaurant Certification Program, the City was excited to get in touch with the community and discuss what restaurant owners and managers can do to protect the Santa Monica Bay,” says Elaine Jeng, P.E., Acting Principal Civil Engineer for the City of Redondo Beach. “It’s a mutually beneficial program—by keeping our ocean clean, restaurants benefit from tourists who come to enjoy the Bay. The City appreciates all the participating restaurants in Redondo Beach and hopes to add more to the growing list this year.”

A list of all the restaurants, in Redondo Beach and other cities, that obtained perfect scores on their stormwater inspections and are members of the *Clean Bay Restaurant Certification Program* is on the Program’s website. Please contact Julie Du Brow for a list of the newly- and re-certified Redondo Beach restaurants. The City inspects restaurants six times per year.

The SMBRC is a science-focused, non-regulatory, and locally-based state entity involved in a range of programs and partnerships to restore and protect the Santa Monica Bay, including restoration of wetlands, the Malibu Lagoon, coastal kelp forests, and more. The organization works for sustainable fisheries; runs the Honey Pot Day program for local boaters; hosts the only kayak-based Coastal Cleanup Day event in Los Angeles; and publishes the *Boater’s Guide for Southern California*, the annual *Urban Coast* journal, and an in-depth *State of the Bay* report every five years.

To find out how you can help make your local beaches safe and clean, please contact the SMBRC at (213) 576-6645.

About Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC)

The SMBRC is a State Commission established in 2002 by the California State legislature. It replaces the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project, which was established in 1988 by the State of California and U.S. EPA as a National Estuary Program under the Clean Water Act. The SMBRC is a non-regulatory, locally-based state entity charged with overseeing and promoting the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP) by securing and leveraging funding to put solutions into action, building public-private partnerships, promoting cutting-edge research and technology, facilitating stakeholder-driven consensus processes, and raising public awareness. The BRP focuses on three priority areas—water quality, natural resources, and benefits and values to humans—to ensure the long-term health of the 266-square mile Bay and its 400-square mile watershed. (<http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/>)

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation site is www.santamonicabay.org.

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