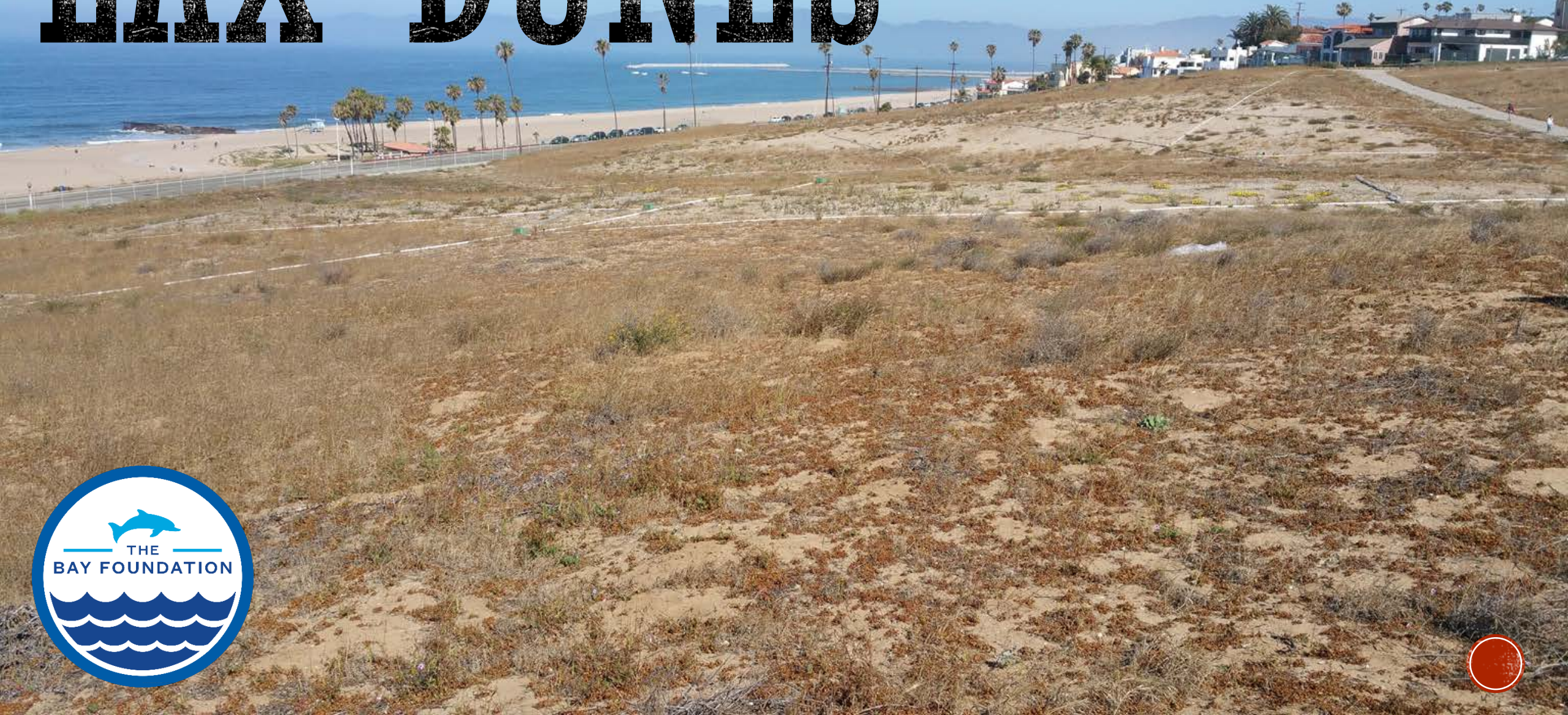


# LAX DUNES



# LAX DUNES FACTS

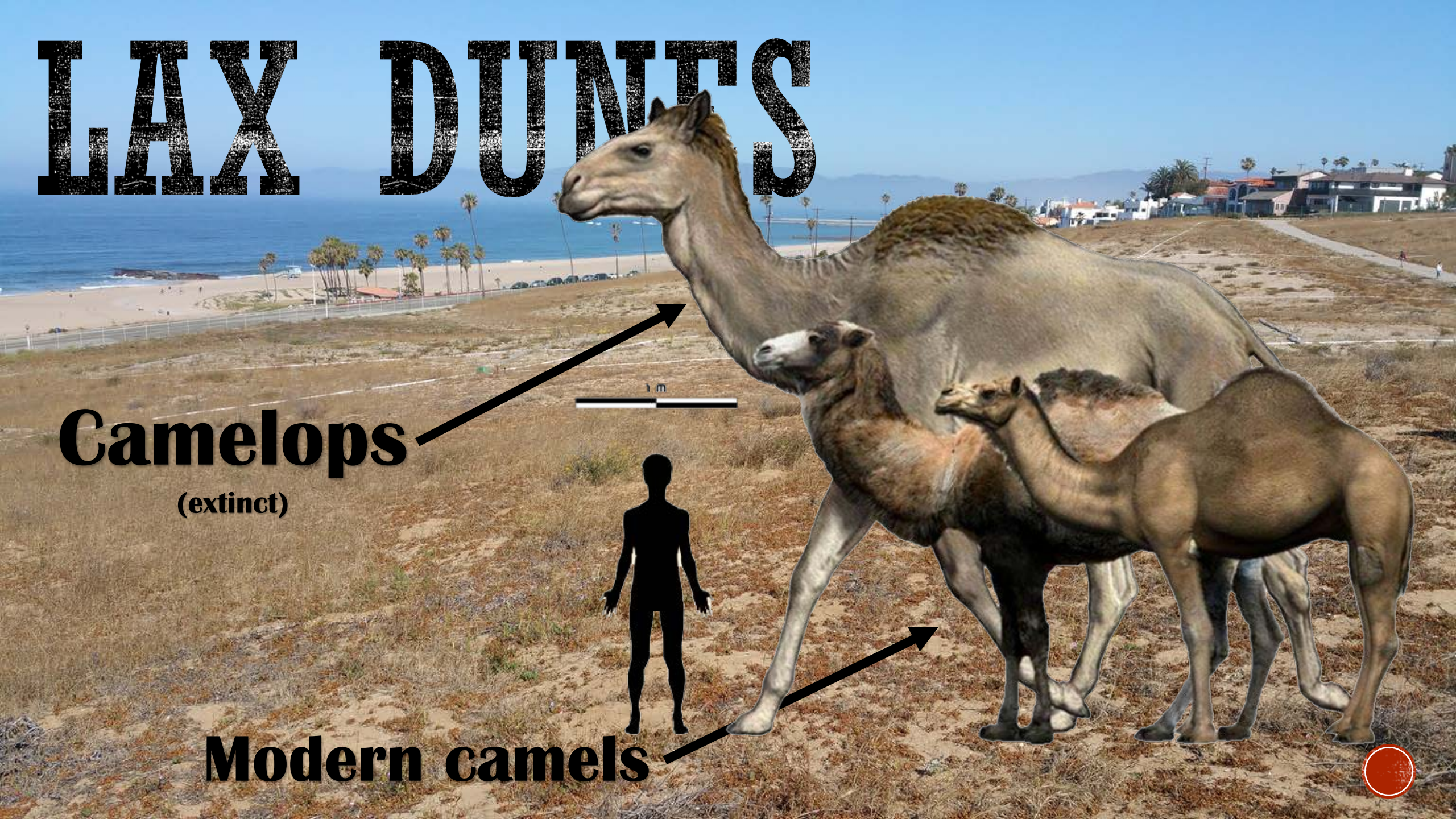
- Largest dunes complex in Southern California
- Once extended from Palos Verdes to Santa Monica
- About 50,000 years old
- Bones of an extinct member of the camel family were found (*Camelops*, *Camelops hersternus*)
- The neighborhood north of the dunes was once called 'Palisades del Rey,' today Playa del Rey
- The neighborhood that once inhabited the dunes was called 'Surfridge'
- In the 1920s, 'Palisades del Rey' was the place to be; Spanish-style villas housed the rich & famous
- 1928 — Mines Field opened, a small airport later to be known as LAX (1941)
- 1930s — The area fell into decline after the Great Depression
- 1940s—1950s — After WWII, the area revived and 600 more modest homes were built
- As LAX grew and planes got louder, Surfridge residents started to complain about noise and soot. Since nothing could be done to alleviate the problem, through eminent domain, the City of LA purchase all the homes and forced residents to move, a process that happened from the late-1960s to the early 1980s.
- Today, the LAX Dunes (aka El Segundo Dunes) is about 300-acres, mostly designated a protected wildlife Preserve.

# LAX DUMPS

**Camelops**  
(extinct)

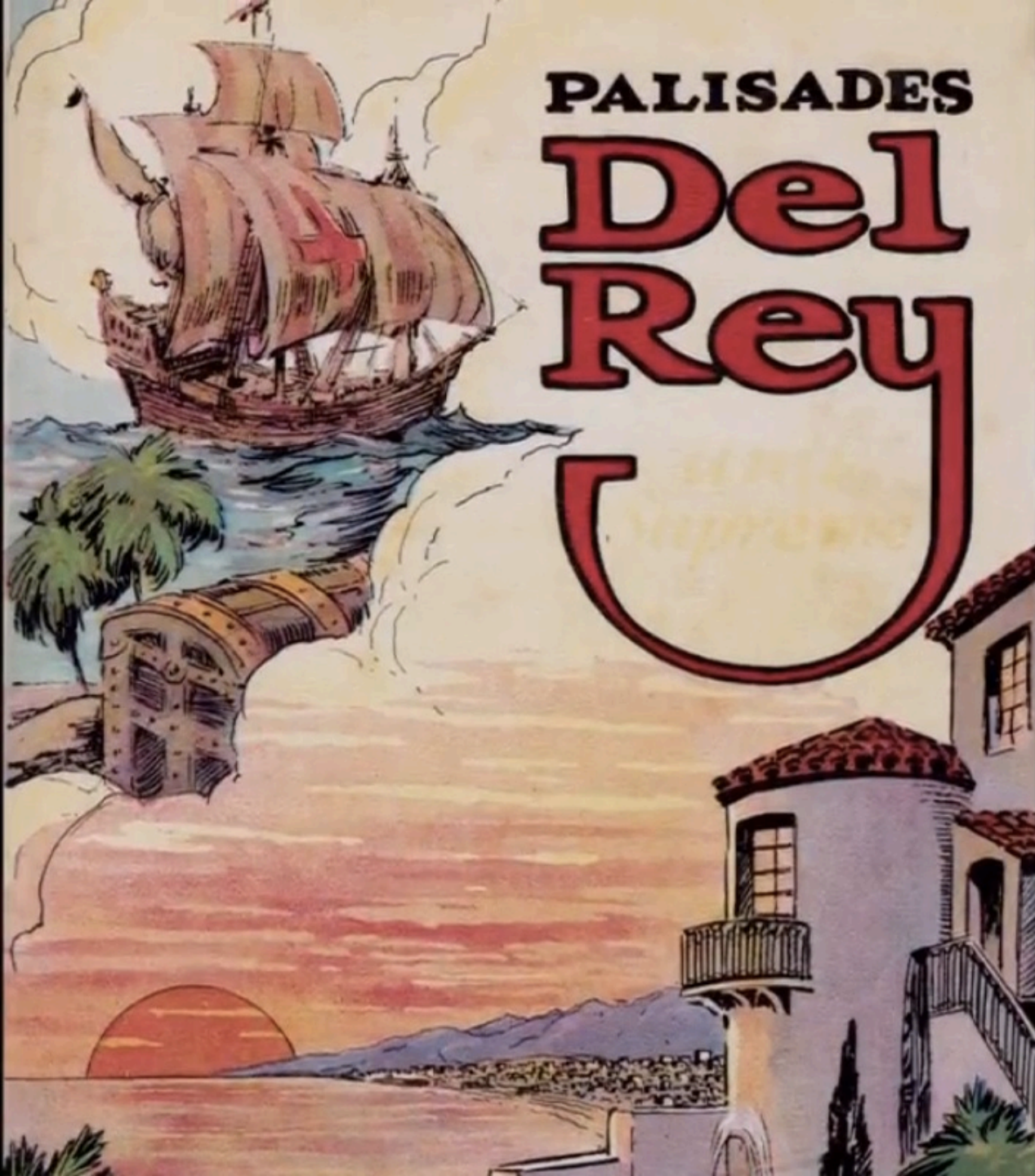
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**Modern camels**





PALISADES  
**Del  
Rey**



1920s



Duke Dukesherer Collection



All the original homes were topped with red tile.

Part of the LAX Dunes can be seen to the right.

The home on the right was one of the original homes built in 1925.

It still stands today at 200 Waterview St., just a block from the beach (above).



1950s & 60s



# Before



Vista del Mar



# After



Vista del Mar



# PALISADES DEL REY AND SURFRIDGE

LEGEND  
LIGHT GREEN -  
Residential Area  
DARK GREEN -  
Residential Area  
ORANGE -  
Residential Area  
DARK GREEN -  
Residential Area  
See notes for restrictions



# Before





**After**



# SOME OF THE LAX DUNES' NATIVE PLANTS



**El Segundo Blue Butterfly**  
male (L) & female (R)



**Cliff Buckwheat**  
(*Eriogonum parvifolium*)





# Beach Evening Primrose

*Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia*

Photos taken at the LAX  
Dunes on May 6, 2017

Native



# California Croton

*Croton californicus*



Native





**Deerweed**  
*Acmispon glaber*

**Native**

# Jimson Weed

*Datura wrightii*

Native



# Sand Verbena

*Abronia umbellata*



*THIS BABY SAND  
VERBENA IS GROWING  
ON THE SANTA MONICA  
SITE PATAGONIA  
SPONSORED LAST  
YEAR!*



**Native**





# Silver Beach Bur

*Ambrosia chamissonis*

Native

# South Coast Branching phacelia

*Phacelia ramosissima* var. *austrolitoralis*

Native



Listed in California  
Native Plant Society's  
Inventory of Rare and  
Endangered Plants

# INVASIVE PLANTS!!





# Acacia Trees

*Acacia cyclops*  
*Acacia retinoides*

Invasive



# Black Mustard

*Brassica nigra*



Invasive





# Foxtail Brome

*Bromus madritensis*

Invasive





# Iceplant

*Carpobrotus  
edulis*

Invasive





# Ripgut

*Bromus diandrus*

Invasive



# Russian thistle

*Salsola tragus*

Invasive



# Wild Oat

*Avena fatua*

Invasive





# Wild Radish

*Raphanus sativus*

Invasive



# *Geraldton carnation weed* *Euphorbia terracina*

**Invasive**



*Environmental Weeds  
of Australia*



May 6, 2017  
Friends of the LAX Dunes  
Volunteer Day

Lighter green *Euphorbia terracina* scrubs surround the darker green native shrubs



Two hours later,  
much of the  
*Euphorbia* has been  
removed!



# San Diego Horned Lizard

*Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillii*



**Native**



# California Silvery Legless Lizard

*Anniella pulchra*



**Native**

# California Common Scorpion

*Paruroctonus silvestrii*



**Native**

