LAX DUNES

Appendix B

THE BAY FOUNDATION

Los Angeles World Airports

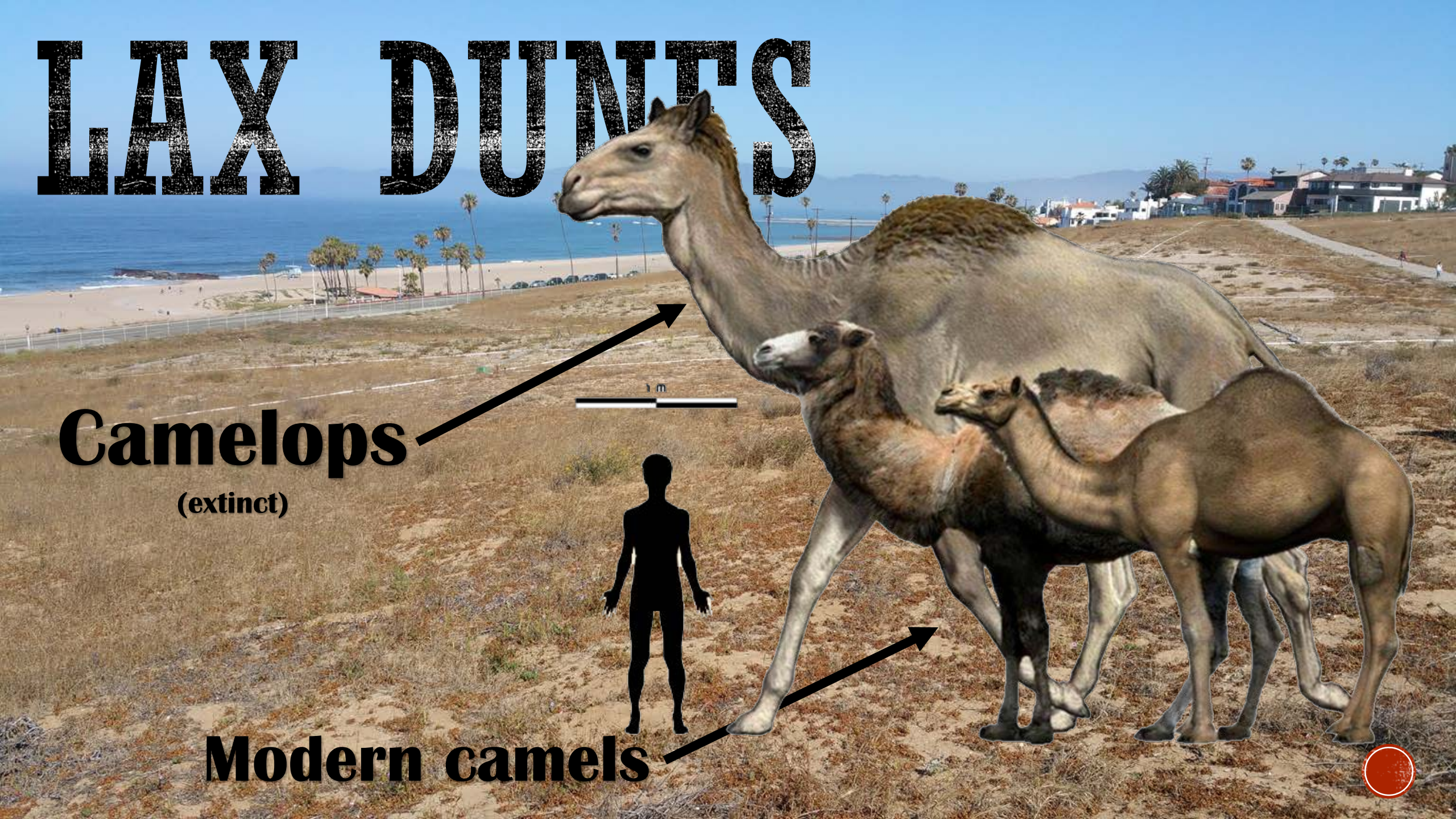
Friends of the LAX Dunes

Coastal Conservancy

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 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 DUNES



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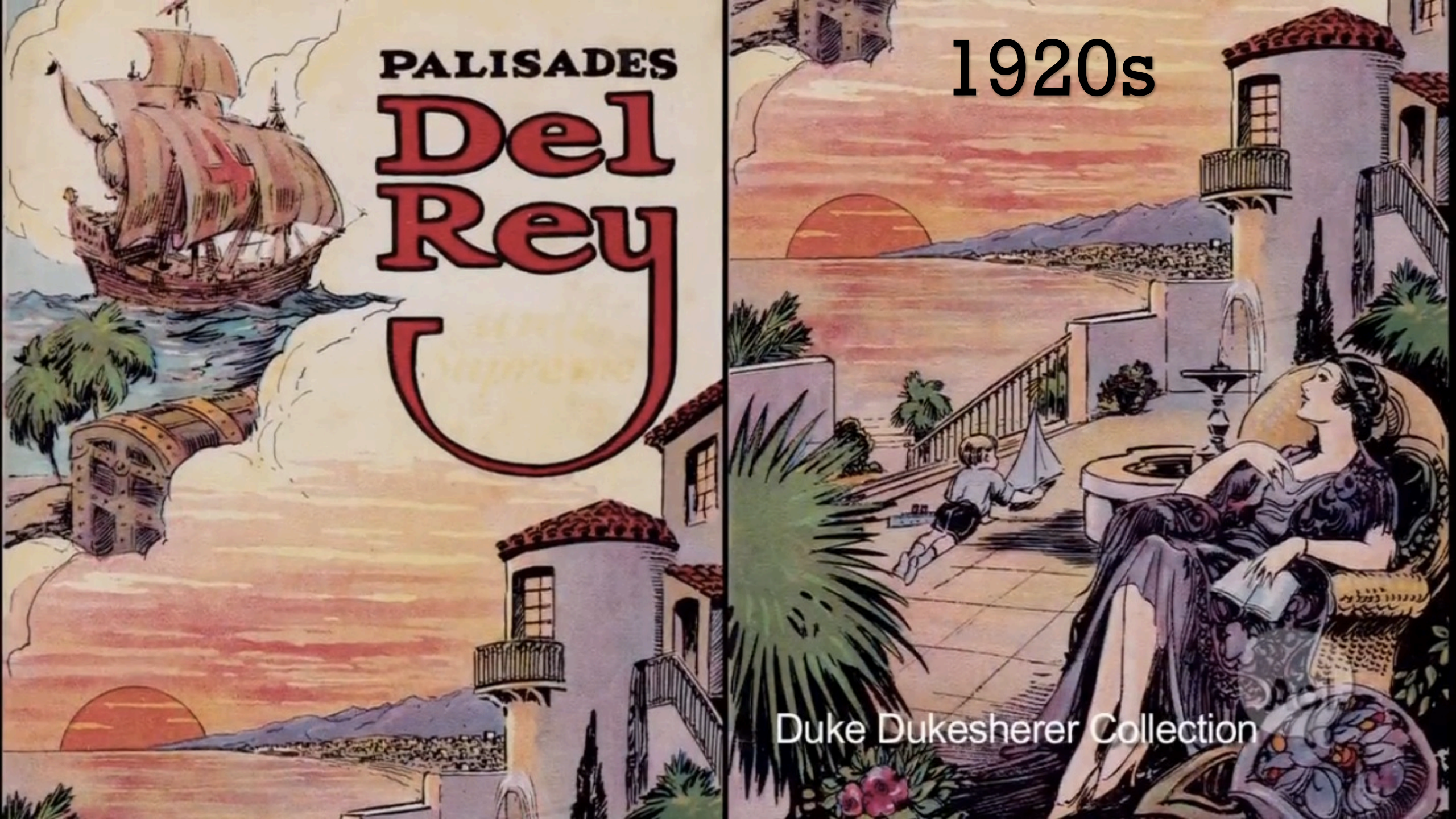

PALISADES
Del Rey
1920s
Duke Dukesherer Collection

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).

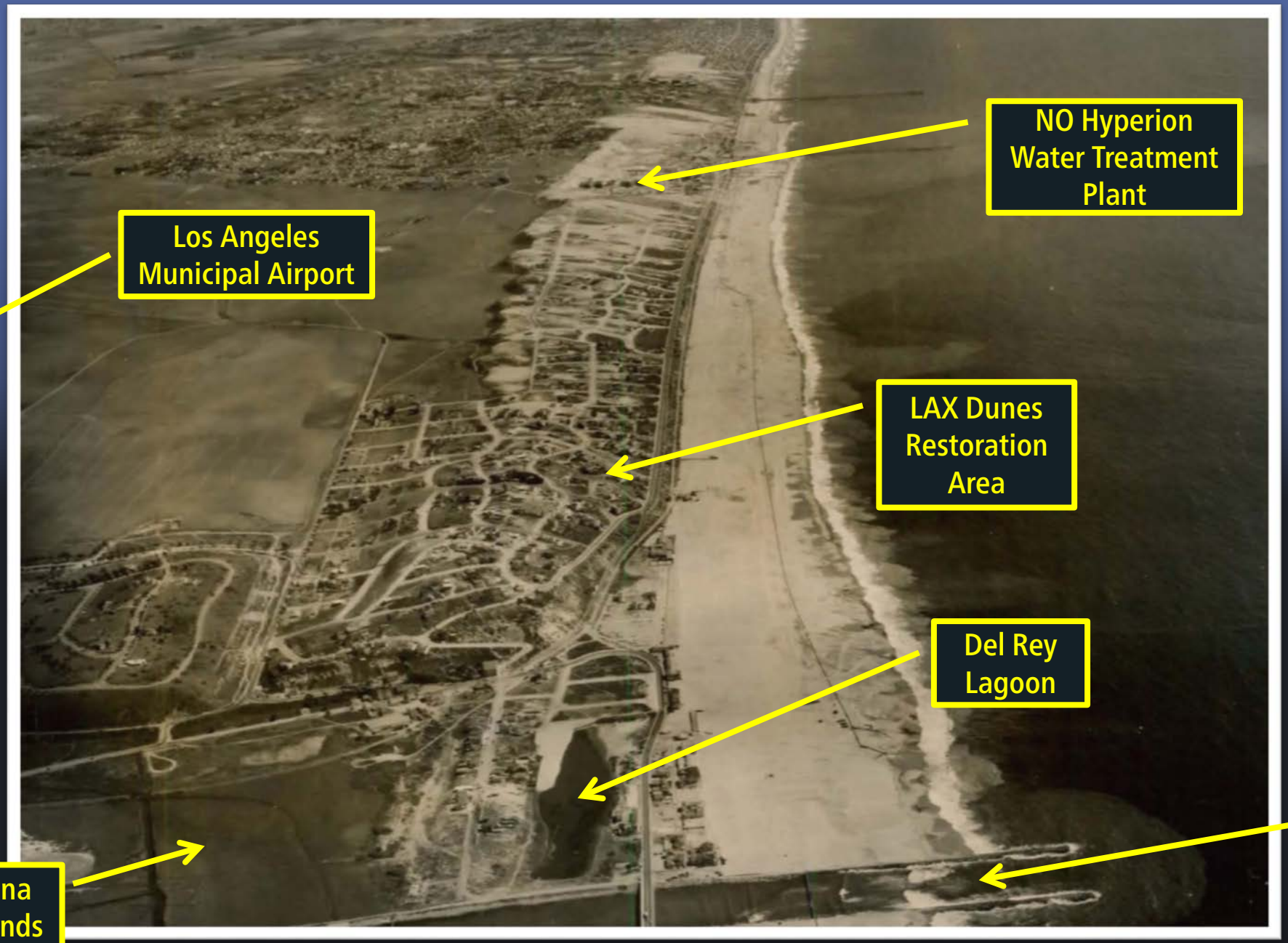
1950s & 60s

Before

Beach

After

1940s


NO Hyperion Water Treatment Plant
Los Angeles Municipal Airport
LAX Dunes Restoration Area
Del Rey Lagoon
Ballona Wetlands
Ballona Creek NO Marina del Rey

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
LAX
Hyperion Water Treatment Plant
2017
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Del Rey Lagoon
Ballona Wetlands
Ballona Creek/Marina del Rey
1496 ft
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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

Native

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

Environmental Weeds of Australia

Invasive

NATIVE CRITTERS

San Diego Horned Lizard

Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillii

Native

California Silvery Legless Lizard

Anniella pulchra

California Common Scorpian

Paruroctonus silvestrii

Native

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!