

# Arroyo Burro County Beach Park Ribbon Cutting and Tours

**HONOR OF ART FROM SCRAP**, as the new leaseholder of the Watershed Resource Center at Arroyo Burro County Park, a community celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Sunday, August 23rd. The ceremony was hosted by Second District Santa Barbara County Supervisor Janet Wolf and the Santa Barbara County Parks Department.

“The afternoon highlighted the wonderful public-private partnerships that we have developed at Arroyo Burro County Beach Park,” shared Supervisor Wolf. “From our new Wripples PetSpa dog washing

station, to the wonderful educational activities that Art From Scrap offers at the Watershed Resource Center, to the nearly completed Arroyo Burro Overlook, a project of the County Parks Foundation for Santa Barbara, the Park offers something for everyone. At a time when many of our families are facing economic hardship, our County Parks offer fun, free opportunities to learn, exercise, and play in the sun.”



**Janet Wolf** and **Cay Sanchez**, AFS Executive Director

Families had the opportunity to enjoy numerous activities and tours that were planned to highlight the many community partners of the Watershed Resource Center and the new amenities at

Arroyo Burro County Beach Park.

“There was a great community turnout. I was especially pleased to see so many from our local Chumash community turn out to show off their Tomol Plank Canoe, and take participants on tours of the native plantings



Arroyo Burro Overlook

that surround the Watershed Resource Center,” shared Wolf. “The afternoon brought out families from around our community, with kids participating

in some of the many activities offered at the Watershed Resource Center.”

Also present were members of Santa Barbara Beautiful, who contributed to both the overlook and the Chumash native plantings.

Other activities included watershed model demonstrations, water testing, beach treasure art, and other fun activities for kids. Ongoing tours of the new Arroyo Burro Beach Coastal Overlook, Dirty Dog Demos at the new Wripples PetSpa, and green building tours of the Watershed Resource Center were also offered throughout the reception. Friends of the Douglas Family Preserve offered both a Nature Tour of the Arroyo Burro Creek and the Douglas Family Preserve and a Dog Pettiquette Walk along the beach. UCSB Geology Professor, Ed Keller,



Back: **Roberta Cordero**, Board member of Chumash Maritime Association (CMA); **Erik Axelson**, South County Deputy Director; **Janet Wolf**, Second District SB County Supervisor; **Jacqueline Dyson** and **Charlie Kelly**, SB Beautiful; **Mary O’Gorman**, Chief of Staff with her pet, Betty Boops. Front: **Chuck Franco**, Native plants expert; **Richard Lindley**, Park Operations Manager

offered a Low Tide Walk along the beach.

Chumash Maritime Association (CMA) is the caretaker of the tomol (traditional Chumash redwood plank canoe), ‘Elye’wun (Swordfish), which is housed at the Watershed Resource Center. Members of the Chumash community will be paddling the tomol across the Channel next week (Sept. 10th) to Santa Cruz Island, an annual cultural event since 2001 involving about 200 Chumash people from all over the West Coast. CMA is a Chumash non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of Chumash indigenous maritime culture.



**Lacey Lopez** and **Tima Link** weaving a basket

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