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California / Auckland Lifeguard Exchange Fall Exchange Committee Chair Report October 21, 2004 Chris Graham

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Ensenada Lifeguards

It is the charity of our organization that helps keep the Ensenada Lifeguards in Baja California equipped with the necessary equipment, uniforms, and first aid supplies to continue providing lifeguard service. In 2004 this organization provided the Ensenada Lifeguards with roughly \$10,000 + in supplies.

"We had the best summer of our history. We did not have paid lifeguards because the candidates preferred to give the money to the Lifeguard Association. With that money and a grant we got from the State Government we were able to take our jeep and ambulance to the garage, new tires for the ambulance, 4 portable radios, 2 base radios, and enough food and gasoline. Besides guarding Estero Beach and Faro we also guarded other beaches like CONALEP and CIPRES"
Victor Zavala, (President of the Lifeguard and Rescue Association of the State of Baja California, Ensenada Delegation)

At the Fall National Meeting in Galveston Texas, Victor Zavala will provide the USLA Board of Directors with a status report of Lifesaving in Baja.

Ensenada Lifeguard Appreciation dinner is scheduled for Saturday November 13. It is to be held in the El Cortez Hotel ballroom in Ensenada.

California / Auckland Lifeguard Exchange

I would like to thank the departments and individuals that hosted the 2004 New Zealand Lifeguards. Both New Zealand Exchange Lifeguards attended the project wipeout seminar at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, Ocean Festival in San Clemente, Junior Lifeguard Regionals and participated in Lifeguard Regionals in Long Beach. The two New Zealand Lifeguards visited 12 departments from Santa Cruz to San Diego from June 27 to August 4. (See the attached itinerary).

- This years exchange program stayed within its allotted \$500 budget. The 2004 receipts have been forwarded to Rob Williams, Treasurer and reimbursement has been paid.

The 2004-05 California Exchange Interviews were held on Monday October 4, 2004 in the City of Newport Beach Lifeguard Headquarters. I would like to thank those that applied and those that assisted with the selection process.

- City of Newport Beach (Hosting Agency)
- Dave Peden (Lake Mission Viejo)
- Kai Weisser (City of Huntington Beach)
- Scott Diederich (City of Laguna Beach)

We accepted 9 applicants into this year's interview process and they were from the following agencies....

- California State Parks San Diego
- California State Parks Santa Barbara
- City of Newport Beach x 3
- City of San Diego
- City of Seal Beach
- Los Angeles County x 2

The two lifeguards who have been chosen to represent the CSLSA in Auckland New Zealand for the 2004/2005 Lifeguard Exchange are with us today. They will each receive \$500.00 from this organization to help finance their Exchange to Auckland, New Zealand.

- Linsi Huseman (City of Newport Beach)
- Chad Wennerstrom (California State Parks - Santa Barbara)

The Seal Beach Lifeguard Association is here today to present both Exchange Guards with a \$250.00 check from the A. J. Summers Memorial Exchange Scholarship.