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Los Angeles Waterkeeper Honors *The Founders' Circle* at 20th Anniversary Event

May 30, 2013 (Los Angeles, CA) — Over 300 people gathered at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel to celebrate the achievements of Los Angeles Waterkeeper over 20 years, and recognize the individuals and community members that were instrumental in the past and current success of the organization. The honorees of *The Founders' Circle* included: Richard Baskin, Dam Emmett, Jordan Kaplan, Gil Segel, Terry Tamminen, Frank & Luanne Wells.

Los Angeles Waterkeeper (formerly Santa Monica Baykeeper) has grown leaps and bounds over the past twenty years, and is now recognized as a lead organization in Los Angeles preventing and reducing water pollution at our beaches and in our rivers. Recent success includes arguing a case at the U.S. Supreme Court against the L.A. County Flood Control District to stop polluted runoff flowing into Los Angeles' rivers and bays; reaching a monumental settlement agreement with the City of Malibu that will improve water quality and reduce the risk of sickness at some of Malibu's most frequented beaches; and expanding the scope of work from Santa Monica Bay to all of Los Angeles County.

"We've had some great successes in 20 years", said Liz Crosson, Executive Director of Los Angeles Waterkeeper, "and I think that the water quality and the quality of the environment in L.A. really speaks to those successes, but, there's still a long way to go."

The event raised nearly \$330,000 in support of Los Angeles Waterkeeper's programs to protect and restore the bays, beaches and rivers of L.A. County. Funds will directly go towards monitoring sources of pollution, restoring habitats, and enforcing environmental laws to protect and improve ocean and river environments for generations to come.

Emcee and DJ Anne Litt from KCRW and musical guest Steven Roth contributed to the special evening, which ended with a live auction that raised over \$20,000 for Los Angeles Waterkeeper's 20th Anniversary.

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ABOUT LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER

Founded in 1993, LA Waterkeeper's mission is to protect and restore Santa Monica Bay, San Pedro Bay, and adjacent waters through enforcement, fieldwork, and community action. We work to achieve this goal through litigation and regulatory programs that ensure water quality protections in waterways throughout L.A. County. LA Waterkeeper's Litigation & Advocacy, Marine, and Water Quality teams conduct interconnected projects that serve this mission.



Left to Right: *The Founders' Circle*: Paul Heeschen (accepted on behalf of Frank and Luanne Wells), Jordan Kaplan, Dan Emmett, Richard Baskin, Terry Tamminen, and Gil Segel with LA Waterkeeper Executive Director Liz Crosson