

# SANTA MONICA: CATCHWATERS

Santa Monica is a historic town known for its piers, beaches, and its progressive approach to transportation, water technology, and, now, to modern art and energy. Tourists will gravitate to Santa Monica to witness the mesmerizing movement of the Catchwaters, a dynamic landmark that cannot be captured in pictures and will be a must-see on the west coast. These Catchwaters are a monument to renewal: a metaphorical renewal of history, a literal renewal of energy, and a revitalization of public interest in the Santa Monica beach.

The Catchwaters celebrate the rich history of the pier and beach by re-installing functional “breakwaters” in the Santa Monica harbor. The Catchwaters project represents the belated renewal of the breakwaters, attracting public interest and boasting increased utility for the harbor.

The project will have many straightforward benefits for visitors in addition to engaging the public with surprising and provocative approaches to renewable energy. The additional 422 meters of water-access walkway will be a boon for runners, bikers, and fishermen. What’s more, the new moorings will be a source of income for the city and will revitalize local hospitality industries.

The Catchwaters mark the next chapter for the city of Santa Monica. The innovative combination of hydroelectric power sources works with environmental changes on both small and large scales (with waves, with the tide, and even with global warming) to invite visitors to reflect on their role in Santa Monica’s future.

