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NOMINATION FORM



H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

AGENCY: Helix Water District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Ken Nakamura

Job Classification: Welder

Reason for Nomination: One of the District's pump stations was constructed with above ground piping running from one end of the building to the other. The space is so limited, employees had to climb over a 12" diameter pipe to get from one side of the room to the other. At one point, cinder blocks were stacked to create "stairs" to help step over the piping. This set up the potential for a serious employee injury. After researching prefabricated crossovers and determining they would not fit inside the building, Ken Nakamura, the District's welder, was tasked with designing and building a crossover. Ken took it upon himself to research the Cal/OSHA regulations regarding rise and run of stairs, handrails, etc. His design took into consideration both employee safety, regulations, and limited space inside the pump station building.

Attached are photos of the final design which works exceptionally well. The feedback from the System Operators who work in this facility has been extremely positive. They feel much more safe when they have to cross over the piping, particularly when carrying tools or materials.

Ken is an extremely talented designer and fabricator and should be commended for this project.

Nominated by: Susan Doubrava

Signature:

Date: February 27, 2009

Reviewed by:

General Manager: Mark S. Weston

Date: 3/3/09

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