

H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM



Agency: San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority

Employee Nominated:

Name: Mark Garcia and Ruben Hernandez

Job Classification: Equipment Operator and Maintenance Worker

Reason for Nomination: Modification to equipment trailer latch that enhances the safe operation of the trailer

Nominated by: Jim Lenhardt

Signature: 

Date: 08/06/2015

General Manager: 

Date: 08/10/15

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Mark Garcia and Ruben Hernandez noted a potential hazard while operating the large tilt bed trailer, the latch to release the tilt portion of the trailer was under the deck and hard to get to as well as being difficult to unlatch. As equipment operators, you also knew there were occasions when the operator thought the latch was released but wasn't, simply because it couldn't be seen.

This created a chance of injury to personnel or damage to equipment if the latch wasn't properly released.

The two of them took it upon themselves to design and fabricate a way to improve the latch release. They accomplished this by moving the release latch to the outside of the trailer and installing an indicator that would let the operator unloading equipment know without doubt whether the latch was fully released and the trailer would tilt it, this also eliminated the need to crawl under the trailer to operate the latch



Original location of the latch



New location of the latch operator that allows for operation