



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2016

TO: John Rossi, General Manager
Craig Miller, Deputy General Manager

COPY: Rod LeMond, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Sims, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operations Officer
Paul Rugge, Director of Operations
Greg Duecker, Director of Administrative Services 

FROM:  Tom McMillen, Risk & Safety Program Manager

SUBJECT: **JPIA LaBounty Safety Award Nomination – Jason Helvie**

I am pleased to forward the nomination of Jason Helvie for the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Power Authority (ACWA/JPIA, herein referred to as JPIA) H.R. LaBounty Safety Award for the Spring 2016 recognition period for your approval and signature.

BACKGROUND

The Association of California Water Agencies Joint Power Authority (ACWA/JPIA, herein referred to as JPIA) promotes safety awareness and promotion of safety-related ideas and implementation of safety ideas through the H.R. LaBounty Safety Award Program. The program is designed for all JPIA members as a way for them to promote safe workplace behavior and operations practices and reward those employees who demonstrate safe behavior, take part in recognizable proactive activities, or participate in risk-reducing actions.

The names of all award recipients are announced at the Spring and Fall ACWA conferences, and published in the ACWA and JPIA newsletters and bulletins, as well as on the JPIA's website.

DETAIL

Jason Helvie was nominated for this award by Phil Calderon. Jason was also nominated for the 2015 S.A.F.E. Award and for a 2015 B.E.S.T. Award for his contributions to the District and employee safety for his idea for the air conditioning unit for the Meter Reading Team.

Please see the enclosed JPIA Nomination form and photographs provided by Phil Calderon.

H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM



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Agency: Western Municipal Water District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Jason Helvie

Job Classification: Operations Technician II

Reason for Nomination: Jason invented, designed and fabricated an air cooling system to go in the Jeeps used by the Meter Reading team during the long hot summer days. This achievement should be recognized due to fact that it helps solve a significant health and comfort concern related to heat illness. The Jeeps used by the District for Meter Reading currently do not have air conditioning because they were not handle the stop and go abuse when on a meter route. Time and time again the airconditioning broke down and was fixed, yet continued to keep breaking down. The air conditioning components were unable to handle the stop and go and repeated shut-off and start-up of the engine. The Meter Readers have gone several years without having air conditioning and had to put up with grueling temperatures during the hot summer days. This changed one day when Jason came up with the idea to make a simple air conditioning system that did not rely on the Jeeps motor. This idea was the portable ice chest air conditioning unit.

This unit is fabricated out of a 70 quart icechest; an industrial 12 volt blower; 2-inch diameter PVC pipe, and some hardware. The cooling is simple, with ice being placed in the ice cheast, and the blower pulling cool air from the ice chest and the hoses directing the cool air on the Meter Reader when driving. With a little time and engineering those parts turned into a suitable, portable air conditioning unit that reduces the temperature in the cabin of the Jeep to make a safer and more comfortable work enviroment by keeping the Meter Readers cooler when driving their routes.

Nominated by: Phil Calderon

Signature:  _____

Date: January 20, 2016

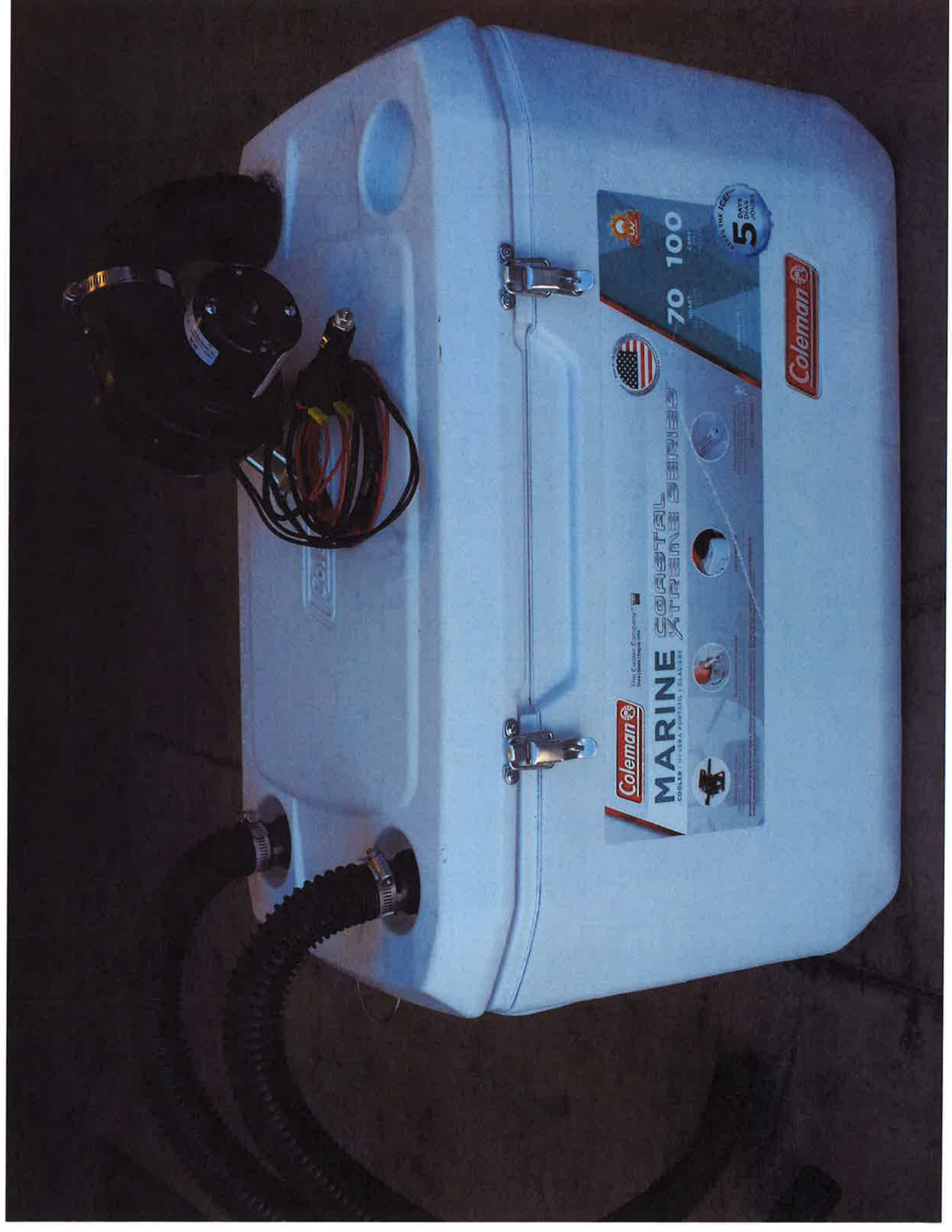
General Manager:  _____

Date: 3/16/16

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