



H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Nomination Form

Nomination Deadlines:

Fall Awards: September 30, 2018

Spring Awards: February 28, 2019

Agency: Merced Irrigation District

Project/Initiative Title: Parks & Rec - Lift Station

Employee/Department/Committee Nominated:

Name(s): Wynter "Skip" Sturtevant

Job Title/Department: Parks Superintendent

Nomination Summary

Write a brief summary of your project/initiative. Clearly state the problem/hazard recognized by the nominee and the specific reasons that they initiated corrective action.

The parks department has implemented a lift station that does not require an employee to enter into a confined space to retrieve daily data and operate controls. The parks department had added a new sewer line into the parks for park model cottages and chose to implement a pump lift station that brought all the



controls above grade level. The parks department currently has (4) pump lift stations that require employees to perform daily data reading checks in a confined space 10 feet below grade. The goal for the parks department is to convert the existing lift station controls above grade level, so that employees do not have to enter into a confined space on a daily basis and limit their exposure to fall hazards.

Describe the specific actions taken to resolve the problem(s) or challenge(s). Share the best practices that made this initiative successful for the agency and its impact.

The implementation of a new lift station with control station above ground. The opportunity to have purchased this style of lift station will be an example for the direction in which the parks will convert old lift stations with above ground controls to mitigate risks of confined spaces and fall hazards.

State whether the hazard was reduced with engineering controls, introduced a new administrative or work procedure, or relied on personal protective equipment to solve the problem.

The change in engineering controls from the old lift stations to the new lift stations above ground controls will not require an employee to enter a confined space on a daily basis to operate or inspect data. The work can be performed above ground.

Describe any extraordinary circumstances that made this nominee's safety accomplishments significant. Describe whether the nominee influenced safety in the workplace, encouraged employee participation in safety efforts, obtained organizational "buy in" to implement the solution.

This new lift station will be the example and benchmark for converting the old lift stations and any new future lift station projects. The value of this lift station is not only convenient but also can help prevent a potential exposure to hazards by the employee on a daily basis.

Describe whether the project/initiative addressed a hazard or exposure included in the JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program.

The new lift station addresses the daily hazards that the old lift stations currently have existing

- Office/Field Ergonomics
- Vehicle Operations
- Slip/trip/falls – falls from heights
- Other: Confined Spaces

List and attach any supporting materials that you feel are important for the reviewers to gain a complete picture of the nomination. Digital photos, supporting documentation, sample forms, etc.

Photos

Nominated by: Eric Couture



Signature: Eric Couture
(Type Name)

Date:09/25/2018

General Manager: John Sweigard
(Type Name)

Date:09/25/2018

Please email this form with supporting documents and digital photos to tlofinq@acwajpia.com.



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