

NOMINATION FORM



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H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

AGENCY: Santa Fe Irrigation District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Craig Smith

Job Classification: Utility Worker II

Reason for Nomination: Craig Smith is a Utility Worker II for the Santa Fe Irrigation District, Distributions Operations Department located in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

The Distribution crew has a Utility Crew Vehicle (Unit#2) with a large flat bed that has many of the tools required to fulfill water industry field operation of the district's various infrastructure. Mr. Smith presented an idea that enhance the safety of transitioning on and off of the vehicles flat bed. He suggested the District should install a retractable stair system on the passenger side of the flat bed and away from vehicular traffic. He recommended the use of an inexpensive and sturdy manual motorhome step system. The District installed a manual motorhome step system on Unit#2 and reduced the slip,trip and fall possibilities associated with equipment and tools stowed or mounted on the bed floor as well as enhanced ergonomic conditions for all Distribution crew employees. This will prevent lower back stress caused by twisting and lifting items while transitioning on and off the flat bed. This simple cost effective measure will also reduce the possibility of worker compensation claims against the District and continue the excellent safety record for the District in relation to work place injuries and illnesses.

This enhancement has greatly improved the Distribution crews operational practices and reduces the risk to physical injuries or illnesses to the Distribution crew.

Thanks to Craig Smith's vast experience and innovative thinking, this safety recommendation increased the Santa Fe Irrigation District, Distributions Operations Department field operations capabilities and reduced the risk of physical injuries or illnesses to the Distribution crew. Mr. Smith represents the highest Distribution crew standards and excellence of Santa Fe Irrigation District .

Nominated by: Rocky A. Hughes, Safety Officer

Signature:



Date: 2/27/2014

Reviewed by: Cor Shaffer, Operations Manager

General Manager: Michael Bardin

Date: 3/19/2014

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