WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/28/13

TO: John Rossi
Rod LeMond
Greg Duecker

FROM: Tom McMillen, Administrative Services Manager

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF TOM GETMAN AND DAVID ARANDA FOR JPIA LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD

The H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Program is designed 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. As such, the Program gives members another way to foster a safety culture that reduces the potential for workers' compensation, liability, and property losses.

Tom Getman identified a potential safety hazard and liability risk at the South Well in Murrieta when vehicles leave the property due to blind spots on either side of the gate as a result of close-calls and near collisions. He discussed the hazard with Senior Operations Technician David Aranda to discuss a solution.

Recognizing that a pedestrian, bicycle rider or skateboarder could be struck as the vehicles are pulling out, he looked for ways to remind Western staff to be cautious and to alert those who may be in the blind spots.

Tom had considered installing convex mirrors, but cost and high potential of vandalism to the mirrors got him to think of another solution. The two came up with the idea to post a sign for staff reminding them to sound their horn before exiting the gate. He worked with Senior Operations Technician David Aranda, to get approval to purchase the sign, and when received, installed it himself.

The use of the sign and reminders to co-workers at the Murrieta Base has had a positive effect in preventing the vehicles pulling out and potentially hitting a pedestrian, skateboarder, or child on a bicycle.

Tom and David's ability to recognize a hazard, and the potential liability it could pose to the District, and to personally take steps to correct it is a reflection of their dedication to

H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM <mark>OPS-VEH</mark>

Agency: **Western Municipal Water District**

Employee Nominated:

Name: **Tom Getman**

Job Classification: Operations Technician II

Reason for Nomination: Identification and correction of safety hazard when pulling out of a well site where blind spots could allow a pedestrian to be struck be vehicle pulling out.

Nominated by: **Tom McMillen, Administrative Services Manager**

Signature:

Date: **1/278/14**

General Manager: **John V. Rossi**

Date: 2/11/14

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H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

Agency: <u>Western Municipal Water District</u>

Employee Nominated:

   Name: <u>David Aranda</u>

   Job Classification: <u>Senior Operations Technician</u>

Reason for Nomination: Identification and correction of safety hazard when pulling out of a well site where blind spots could allow a pedestrtian to be struck by vehicle pulling out.

          Nominated by: <u>Tom McMillen, Administrative Services Manager</u>

          Signature:

          Date: <u>1/278/14</u>

          General Manager: <u>John V. Rossi</u>

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Tom McMillen

From: Tom Getman
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To: Tom McMillen
Subject: jpia
Attachments: JPIA North Well.pdf

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Hey Tom,
This is the idea that I wanted to submit to JPIA. This is @ North Well here in Murrieta. As you can see by the pictures it is very difficult to see if anybody is walking down the sidewalk in either direction. There is also a lot of foot traffic from the 3 schools around the corner from the well site. I thought it might be a good idea to put the sign up for anybody leaving the site. I would also like to include Dave Aranda in on this because he ordered the sign for me. Feel free to call me if you have ant questions.
Thanks