



# H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Nomination Form

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## Nomination Deadlines:

Spring Awards: February 2, 2026

Fall Awards: September 1, 2026

## Agency:

Orchard Dale Water District

## Project/Initiative

Creation of Easy access for safety and maintenance of Gas Power Washer

## Title:

Implementation Date: June 2023

Cost to Implement: Three hundred dollars

Staff Time Required: 8 hours

Number of Employees/Facilities Impacted: 6

## Employee/Department/Committee Nominated:

Name(s): Leo Gomez

Job Title/Department: Serviceman 3

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## 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.

Leo recognized that by mounting a fixed position power wash gas pump. would cause ergonomic and problematic odd positions to do maintenance on the motor and pump. laying on the ground or creeper to work on the unit would cause back and neck strain

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.

Leo Gomez came up with the idea to add heavy duty slide drawer rails to the base of the pump to make easy access to work on and maintain the pump.

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.

Engineering controls

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.

Leo has shown to others by making the equipment accessible. It provides a safety culture to work smarter not harder sharing his knowledge and experience.

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

- Office/Field Ergonomics
- Vehicle Operations
- Slip/trip/falls – falls from heights
- Emergency Readiness/Wildfire Prevention
- Other:

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.

Nominated by: Randall Silvett

Date: 1/28/26

General Manager: Ed Castaneda

Date: 1/28/26