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## H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

**AGENCY:** Santa Fe Irrigation District

**Employee Nominated:**

**Name:** Damian Garcia

**Job Classification:** Facility Locator & Inspector

**Reason for Nomination:** Damian Garcia is the Facility Locator & Inspector for the Santa Fe Irrigation District, Engineering Department located in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Mr. Garcia developed high priority line mark out templates to be applied to Santa Fe Irrigation District's two 54" transmission mains. These transmission mains are crucial Santa Fe Irrigation District infrastructure that provide potable water to the service area for consumption and irrigation. This mark out template assists the Santa Fe Irrigation District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District and contractors prior to, during and post construction operations. Mr. Garcia is dedicated to marking out and making it highly visible to all that these critical transmission mains are in the vicinity of the prescribed maintenance areas.

Being highly visible helps ensure that the mains will not be damaged or penetrated causing health related challenges to customers, loss of potable water to the service area and San Dieguito Water District, as well as great damage to the county roadways, underground infrastructure, residential dwellings & properties and deep financial implications due to lost water costs associated with either of these two transmission mains.

This simple cost effective enhancement has greatly improved the Distribution crews operational practices and reduces the risk of physical and financial damage to the district as well as the communities in which it serves.

Thanks to Damian Garcia's vast experience and innovative thinking, this safety recommendation increased the Santa Fe Irrigation District, Engineering Department field operation capabilities and is a key risk management tool to reduced the risk of damage to Santa Fe Irrigation District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, the community, and the ACWA/JPIA Insurance Pool. Mr. Garcia represents the highest Engineering & Distribution standards and excellence of Santa Fe Irrigation District.

Nominated by: Rocky A. Hughes, Safety Officer

Signature:



Date: 2/27/2014

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Date: 3/17/2014

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