



# NOMINATION FORM



## H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

**AGENCY:** Helix Water District

**Employee Nominated:**

**Name:** Byron Richardson

**Job Classification:** Maintenance Ranger

The District owns and operates Lake Jennings Campground. There are occasions when rattlesnakes make their way into the campground and must be re-located for the safety of our guests. Lake Rangers used to use small coolers secured with velcro to contain the snakes while they were being re-located. The coolers required that the person trapping the snake have their hands on the cooler to keep it open. They also had to close it while being in extremely close proximity to the snake.

Byron took the initiative to build a new, safer snake box. The new box can be utilized without any employee getting near the snake. Byron equipped the box with a holder for the snake grabber. The box features a clear top so that the lake staff can see the snake at all times. A rope attached to the box clips over to create the handle and secure the lid for transport. (An additional clip was added to the lid for safety after its first use.) The rope handle also serves as a way to pull the box open to release the snake, which allows for staff to be 15 feet away when releasing the snake.

We commend Byron for creating a much safer environment for both our employees and our guests.

**Nominated by:** Kira Haley, Lake Recreation Manager

**Signature:**

**Date:**

5-27-15

**Reviewed by:**

Susen Doubrava, Safety/Risk Administrator

**Signature:**

**Date:**

6-2-15

**General Manager:** Carlos V. Lugo

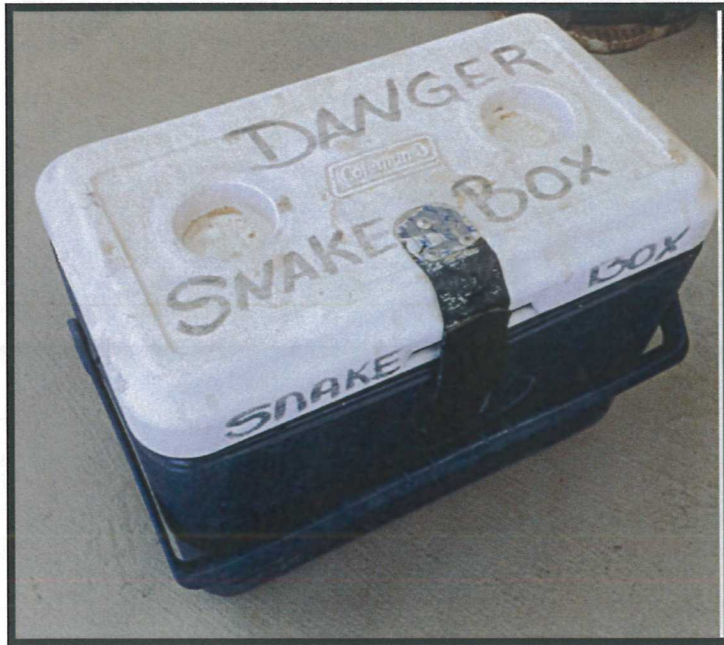
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**Date:**

6/3/2015

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BYRON RICHARDSON - HELIX WATER DISTRICT  
H.R. LA BOUNTY SAFETY AWARD SUGGESTION  
SNAKE BOX



Original box with  
Velcro to secure  
lid.



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Holder for snake getter.  
Rope used for handle  
and lid secure.



15' rope to slide open lid  
safely away from snake.

