

NOMINATION FORM



H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

AGENCY: Helix Water District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Matt Yantos

Job Classification: Operations and Maintenance Technician

Reason for Nomination: Matt suggested the installation of headlights on the District's forklift. This equipment may be used during hours of darkness (early morning or night time) to load/unload steel plates or other materials which are difficult to see in the dark. This is a safety hazard for the operator because he needs to maneuver the forklift appropriately to line up with the load. It is also a hazard for any employee standing nearby or one that may be assisting the operator as he could get hit by the forklift, forks, or load. Installing headlights has minimized the potential for these types of accidents. The cost associated with this enhancement was only \$115.

Additional benefits:

The lights also allow the operator to see ground hazards as he is moving through the District's yard.

The lights make the forklift more visible to other traffic or pedestrians in the yard.

The lights can be a time saver by allowing the operator to get in the correct position the first time since he can now see what's in front of him.

Photos are attached.

Nominated by: Susen Doubrava, Safety/Risk Administrator

Signature: 

Date: 2-23-11

Reviewed by: Doug Emery, Operations Center Field Supervisor

Signature: 

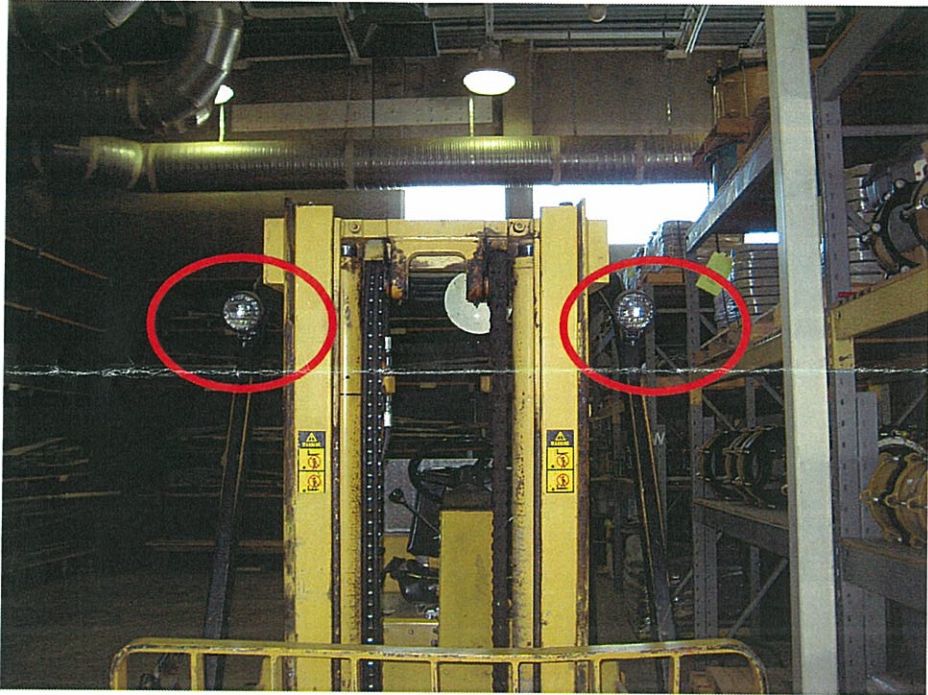
Date: 2.23.11

General Manager: Mark S. Weston

Signature: 

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