

# NOMINATION FORM



## H. R. LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM

AGENCY: Helix Water District

Employee Nominated:

Name: Ken Nakamura

Job Classification: Welder

**Reason for Nomination:** The District installed a new 8" meter and meter vault at its Lake Jennings location. Ken was tasked with fabricating a lid for this vault that would allow easy access for purposes of meter reading and required maintenance. Due to the size and weight of the lid, manual handling presented a potential for a serious employee injury. The location of the vault and surrounding terrain made the use of mechanical lifting aids problematic. So, Ken fabricated the lid in sections. Each section weighs approximately 200 lbs. They are hinged and roll on a track for opening and closing. When open, they are safely secured by the track. This movement can easily be accomplished by one person without subjecting the employee to awkward postures. In addition, the lid section over the meter is equipped with two viewing hatches to easily read the meter. These viewing hatches are locked and secured when not in use.

Attached are photos of the vault lid which has received excellent feedback from the employees who must access this equipment.

This is just another example of Ken's excellent design and fabrication work.

Nominated by: Susen Doubrava

Signature: 

Date: February 10, 2010

Reviewed by: 

General Manager: Mark S. Weston

Date: 2/17/10

Please attach supporting documents and/or digital photos and E-mail to:

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