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WALNUT VALLEY WATER RECEIVES ACWA JPIA LABOUNTY SAFETY AWARDS FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Two WVWD employees are recipients of the Fall ACWA JPIA LaBounty Safety Award

Walnut, CA (December 16, 2019) – Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) has been awarded two H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Power Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) for the second year in a row. WVWD employees Shawna Seals, Human Resources Coordinator, and Alex Cabrera, Facility Maintenance Worker II, were both nominated and selected as winners for their innovative safety improvements to the District's facilities by ACWA JPIA.

"This District is proud of our employees' work and the innovation that stems from a desire to enhance safety conditions for all," said WVWD General Manager, Erik Hitchman. "Our employees are our greatest asset which is one of the reasons why we strive for excellence in health and safety."

Seals received her award for recommending a new ladder with a wider opening for the District's General Services Department. Cabrera received his award for recommending bright Visual Warning Signals for the District's pipe yard to alert outside contractors of the summer interns working in and around the area.

The H.R. LaBounty Safety Award Program was designed by ACWA JPIA to encourage member agencies to promote safe workplace behavior and operations practices while rewarding those employees who demonstrate safe behavior, take part in recognizable proactive activities, or participate in risk-reducing actions. The program gives member agencies an outlet to foster a safety culture that reduces the potential for losses.

For more information, please visit Walnut Valley Water District's website at www.wvwd.com.

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About Walnut Valley Water District

Walnut Valley Water District was formed in 1952, and after more than six decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains two large imported water pipelines, 497 miles of distribution mains, 17 pump plants, and 31 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 94.1 million gallons of water. The District also provides water service to more than 27,000 connections in an area encompassing 17,900 acres, serving a population of more than 100,000 residents and businesses in six local communities.