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To: City/County Agencies within Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Stanislaus, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Kern Counties

Re: Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2014 – Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow!

This letter is being provided to you on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Central California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (“APWA”).

One of the most important goals in APWA is recognizing National Public Works Week (“NPWW”) and the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. As a local chapter, the Executive Committee has made it a priority this year to reach out to each agency and request that they adopt a resolution or a proclamation in support of their public works departments and operations and recognize the employees of these departments for their vital role in your community.

We all recognize that public works is one of the most important facets of each organization yet one of the least understood or often under appreciated. We are diligently pursuing opportunities to assist our members and their organizations in recognizing the substantial contributions public works makes to the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life in our communities.

For your consideration, we have attached a sample resolution and proclamation that we respectfully request that you adopt in honoring those public works employees in your organization that provide the day-in/day-out services to our community members. In addition, we have included this year’s NPWW poster as a gift to each agency, an announcement of last year’s local awards winners, and information on how your organization can submit projects for this year’s APWA Central California Chapter awards.

We encourage you to recognize your staff who provide the efficient and effective handling of day to day operations and ensure all of us the ability to have sustained and quality water, roads to travel on, discharge of solid and liquid wastes from our communities, well groomed parks, fully maintained traffic control devices for safety, well maintained buildings and vehicles, and other vital public works operations.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter and look forward to each agency in our chapter (which covers the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare) joining together and celebrating National Public Works Week.

For more information, please visit the APWA website at <http://www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week> and <http://centralca.apwa.net> for local chapter information.

Respectfully submitted,

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TULARE COUNTY RECEIVES 2013 LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AWARDS

The Central California Chapter of American Public Works Association awarded Professional of the Year and Project of the Year Awards to Tulare County.

Professional of the Year winner, Kuna Muthusamy, P.E., Tulare County Resource Management Agency, received the 2013 Award for his achievements and demonstrated excellence as Chief

Engineer over the Engineering and Flood Control Division. Ben Ruiz, Jr., Engineer IV, nominated Kuna and included the following, "Kuna is always emphasizing to think outside the box in an effort to improve efficiency and improve the way things are done." Kuna has been involved in the management/design and construction of projects totaling over \$200 million in the last 5 years, and established a "Bridge Improvement Program" to address the needs of the County's bridge inventory. Currently one of the largest programs in the state, the program is currently programmed with funding totaling over \$80 million, and will include maintenance & repair.



Project of the Year was awarded to Tulare County Resource Management Agency for the Mountain Road 319 Bridge Replacement near Three Rivers. The project consisted of replacing



a steel box truss bridge that was constructed in circa 1950 in a remote and mountainous terrain. The \$1.8 million bridge was completed on-time and on-budget, and replaced a structurally deficient bridge, capable of supporting half a highway legal load, with a new, state-of-the-art, aesthetically pleasing structure.

Mission Statement: The American Public Works Association serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge.

For the Central California Chapter, this mission includes recognizing outstanding commitment and service by individual men and women, public agencies or private firms, that are involved with "public works" and the substantial contributions made to health, safety, welfare, and quality of life in our communities -whether in engineering, facilities/grounds management, fleet maintenance, emergency management, parks/recreation, solid waste, transportation, water or wastewater, construction or public administration. The Central California Chapter includes members in the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

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