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County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department Receives APWA Accreditation

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works and Transportation Department has recently been awarded a prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally, as contained in the APWA *Public Works Management Practices Manual*.

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works and Transportation Department began the Accreditation process in October, 2011 and was awarded the APWA Accreditation in November, 2014. "This award demonstrates that our department is dedicated to continuous improvement and assessment of our policies, procedures, and practices," said Public Works Director Wade Horton. "The heroes of this prestigious award are the Public Works staff, who work diligently to make San Luis Obispo County a great community."

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works and Transportation Department provides public services and facilities that ensure health and safety, and enhance the quality of life. Key services include providing public services for the safe and efficient movement of traffic on the 1310 miles of county maintained roadways; engineering and survey review of proposed land development; administration and operation of various water and wastewater wholesale and retail facilities, including the Nacimiento Water Supply and Los Osos Waste water projects; long-term master water planning; and franchise administration for unincorporated areas.

For the department's Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from Bettendorf, IA; Fairfield, OH; Eugene, OR; and Kansas City, MO, completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their October, 2014 site visit. "It's great to have the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works and Transportation Department reach full compliance with their practices. I commend their continued and renewed commitment to the detailed review of the agency's policies and procedures to qualify," said APWA Director of Accreditation Ann Daniels.

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works and Transportation Department becomes the 96th agency in North America to receive Accreditation and the 12th in the State of California joining Contra Costa County, Berkeley, Alameda County, Orange County; Thousand Oaks, Fresno Utilities, Palmdale, Encinitas, Ventura, City/County of San Francisco, and Oakland.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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