New Fire Stations Make Hot News in Santa Clarita

Santa Clarita officials and residents last month welcomed the addition of two new fire stations to their community. Fire Stations 128 and 132 were dedicated during ceremonies that also included LA County Supervisor, Michael D. Antonovich, and LA County Public Works Director, Gail Farber. The two new facilities were some of the first delivered by Public Works to the Fire Department using the Design-Build delivery method. Thanks to sustainable design features, both fire stations received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The Public Works project team included Program Manager, Te-Ling Chou, and Project Manager, Logan Frame.

Big T Awards Continue

Accolades for the Big Tujunga Dam rehabilitation project continue to flow in from across the country. The latest honors come from the United States Society of Dams (USSD) and the National American Public Works Association, the latter naming Big T 2012 Project of the Year. USSD tapped LA County Public Works for its Excellence in the Constructed Project award, paying tribute to the Department for meeting the challenge of rehabilitating its aging infrastructure in an era of limited financial resources and increasing environmental awareness. As a result of nearly $100 million in improvements, the project has eliminated the need for local water suppliers to import an estimated $2 million from sources outside of Southern California and allows Public Works dam operators to make low-flow releases of captured rainwater to support downstream ecosystems. In 2011, the project received the Best Civil Works/Infrastructure Project Award by the Engineering News-Record, the National Rehabilitation Project of the Year Award by the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, and the Southern CA American Public Works Association Project of the Year Award.

Retiring Army Corps Official Commended...

The LA County Public Works Department recently joined with the County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Beaches and Harbors in commending Brian Moore, who retired recently following a 43-year career as a Regional Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Moore served the majority of his career completing senior assignments in the Los Angeles District, one of four districts in the Corps’ South Pacific Division. During his distinguished career, Moore played a significant leadership role in the development of critical water resources and flood management projects vital to the County. Moore, center, is pictured with Public Works Assistant Director Mark Pestrella, Public Works Director Gail Farber, LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, and Beaches and Harbors Director Santos H. Kreimann, following a reception at the Hall of Administration.