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Santa Monica's Department of Public Works Achieves Accreditation

KANSAS CITY, MO. – June 15 2017 - Santa Monica's Department of Public Works / Airport 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 in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. The City of Santa Monica applied for Accreditation in May, 2016 and received Accreditation May 8, 2017.

The Santa Monica Department of Public Works received the Accreditation award from APWA Board Director Region VIII, Mr. Shahnawaz Ahmad, P.E., PWLF, with SA Associates at a presentation ceremony during the City Council meeting on May 23, 2017. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Santa Monica City Hall located at 1685 Main Street, Room 213, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

The Santa Monica Department of Public Works Accreditation indicates the department met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices over time. "The awarding of the APWA Accreditation shows we have dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices. The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the public works staff whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making Santa Monica a great community," said Public Works Director, Susan Cline.

The Santa Monica Department of Public Works responsibility is to provide essential services to the community that includes water supply production, treatment, and collection; wastewater and storm water collection; and collection and proper management of recoverable material resources including recycling of solid materials and household hazardous materials. The department also provides plan check and permit and inspection services of public works infrastructure improvements within public right-of-way, as well as engineering and architecture services, floodplain and urban water runoff management, street maintenance, public landscape and tree trimming services, and services related to the operation and maintenance of city owned facilities including the Santa Monica Airport and Woodlawn Cemetery. In addition, the department oversees the design and construction of city capital projects including buildings, parks, streets, and water & wastewater systems, and oversees all environmental policy and program efforts related to water conservation, energy efficiency, sustainable building, climate action planning, and a variety of other citywide sustainability efforts.

The Santa Monica Department of Public Works became the 122nd agency in North America to be awarded Accreditation and the 17th in California to do so. In addition to Santa Monica, agencies from California that are accredited include Alameda, Alameda County, Bakersfield, Berkeley, Contra Costa County, Encinitas, Fresno, Oakland, Orange County, Palmdale, Palo Alto, San Francisco City & County, San Luis Obispo County, Vallejo and Ventura.

For Santa Monica's Department of Public Works Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from Victoria, BC, Castle Rock, CO, Thurston County, WA and Kansas City, MO; completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their April, 2017 site visit.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of nearly 30,000 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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