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Orange County Public Works Receives American Public Works Association Accreditation: Third County in California to Earn Professional Honor

SANTA ANA --The Orange County's Public Works Department is proud to announce its national professional accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA). On May 14th OC Public Works received the news that their OC Engineering Division became APWA's 81st accredited agency and the tenth agency in California to have achieved this honor. Orange County joins only two other counties in California – Contra Costa and San Francisco that have achieved accreditation.

"I am proud that OC Engineering has earned this high honor that is a testament to our hard work, the quality of our staff, and our commitment to providing superior service to Orange County residents," commented Ignacio Ochoa, Interim Director of OC Public Works.

The OC Engineering Division has been engaged in the American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation Program for the past 18 months. The APWA's Accreditation Program is an 18-24 month, self-motivated process that provides public works agencies with a way to compare their policies, procedures, and practices with those identified by nationally recognized public works experts. Full accreditation signifies that, on a daily basis, an agency meets or exceeds standards of performance in areas such as engineering, street/drainage, construction, emergency response, maintenance, surveying and traffic operations.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors, John M. W. Moorlach, will make a presentation to recognize OC Public Works' APWA Accreditation at the May 22nd Board meeting which begins at 9:30 a.m.

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