

# APWA AWARDS



Several outstanding leaders and project teams from the Los Angeles County Public Works Department were honored during the American Public Works Association Southern California Chapter's 13th annual B.E.S.T. Awards held recently in Lakewood.

Eric Updyke of Construction Division was named as the Chapter's 2012 Top Leader in the Public Sector while Michele Chimienti of Water Resources Division was recognized as the Public Sector's Top Young Leader.

The Topanga Library project earned the Department top honors in the Buildings – Regional Agency category. In the Traffic, Mobility and Beautification – Public Agency category, the Rosemead Boulevard Improvements project took home the 2012 Project of the Year award.

In the Drainage, Water and Waste Water category, the Tujunga Wash Ecosystem Restoration Phase II project earned the top Regional Agency award for 2012.

APWA's Awards Program was established to recognize outstanding individuals, groups, and chapters representing the best in the public works profession.

As pictured in this story, the award recipients were each congratulated by APWA National President Elizabeth Treadway, outgoing APWA Southern California Chapter President Chris Vogt, and County Public Works Director Gail Farber.



Assistant Deputy Director Gary Hildebrand and Tona Avalos of Watershed Management Division accepted the Project of the Year Award in the Drainage, Water and Waste Water category for the Tujunga Wash Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase II.



Erik Updyke of Construction Division was awarded the 2012 Public Sector Top Leader Award.



Jalal Vahabnezhad, Roy Cruz, and Craig Cline of Design Division accepted the Project of the Year Award in the Traffic, Mobility and Beautification category for the Rosemead Boulevard Improvements.



Michele Chimienti of Water Resource Division was awarded the 2012 Public Sector's Top Young Leader Award.



Parisa Dadmehr and William Honda of Project Management Division I accepted the Project of the Year Award in the Public Building category for the Topanga Library.