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**LEWELLING BOULEVARD RECEIVES  
“2013 FEATURE PROJECT OF THE YEAR”**

HAYWARD, CA – The Alameda County Public Works Agency received four awards from the Northern California Chapter of America Public Works Association yesterday. The Lewelling Boulevard Improvement Project was given the highest honor by receiving the 2013 Feature Project of the Year award. The Alameda Creek Levee Repair Project received a Project of the Year award in the category of Structure Projects between \$5M and \$25M. Additionally, two managers from the Agency were awarded Manager of the Year awards in their respective area of responsibility.

The Lewelling Boulevard Improvement Project has improved traffic flow and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Additional project features including the installation of decorative sidewalks with street furniture, LED street and pedestrian lighting, undergrounding of overhead utilities, and landscaped median islands have transformed the entire area along Lewelling Boulevard.

“As a ‘Complete Streets’ project, its improvements benefit everyone living, working, or travelling on Lewelling Boulevard. The project’s positive transformative effects are very apparent,” said Daniel Woldesenbet, Alameda County Public Works Director.

As the 2013 Feature Project of the Year, the Lewelling Boulevard Improvement Project will represent Northern California in the national APWA awards program.

The Alameda Creek Levee Repair Project significantly reduced the risk of flooding by raising the levee by 1.5 feet and constructing over 4,700 feet of 50-80 foot deep seepage cutoff walls. “By bringing the Alameda Creek levees up to the new FEMA standards and having them accredited, thousands of residents in the cities of Fremont and Union City can rest assured that the levees protecting their properties will not fail,” said Hank Ackerman, Flood Control Program Manager for the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Moses Tsang, Supervising Civil Engineer, received the “Professional Manager of the Year – Water Resources, Flood Control” award for his initiative, innovation, and leadership skills in the planning, design, and construction of over \$30 million dollars’ worth of flood control improvements annually.

Reid Penland received the “Professional Manager of the Year – Engineering and Technology” for his creativity, acute insights, strategic thinking, and significant contributions throughout his many years as Alameda County’s Supervising Land Surveyor and the County Surveyor.

“Both gentlemen continue to fulfill the Agency’s vision as leaders in innovation and employee excellence,” said Public Works Director, Daniel Woldesenbet.

The awards were presented at the Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association awards luncheon in San Ramon.

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