



## Public Works Officers Department 2010 SPRING NEWSLETTER



### Message from the President



*By Larry Patterson, Director of Public Works, City of San Mateo  
2009-2010 Public Works Officers Department President*

By all accounts, the 2010 Public Works Officers Institute was a success. Total attendance reached over 300 public works officials, which exceeded the target number of attendees, and the Expo, featuring vendors and service providers, had sold out weeks in advance.

I received comments from many attendees that they enjoyed the Institute. Several people commented that the institute was more "intimate" than others. Clearly, the Institute was smaller in total attendance this year given the absence of our County counterparts. I think another factor that contributed to the more intimate feel for this year's Institute may have been the "vertical" venue. It gave us spectacular views of the Monterey Bay and I tended to encounter more people in the elevator than I would have at some more "horizontal venues." It offered the chance for informal exchanges, which aren't always possible at other venues that tend to spread

the attendees out thus reducing the chance for these casual conversations and hearing what's at the heart of other city public works departments today.

It may be hard to believe, but planning has already begun for the 2011 Institute in San Diego, March 23 to March 25 (so be sure to mark your calendar). We have confirmed that our County counterparts will join us next year, not only in attendance but in the planning, staffing and production of the conference. Thank you to all who have suggested topics for the 2011 sessions already and you have until May 7th to submit your proposals online at [www.cacities.org/events](http://www.cacities.org/events). Your ideas will be considered at the Planning meeting later this month.

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The intimate gathering may have also contributed to another opportunity that may not have been possible otherwise. I am very pleased by the number of people who approached me and indicated an interest in participating in the Public Works Officer's Department of the League. There is always room for interested participants and it is not too late to express interest in Policy Committee assignments or other League opportunities. Just contact Dorothy Holzem [[dholzem@cacities.org](mailto:dholzem@cacities.org)] to learn more about opportunities to contribute to the Department. ◀

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# Message from the Director

By Lisa Ann Rapp, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Lakewood  
2008-2010 Public Works Officers Department Director



The Board met in Sacramento on April 21 and 22, and tackled some very weighty issues. First, Executive Director Chris McKenzie briefed the Board on the conclusion of the signature gathering phase for the Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act ballot initiative. Volunteers gathered over 82,000 signatures, and the balance of the necessary 1.1 million signatures was obtained via paid signature gatherers. We were fortunate that the cost of gathering those signatures never increased over the initial price of about \$1.50 per signature. The other positive news is that the validity rate is expected to be about 80% for the volunteer gathered signatures and almost as high for the others.

A key vote was taken regarding the decision to actually file the signatures. Once the petitions are filed, the process will continue to its end. The Board was urged to consider the intense commitment from the elected officials and city staff members who will need to raise the \$3 - \$5 million to mount a successful campaign. The Board voted unanimously to proceed with the filing of the petitions. The verification process will take four to five weeks, after which time we will know what number will be assigned to the initiative. Please consider volunteering to raise funds and awareness. Each board member committed to contribute direct, raise funds, and give of their time. You will see more information in forthcoming publications.

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The other very critical issue considered at the April Board meeting was the League’s position on a possible timeline modification or suspension of AB32 and SB 375. I was honored to be asked by League President Robin Lowe to join the policy committee chairs and vice chairs on a Task Force to review this issue, and make a recommendation to the Board. The item was considered by four policy committees at their meetings in early April: Housing, Community, and Economic Development; Transportation, Communication, and Public Works; Environmental Quality; and Revenue and Taxation. The recommendation from three of the four committees was to either delay or suspend the requirements of these bills. The Task Force delivered a similar recommendation. Members of the policy committees were very concerned that adequate funding for the planning efforts required in SB 375 was not available as the legislature had promised, and they were further concerned about the impacts business as a result of AB 32’s regulations now being promulgated by the California Air Resources Board.

The Board however, voted to stay the course on both of these bills. The primary reasons for this *(continued on page 5)*

## ILG Healthy Neighborhoods Program Spotlight on Cities

By Lianne Dillon, Institute for Local Government

The way we build and design our communities has profound implications for public health. Land use patterns and development practices that discourage physical activity, restrict access to healthy foods, and expose neighborhoods to environmental pollutants can all increase health risks associated with escalating rates of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Local communities are pioneering a range of approaches to create healthy neighborhoods.

The City of Merced entered into joint-use agreements with several other agencies to fill an immediate need for park and recreation facilities. Joint-use agreements allowed the City of Merced and the Merced High School District and Merced City School District to develop a partnership that continues to provide residents, students, and community groups with places to gather and be active. The partnership has grown to include efforts to revitalize blighted facilities and develop new recreational spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of all. [Read More!](#)



The City of Covina is helping make travel by bicycle easier for commuters. As part of the downtown redevelopment the city built a parking garage to support their new walkable downtown and provided enhanced bike parking facilities at the third-busiest commuter train station in the county, making it easier for residents and employees to transition from the car to other transportation options. As a pilot site for the Bikestation Secure Bike Module, the city of Covina *(continued on page 4)*

# City of Salinas Completes New LEED Certified Aquatic Center, ARRA Road Improvement Project

*Submitted by Frank A Aguayo, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Salinas*

The new Salinas Municipal Aquatic Center facility replaced a 60 year old outdated indoor pool. The new Aquatic Center is the first green building in the City of Salinas (completed in September 2009) that received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in February 2010. The LEED certification is a validation by the US Green Building Council of achievement in building design and construction to recognize high standards in energy efficiency and use of environmental resources in helping build a sustainable community.

Additionally, this project promoted the implementation of recycle materials, low use water fixture, energy efficient equipment and the use of local construction material. By implementing a LEED building design the City was able to reduce energy consumption and reduce the overall carbon footprint associated with the construction of a new facility. This beautiful facility was constructed using state of the art Low Impact Development features. The total cost of the project was just above \$8 million.

The City of Salinas is also pleased to present the East Laurel Drive road improvements project completed in the spring of 2010, at a cost of roughly \$2.7 million located on in the north/east Salinas area; funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA-stimulus funds). This roadway segment was badly in need of repairs with many potholes and alligator pavement areas. The E Laurel Drive project limits are between Natividad Road and N. Sanborn Road and consisted of: Roadway reconstruction and pavement overlay improvements; new median islands including trees and shrubs with irrigation; storm drainage facilities; traffic signal upgrades; ADA pedestrian ramps at street intersections; striping and signage; and improvements to MST bus stops that included one bus shelter. ◀



*Top Photos: East Laurel Drive Improvement project with median*

*Bottom Photos: LEED Certified Salinas Municipal Aquatic Center*

# Enhanced Bikeways Help City of Paso Robles

## Complete South Vine Street Project

By Ditas Esperanza, City of Paso Robles Public Works Department

In November 2009, the City of Paso Robles completed reconstruction of South Vince Street. Funding for the Project came primarily through the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SCLOCOG) using a Transit Enhancement Act (TEA) grant.

The city's application for the grant was contingent upon ensuring that the bikeways along Vine Street were enhance. To that end, the city installed a colored slurry seal on the bikeways so they stood out. Positive comments from avid bikers have been received.

South Vine serves as a commuter route connecting Paso Robles residents to a major shopping center and is alternative, non-freeway route to neighboring cities. The total construction cost was \$2.5 million and was completed under project Manager Ditas Esperanza. ◀



## Healthy Neighborhoods Program Spotlight continued

(from page 2) was able to bring in a unique concept, and work with a private partner to design a facility suited to the needs of their population. [Read More!](#) Other promising strategies local agencies can implement to improve community health include:

- Revising parking standards to address the negative impacts of minimum parking requirements on the pedestrian environment;
- Participating in Safe Routes to School programs to provide infrastructure improvements that make walking and biking to school the easy, safe, and feasible alternative to a car trip;
- Creating pedestrian-friendly environments that encourage walking, bicycling and transit use and reduce auto dependency and roadway congestion by locating multiple destinations and trip purposes within walking distance of one another.

[ILG's Healthy Neighborhoods Program](#) provides resources, ideas for action, and case stories to support community service departments in promoting community health. Tell us about efforts in your city to improve neighborhood health – email [ssanders@ca-ilg.org](mailto:ssanders@ca-ilg.org) to share your local experience. ◀



# City of Los Angeles "City Works" Receives CAPIO 2010 Award of Merit

Submitted by Richard E. Lee, Principal Public Relations Representative, City of Los Angeles

The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) presented its Award of Merit to "City Works," the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' half-hour television magazine, in the 2010 CAPIO Excellence in Communications Awards competition. Presentation was made April 15 during the 29th Annual CAPIO Conference in the CAPIO Awards ceremony at the Fess Parker Double tree in Santa Barbara.

CAPIO's "Excellence in Communication" awards recognize the most creative and effective efforts in the areas of communication and marketing campaigns, newsletter production, photography, special events, writing, Web site development and video production. Nearly 200 entries statewide were submitted in the competition, 15 in the video production category.



"City Works" spotlights key personnel, projects, and special programs of the various bureaus and divisions within the Department of Public Works. It showcases the hard work the men and women of the department do everyday in order to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles. "We are honored to received this prestigious award from CAPIO, the statewide leader in governmental communications and information," said Public Works Board President Cynthia M. Ruiz. "It distinguishes "City Works" among the very best video productions in the state.

"We are pleased to have CAPIO honor "City Works" with its Award of Merit," said Executive Director Enrique Zaldivar, of the Bureau of Sanitation. "It is an outstanding production and very effective tool in helping us inform the public about our programs and the people who deliver quality and cost-effective services each day to the citizens of Los Angeles."

"City Works" is produced in partnership with LA City View Channel 35 and debuted in July 1999. Award-winning producer Kim P. Friedman produces the show. His credits include Executive Producer "Good Day LA," Fox Television, Los Angeles, and Professor of Cinema and Television Arts, California State University, Northridge.

Previously aired episodes of City Works also are available online from the Channel 35 City View On-Demand Video Library. Visit [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org), scroll down, select City Departments/Informational, then find and select City Works. For more information, contact the Bureau of Sanitation Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333 or Principal Public Relations Representative Richard E. Lee, (213) 978-0324; email: [richard.lee@lacity.org](mailto:richard.lee@lacity.org). ◀

## Message from the Director continued

(from page 2) decision was the commitment to the environment, the belief that green industries will help to revive the economy in California, and the League's previous position of support for SB 375. (The League has never taken a position on AB 32.) The other reason for continuing on the present course was the clear understanding the nothing should be allowed to divert our member's focus from the most important matter at this time, the successful passage of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010. The next board meeting will be held on July 15 and 16 in Southern California.. ◀

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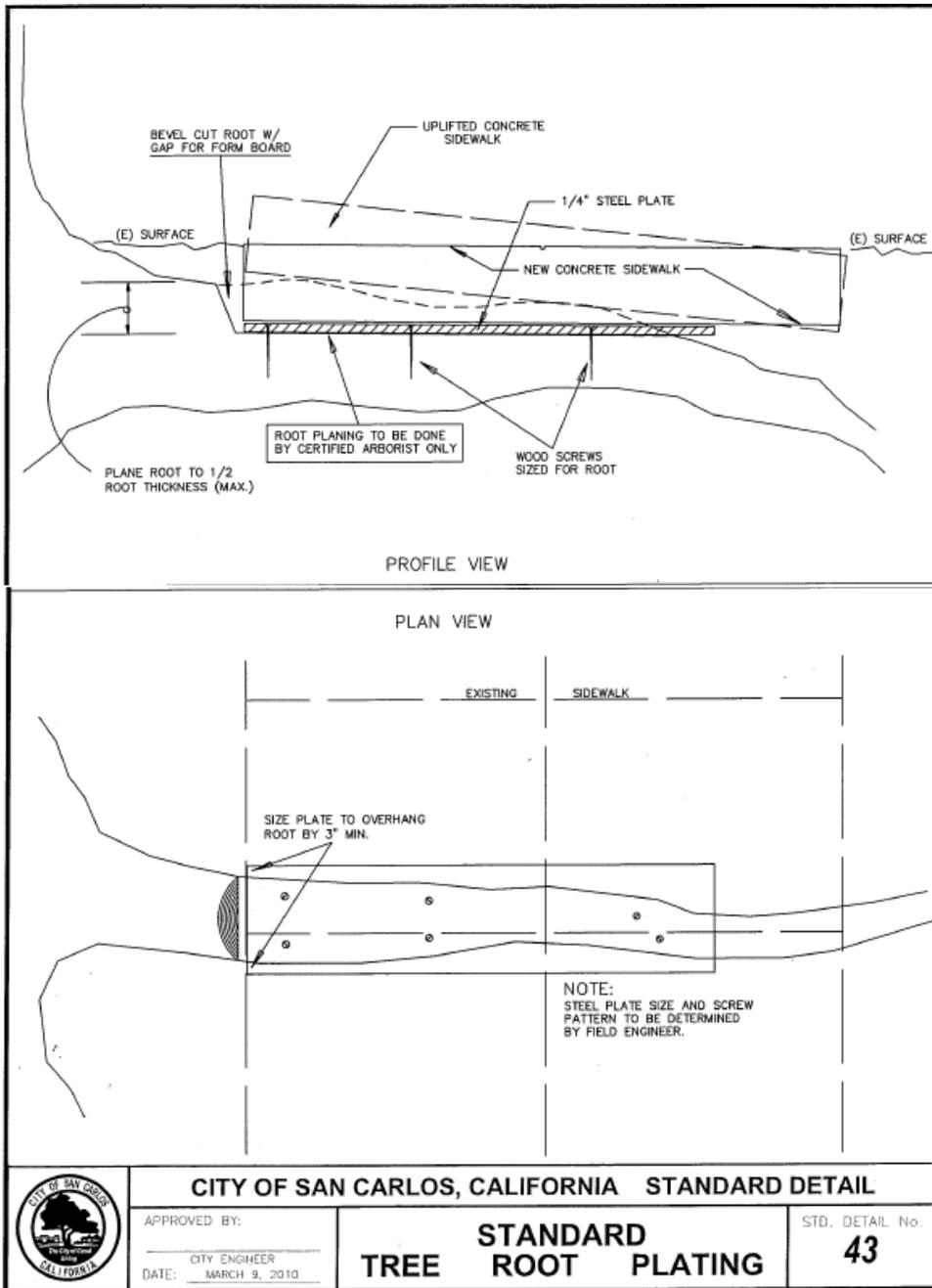
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# New Sidewalk Repair Strategy for Tree Root Damage

Submitted by Robert Weil, P.E., Public Works Director, City of San Carlos

The graphic left is the new detail for sidewalk repair that has been developed by the City of San Carlos. It was based on a recommendation from the City Arborist, Mayne Tree Service. The detail uses is intended to be used in situations where tree roots are uplifting sidewalks and the tree does not need to be removed. It calls for shaving down the tree root to the desired subgrade of the sidewalk and bolting a steel plate on to the tree root. After the repairs are complete, the steel plate forces the root to grow laterally instead of radially. Eliminating the force that lifts the sidewalk. We have used this approach on a number of repairs over the past three years and have not seen any recurring damage. The trees, some of which are heritage trees, are in good health. For more information, contact Robert Weil, P.E., City of San Carlos Public Works Director at [RWeil@cityofsancarlos.org](mailto:RWeil@cityofsancarlos.org).



## Looking for Answers?

Join the Transportation, Communications, Public Works (TCPW) List Serv and communicate with public works departments from throughout the state! Ask your own questions or share your knowledge with colleagues from other cities!

**Sign up today at:**  
[www.cacities.org/listServ](http://www.cacities.org/listServ)

## Registration Now Open!

**League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo**  
**"REBUILDING CALIFORNIA"**

September 15—17, 2010: San Diego Convention Center

Register TODAY @ [www.cacities.org/events](http://www.cacities.org/events)

# Pomona Welcomes Pacific Northwest Transplant Daryl Grigsby

Submitted by Meg McWade, Utility Services Manager, City of Pomona

The City of Pomona recently welcomed Daryl Grigsby as their new Public Works Director. Daryl who previously worked for the City of Kirkland, Washington, is an accomplished public administrator who has honed his skills over the years working for Washington's King County Natural Resources Department, City of Seattle's Department of Transportation, and the San Diego Water and Sewer Utilities.



Seeking new employment to be closer to his family, Mr. Grigsby eagerly applied at Pomona. Why Pomona you may ask? Well, when speaking with Mr. Grigsby he stated that Pomona's diversity, proximity to major transportation routes, and the unique location in Los Angeles County lured him to the helm. He felt that the City has a rich history and a bright future. That promise could soon be realized, as street rehabilitation investments are at an all-time high, and the City will benefit from future additional rail stations.

At the City of Kirkland, Grigsby managed operations, maintenance, engineering, and construction for streets, traffic, water distribution, wastewater collection, surface water, solid waste, fleet, facilities, and public grounds. As Director of Pomona's Public Works Department, Daryl oversees many of the same divisions but on a larger scale. With an operating budget of \$50 million and a five-year Capital Improvement Budget of approximately \$219 million, Pomona's Public

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Works Department is poised to enter the next decade continually improving the City's infrastructure one step at a time.

Mr. Grigsby brings a wealth of experience to the City of Pomona. His previous experience in Kirkland, Washington earned him numerous accolades. In 2009, he was the recipient of the national "Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year" award from the American Public Works Association (APWA). In addition, he is an At-Large Director of environmental management on the National APWA Board, and has served on several APWA Committees on Government Affairs, Chapter Advocacy, Transportation, Water Resources and Solid Waste.

Daryl considers himself a proud member of the public works community. As a director for twenty-two years over various municipal functions, he is a strong believer in the role of public works in enhancing health, public safety, environmental protection, economic vitality, and the overall quality of life of a community. While at Kirkland he and his staff developed a departmental vision of 'An Improved Life for Every Person.'

This statement embodies the purpose of public works in a community and asserts that public works projects, programs and services literally improve the lives of citizens, businesses, residents every day. Through water services, wastewater collection, solid waste collection, recycling programs, street maintenance, traffic system management, mobility programs, and other services, Daryl intends to continue and enhance the excellent services of the City of Pomona's Public Works Department.

In addition to his experience in public works, Daryl has a Master's in Theology from Seattle University, has published three books, and has been a mentor and academic tutor for African-American elementary-age students.

He and his wife Leslie are now residents of the City of Pomona. Leslie is a career Social Worker who has worked with Home Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospice. Under the City Council's leadership, Mr. Grigsby along with the other members of City's Executive Team, will continue working to insure a bright future for Pomona. ◀

**Have an Idea for Next Year's Public Works Officers Institute?**

Submit your session proposal online at:

<http://www.lccannualconference.com/forms/pw/lccproposal.html>

**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE MAY 7th!**

*..and mark your calendar for March 2011 in San Diego!*

## New Department Leadership Confirmed for 2011

*By Dorothy J. Holzem, Legislative Analyst, League of California Cities*

The Public Works Officers Department is pleased to welcome the newly confirmed leadership for the 2010-11 term, which will commence in September of this year. For the position of Second Vice President, Robert G. Newman, Public Works Director for the City of Santa Clarita was confirmed. For the position of Director, which is a two-year term, Uche Udemezue, Transportation and Engineering Director for the City of San Leandro, was given the support of his peers for this position. This confirms his place on the association-wide Board of Directors.

This year marks a major change in the election process for Department leadership. Previously, a Nominating Committee consisting of current and past Department leaders would confer and make a selection for any open positions. This year, under the leadership of President Larry Patterson, the nominations became more transparent. Following a vetting process by the Nominating Committee, the body in attendance at the Public Works Officers Institute was able to review and give their approval to the incoming leaders.

Robert Newman has a long career with the League of California Cities, serving previously on behalf the Department on policy committees including Transportation, Communication & Public Works, Administrative Services, and Employee Relations. This fulfilled the requirement set forth by the Department bylaws that the Second Vice President has at least one year of service on a committee.

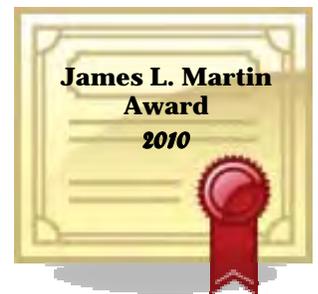
Uche Udemezue served as Department President from 2007-08 and has served through out his terms as Department leadership on League policy committees, most recently on the Housing, Community, and Economic Development committee. He fulfills the requirements of being a past president with five years, and maintaining active department participation since his term.

The Department gives our congratulations to these incoming leader and looks forward to working with them over the next term! ◀

## Lisa Rapp named 2010 James L Martin Award Recipient

*By Dorothy J. Holzem, Legislative Analyst, League of California Cities*

City of Lakewood Public Works Director Lisa Rapp was named the 2010 James L Martin award recipient in recognition of her excellence and significant contributions to the public works profession and the League of California Cities. Two former recipients and colleagues, Jim Biery (City of Buena Park Public Works Director) and Ken Montgomery (Retired City of Laguna Niguel Public Works Director) presented the award to Lisa during the Public Works Officers Institute in Monterey luncheon session on March 25. Lisa received multiple nominations both colleagues at the City of Lakewood as well as from her peers from other cities. The vote from the Nominating Committee was unanimous.



This month, Lisa will begin her fourteenth year as Director of Public Works for the City of Lakewood. She joined the City of Lakewood in October 1990. She is also in her ninth year of active League participation, having served on the Environmental Quality Policy committee member ever since. In 2005-06 she served as the President of the Public Works Officers Department, presently serving her second year of a two-year term on the League Board of Directors on behalf of the Department. In addition to overseeing major sewer and transportation projects in her city, she has been active in the American Public Works Association, just recently serving as Southern California Chapter president.

The award was created in honor of James Martin, who dedicated his career to the advancement of the public works profession. Jim was an active participant in many League activities serving as Department President in 1970-1971. He was honored as one of the Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year in 1972 by the American Public Works Association, and served as the President of the American Public Works Association in 1983-1984. Jim served as a public works professional in cities throughout California for thirty-five years striving to create better communities. The cities of Richmond, Berkeley, San Leandro and Fresno were all fortunate to have Jim serve in their Public Works Departments. He passed away in 2008.

The award is given out annually to a deserving recipient through the Public Works Officers Department. Look for the 2011 call for nominations in November! ◀

# In Memoriam: Stan Scholl, 1933 - 2010

*Submitted by Tony Antich, City Engineer, City of Santa Monica*

Stan Scholl, the former Director of General Services for the City of Santa Monica from January 10, 1977 until his retirement on August 22, 1993, died peacefully in his sleep on March 2, 2010 in his home in Laguna Beach at the age of 76. Stan was pivotal in the development of Santa Monica Place and the Third Street Promenade. He was instrumental in the rebuilding of the Santa Monica Pier after the severe storms in 1989.

He was born October 21, 1933 in Dixon, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelors and Masters degree in Civil Engineering. Stan and his wife Polly came to California in 1963 where he taught civil engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. He continued to lecture until the late 1990's. He also earned a Master in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.



After graduation, Stan worked for the Portland Cement Association. In 1963, Stan was a partner in a civil engineering firm located in Pomona. From 1964 until 1973, he was the City Engineer at the City of Glendora and then as City Engineer at the City of Laguna Beach from 1973 until 1977. In 1977, he was hired by the City of Santa Monica as the Director of General Services. He oversaw a staff of nearly four hundred providing a diversity of services to the community. His range of duties included delivery of drinking water, solid waste and recycling, civil engineering, and maintenance operations. Stan was a leader in his field by introducing recycling, improvements to water quality and the changing all City of Santa Monica toilets to low flow toilets. His efforts improved the environment and saved the city millions of dollars in wastewater treatment. He was an active member of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club which provides support to local youth services.

After his retirement in 1993, Stan continued to serve local governments in various capacities by providing interim Director of Public Works, City Engineer and project engineering services in the cities of Arcadia, Culver City, Glendora, Hawthorne, Inglewood, as well as the South Coast Water District.

When Armenia was hit with a major earthquake, Stan organized a team of public works engineers to travel to Armenia and rebuilt schools in the Capital. After the 1994 Northridge earthquake, Stan assisted the City of Santa Clarita in their damage assessment and recovery efforts. Working outside in the cold and rain until a temporary tent could be procured, Stan was instrumental in getting the City operational after the earthquake destroyed City Hall and many employees could not get to work for weeks. Using his expertise and charm, Stan worked with the many State and Federal disaster relief agencies to develop initial damage estimates and reimbursement requests for the city. Stan continued to provide leadership and guidance in the clean-up and recovery operations including the recycling of mountains of earthquake and construction debris.

In addition to the many contributions to local government, Stan served as the president of the Los Angeles City and County Engineers Association and president of the League of California Cities Public Works Officer Institute. He volunteered on nine occasions through Engineering Ministries, Inc.; a Christian faith based non-profit organization, and provided his considerable engineering talents toward projects in the developing world. Stan's efforts helped bring new schools to communities and villages in Kenya (Nairobi), Papua New Guinea, Guatemala (Zacapa, Esquintla & San Pedro Yepocapa), Middle East, and India (Patalia, Punjab). Stan was an avid world traveler as well as a mentor, colleague and friend to many.

Stan is survived by his wife Polly, a son Edward, from Arlington, Virginia, a daughter Kathy from Irvine, along with five grandsons, and a sister Eleanor from Tennessee. A Memorial service was held on April 2, 2010 in Monarch Beach. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to South Shores Church. ◀