

## City of Ventura's Public Works Department Receives National Recognition of APWA Accreditation



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KANSAS CITY, MO. – The City of Ventura's Public Works Department has been awarded the prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation Program is a rigorous, multi-year evaluation of an agency's policies, procedures and practices compared to nationally established best management practices identified in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual.

"We're thrilled for our city to receive such important national recognition," said Public Works Director Rick Raives. "This accreditation validates the efforts of our dedicated public works staff who take pride in caring for Ventura's historic treasures -- including the Olivas Adobe, Ventura Pier, and architecturally significant City Hall -- as well as paving our streets, and building and maintaining our coastline, bike paths, and other vital infrastructure throughout the city."

The city's Public Works Department provides key services to their community, including environmental education and outreach, recycling, energy conservation, stormwater and beach water quality protection, traffic, transportation, parking management, pedestrian and bikeway advocacy, street repair, graffiti abatement, fleet and facilities, and design, construction & management of capital projects.

For the City of Ventura's Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from Victoria, British Columbia; Bend, OR; Peoria, AZ; and Kansas City, MO, completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their June, 2014 site visit. "It's great to have the City of Ventura's Public Works Department reach full compliance with their practices. I commend their commitment to not only achieve Accreditation, but also the 17 model practices they instituted. Other cities can look to Ventura as an example of public works programs, training and customer service," said APWA Director of Accreditation Ann Daniels.

The City of Ventura Public Works Department becomes the 93rd agency in North America to receive Accreditation and the 11th in the State of California, joining Berkeley, Contra Costa County, City/County of San Francisco, Oakland, Thousand Oaks, Encinitas, Palmdale, Orange County, Alameda County and Fresno.

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#### About APWA

The American Public Works Association (<https://mail.cityofventura.net/service/extension/converttd/converttd/25/www...> [www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net)) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 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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