

Engineering Excellence

■ City engineers win awards for several noteworthy engineering projects.

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LACES — The City won several engineering awards from the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES) at its annual banquet Feb. 22.

The event was held at the Stadium Club at the Home Depot Center in Carson, which was the winner of last year's Project of the Year award.

This year, the City was given many awards for numerous projects. These awards were given to:

- Public Works Bureau of Street Services and Caltrans for the Vincent Thomas Bridge Decorative Lighting Project;
- Transportation and the MTA for the San Fernando Valley Orange Line;
- Public Works Bureau of Engineering for the Sun Valley Branch Library; and
- Public Works Bureau of Sanitation for the modernization and rehabilitation of Primary Battery "D" at Hyperion Treatment Plant.

Receiving the Leadership in Engineering award was the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation for the U.S. Borax recycling and reuse project.

The Project of the Year was awarded to

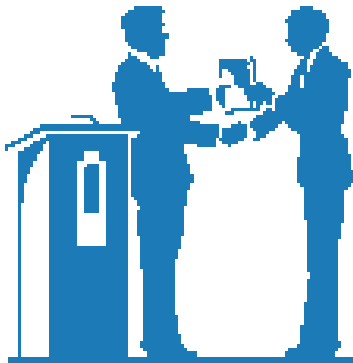
Rec and Parks for the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center.

The Media Award was given to the Public Affairs Office for the Osborne Street Bridge situation.

Individual New Outstanding Engineers awards were also given out to these Public Works Bureau of Engineering employees: Zohra Akhter, Jennifer Kong, Edgar Mercado and Shaun Yepremian.

The night concluded with the George Washington Engineer of the Year award, presented to Sam Tanaka, Public Works Bureau of Engineering. Sam was given the huge project of building 32 public libraries throughout the City of Los Angeles. He not only completed his project on time but he finished under budget and with money left over to build more!

A big Club "congratulations" goes out to all the awards recipients.



Representatives of the US Borax recycling and reuse project accept the award for Leadership in Engineering.



Michael Simpson, LACES officer, starts off the banquet.



From left: Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Ruiz Raber and Councilman Harold Williams welcome LACES to the City of Carson.



Representatives from Transportation and the MTA accept the award for the San Fernando Valley Orange Line.



Sam Tanaka receives his award for Engineer of the Year.



Zohra Akhter accepts her award for New Outstanding Engineer.



From left: A representative from the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project accepts the award from Michael Simpson, LACES.



Belinda Jackson, Project Manager and Executive Director, Rec and Parks, accepts the award for Project of the Year at Exposition Park.



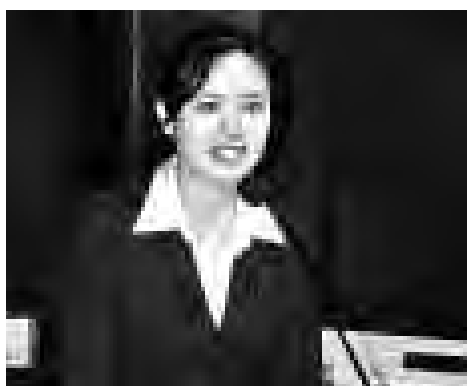
Edgar Mercado accepts his award for New Outstanding Engineer.



Shaun Yepremian accepts his award for New Outstanding Engineer.



Steve Pham accepts the award for the Hyperion Treatment Plant project on behalf of the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation.



Jennifer Kong accepts her award for New Outstanding Engineer.



Sam Tanaka accepts the award for the Sun Valley Branch Library on behalf of the Public Works Bureau of Engineering.

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