For Second Time In Two Years, Sutter County Public Works Wins Project Of Year Award From APWA

A Sutter County Public Works Department project to replace two bridges on Pleasant Grove Road across Curry Creek is the second Sutter County project in two years to win a Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Attending the awards ceremony Friday in Sacramento were, from left: Sutter County Board of Supervisors Chairman James Gallagher; Lori Burne of Dokken Engineering; Sutter County Public Works Project Manager Scott Riddle; Sutter County Engineer Neal Hay; Sutter County Administrative Officer Stephanie J. Larsen; Matt Griggs and Megan Carter of Dokken Engineering; and Sutter County Public Works Assistant Director Al Sawyer.

The award goes to agencies for projects which demonstrate excellence in management, administration, design, construction, and community relations, as well as the alliance among the managing agency and the consultant/engineer/contractor who worked to complete the public works project.

The Curry Creek Bridge Replacement project won in the Transportation Category, Construction Division for small government agencies and projects between $500,000 and $2 million.

In 2009, the Public Works Department won a similar award in the Environmental-Flood Control Category for the Cranmore/Garmire Road bridge replacement project across the Tisdale Weir in West Sutter County.

The Curry Creek bridges on Pleasant Grove Road were constructed in 1922 to span the north and south forks of Curry Creek, which drains western Placer County and carries the runoff into Natomas Cross Canal, which transports the runoff into the Sacramento River at Verona.

Due to their narrow width and weathered and corroded decks, the bridges were replaced in the $817,000 project with one new bridge across the north fork, and dual 48-inch reinforced culverts to accommodate flows of the south fork.

The Federal Highway Bridge program was the source of 88 percent of the funding for the project, and Sutter County’s Road Fund provided 12 percent of the funding.

Sutter County Public Works Engineer Scott Riddle was the Project Manager on design and construction. Dokken Engineering, Inc., of Sacramento, provided the design and Syblon Reid Construction Company of Folsom, won a competitive bid contract from Sutter County to construct the project.