

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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To: Public Utilities Committee

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From: Shannon Jones, Wastewater Management Division Director *sf*

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Informational item regarding Wastewater Management Division's Raul Martinez and Augustin Ruiz receiving recognition from the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association (NMWWA).

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

On January 28, 2015 the NMWWA recognized two (2) outstanding employees of the City of Santa Fe's Wastewater Management Division (WWMD).

Raul Martinez received the Cynthia Heirs-Robinson Outstanding Instructor of the Year Award. This award is presented annually to two (2) individuals identified by the NMWWA to have demonstrated excellence in teaching at the three major schools, one (1) award is presented in water and one award (1) in wastewater. Mr. Martinez has remained active and dedicated to sharing his knowledge of Industrial Pre-treatment and Wastewater Management. While he is acknowledged by the NMWWA for his commitment to invest in system operators across New Mexico by providing training and technical assistance, Mr. Martinez also plays a major role in Santa Fe by taking a leadership role in local outreach to include the Water Division's Annual Water Fiesta and conducting tours of WWM's treatment facilities.

Augustin Ruiz received the NMWWA Outstanding Operator of the Year in the category of Lab Analyst Facility Operator. Mr. Ruiz is a WWM Laboratory Chemist for the City of Santa Fe. He has worked for the division for thirteen (13) years. Augustin has demonstrated excellent service to the City of Santa Fe by maintaining a positive attitude and a strong work ethic. Augustin is diligent in sample collection and excels in wastewater laboratory analysis. Augustin remains dedicated to maintaining the laboratory appearance and certification. He has proven himself to be a valuable asset to the City of Santa Fe by assuring the compliance of the facility and makes himself available to assist others. Augustin is well deserved of this award.