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**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK CELEBRATES COMMUNITY
IN SANTA MARIA, AN ALL-AMERICA CITY**

In accordance with the tradition of the American Public Works Association (APWA), those who work in professions that provide and maintain public facilities and services will be acknowledged during national Public Works Week, May 19-25, 2013 as proclaimed by Santa Maria City Council. This year's theme is "Because of Public Works..." In accordance with this year's theme, activities scheduled for the week will celebrate the contributions of public works professionals as well as the communities they serve.

APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

Public works professions include those who manage water, sewer, wastewater treatment, public transportation, and refuse removal systems as well as those responsible for maintaining public buildings, streets, and highways. They are, in short, the people who maintain and improve the systems and services vital to a community's health, safety, and comfort.

Local activities scheduled for National Public Works Week include an equipment show and tell available to local schools. Equipment available for demonstration include Automated Refuse/Recycle Truck, Transit Bus, Boom Truck with Stop Light Demonstration and Wastewater Vactor Truck.

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