

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Doug Monn, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Nacimiento Worker Memorial
DATE: October 2, 2012

NEEDS: To authorize placement of a memorial for those who lost their lives during the construction of the Nacimiento Pipeline.

FACTS:

1. Three men tragically lost their lives during the construction phase of the Nacimiento Pipeline Project.
2. On November 20th, 2008 the Nacimiento Commission voted to allocate up to \$20,000 in reserve funds to create a memorial.
3. Following the Nacimiento Commission vote to allocate reserve funds, Teichert construction agreed to cover all expenses related to the design and construction of the memorial.
4. The County of San Luis Obispo has been coordinating with the Nacimiento Commission, victim's families, City staff, and Teichert Construction to develop plans for the memorial.
5. A plaque has been created with a eulogy written by each of the victim's families. The plaque will be set in stone along the pedestrian path (River Walk) at the southwest corner of 13th and River Road.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) and the contractor (Teichert Construction) have engaged a local graphic artist to develop a bronze plaque and memorial in memoriam of the three workers who lost their lives in the line of constructing the Nacimiento Water Project. The graphic artist has coordinated with the workers' families in the development of the language that appears on the plaque, and has been instrumental in finalizing the plaque's design and procurement. The plaque will be mounted on a large boulder that has been obtained from a local supplier. The proposed location for the memorial is along the River Walk near 13th Street and South River Road along the pedestrian pathway.

**POLICY
REFERENCE:**

**FISCAL
IMPACT:** No fiscal impact

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Authorize placement of a worker memorial as proposed.
 - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

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Attachments: (1) Presentation Slides

IN MEMORIAM

We honor the three young men who tragically lost their lives during construction of the Nacimiento Water Project.

JACOB LEE GAINES

1984-2008

ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 2, 2008, JACOB AND A CO-WORKER DROWNED INSIDE A SECTION OF PIPELINE BEING INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH RIVER ROAD AND NIBLICK ROAD, IN THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES. AFTER AN EXCAVATOR RIPPED THROUGH A WATER LINE, JACOB, WHO WAS ONLY 24 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, WAS IN THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS PROUD TO BE WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT WAS GOING TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE WATER SUPPLY FOR SAN LUIS OHISPO COUNTY.

JACOB HAD A ZEST FOR LIFE AND SHARED HIS SMILE, GOOD NATURE, AND CONTAGIOUS LAUGH WITH EVERYONE HE MET. HE LOVED SNOWBOARDING, BOATING, WAKEBOARDING, CAMPING, AND BEING SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. JACOB WAS A DEDICATED, HARD WORKER. HE WAS A LOVING FATHER, SON, BROTHER, GRANDSON, AND LOYAL FRIEND. HE HAS LEFT A HOLE IN OUR HEARTS AND WILL FOREVER BE DEEPLY MISSED.

IT WAS PAINFUL TO LOSE HIM FROM THIS LIFE, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD WITH TRUST AND FAITH THAT WE WILL SEE HIM AGAIN IN HEAVEN.

MANUELO ARRIAGA

1970-2008

IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU DEARLY. IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU, BUT YOU DID NOT GO ALONE, FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU, THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU. SINCE HEAVEN HAS BECOME YOUR HOME, WE SOMETIMES FEEL SO ALONE, AND THOUGH WE NOW ARE FAR APART, YOU HOLD A BIG PIECE OF OUR HEART.

YOU LEFT US PEACEFUL MEMORIES AND YOUR LOVE IS STILL OUR GUIDE, AND THOUGH WE CANNOT SEE YOU, YOU ARE ALWAYS AT OUR SIDE. WE NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH WE'D GRIEVE WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE, OR JUST HOW MUCH OUR HEART WOULD ACHIE FROM THAT ONE FRAGMENT YOU WOULD TAKE.

OUR FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME, BUT AS GOD TAKES US ONE BY ONE, THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN. GOD LETS THIS TENDER HOLE CONTINUE REMINDING US WE'LL MEET AGAIN, AND ONE DAY ALL THE PAIN WILL CEASE WHEN HE RESTORES THE MISSING PIECE. HE'LL TURN TO JOY EVERY TEAR AND IT WILL BECOME A SPECIAL WAY TO TREASURE OUR REUNION DAY.

TIMOTHY NELSON

1980-2009

TIMOTHY AARON NELSON WALKED THROUGH HEAVEN'S GATES ON AUGUST 20, 2009 AT 29 YEARS OF AGE AFTER A TRAGIC CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT. BORN JUNE 18, 1980 IN RIVERSIDE, HE GREW UP IN CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTIFUL OJAI VALLEY, WHERE HE LATER SETTLED DOWN WITH HIS WIFE, KATE.

TIM WAS A DEDICATED CHURCH MEMBER, A LOYAL VOLUNTEER IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS, LOVING HUSBAND, BELOVED SON AND BROTHER, AMAZING UNCLE TO FOUR CHILDREN, CARETAKER OF STRAY ANIMALS AND A KIND FRIEND TO MANY.

TIM LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST. HE WAS AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN, A DEEP SEA FISHERMAN, TRAVELER, AND LOVER OF ALL THINGS SPORTS, MUSIC AND MOVIES. HIS SMILES AND JOES BROUGHT JOY TO MANY AND THE SHEER STRENGTH OF HIS LOVE FILLED THE LIVES OF HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH GREAT HAPPINESS. A PROUD JOURNEYMAN IN THE LOCAL 12 OPERATING ENGINEERS UNION, TIM LOVED HIS JOB AS WELL AS ALL THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE WORKED AND PLAYED. HE IS MISSED BY ALL, BUT HIS SPIRIT WILL LIVE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.





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