Side-by-Side

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The 22-story Elihu M. Harris State Building towers over the entrance at 1515 Clay Street in downtown Oakland. (Photos by Ken Hunt)

Spotlight on . . .

DGS PUBLIC-SECTOR TEAM AWARD WINNERS

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DGS OPENS NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON ANOTHER

With Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris looking on, the Department of General Services (DGS) and the Oakland State Building Authority last June dedicated the 22-story Elihu M. Harris State Building in downtown Oakland. The new building replaces the Oakland State Office Building at 1111 Jackson Street, condemned after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Approximately 2,100 employees from more than 25 state departments and agencies including DGS scattered among 35 locations around the East Bay are being consolidated into the building. "This consolidation will save taxpayers more than $220 million over the next 30 years," says DGS Director Peter Stamison. "This fine enhancement to the beautiful Oakland skyline will pay for itself."

The $130 million project was delivered "on time and on budget" by FDCC California, Inc/Dinwiddie Construction Company of San Francisco, and architect DMJM Keating of Los Angeles.

One day earlier, construction got underway in downtown Sacramento on the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) building, DGS, Cal/EPA and the City of

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DGS Director Peter Stamison (center) presents State and Consumer Services Secretary Joanne Corday Kozberg (left) with the scissors used to cut the ribbon at the Harris Building dedication while Oakland State Building Authority President, and former DGS Interagency Support Division Deputy Director Darlene Ayers-Johnson (right) looks on.

Honoring America's
Work Force
Labor Day
September 7th

DGS Mission

To insure quality, cost-conscious, and timely assistance and support to state and other public agencies so they can efficiently deliver needed services to California citizens. With the leadership of the Governor, and in cooperation with the Legislature, we seek to provide creative business solutions and serve our customers in a responsive and flexible manner. Our mission is dedicated to servicing the customer.

DIRECTOR'S *Message...*

Peter G. Stamison, Director

WELL DGS, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

The National Association of State Directors of Administration and General Services (NASDAGS) has bestowed upon DGS another of its national Outstanding Program Awards. The big winner this time is our Office of Human Relations, honored with a "Creative Excellence Award" for its Career Management Assignment (CMA) and Career Supervisory Assignment (CSA) system which reformed the department's employee recruitment process.

The CMA/CSA allows DGS to compete with the private sector for highly qualified managers and supervisors by streamlining recruitment, widening the candidate pool and shortening selection time to a few weeks instead of several months.

The competition honors state agencies that are providing leadership, creativity and efficient state government programs. The awards are an acknowledgment of the kind of out-of-the-box thinking that allows DGS to make state government more effective. This program is a shining example of how creative people are helping the department carry out its mission of being the state's business services provider.

Congratulations are in order to Jack Smith, Debra Bouler, Lynn Catania, Jinny Munro, Colleen Kirtlan and the OHR staff. I also wish to compliment Richard Hill and Sandra Felderstein for their work in compiling the DGS entries.

Our RESD unit won the Award of Distinction in the Public Works category for their handling of state assets. Specifically, the RESD Asset Planning and Enhancement Branch was responsible for putting together the Marketing Real Property Program, which assists prospective buyers of state-owned property with various value enhancements. Their work resulted in the sale of the state's Agnews property in Santa Clara for $91 million, which was well over the original appraisal, and means great value for taxpayers. Thanks to Gene Spindler, John Brooks, Paula Gutierres, and Frank Davidson for their fine efforts.

Several other DGS programs have been honored with NASDAG awards in recent years, including GS $Mart, the Procurement Division's Internet marketplace for lease-purchase financing information; the Pilot Project for Alternative IT Acquisitions, a performance-based procurement process for information technology; and the Office of Fleet Administration's fuel card program that consolidates the charging and billing of state gasoline purchases, thus saving more than $1 million a year in bookkeeping costs and fraud losses.

As you know by now, our Joanne Kozberg has resigned her post as Secretary of State and Consumer Services. A good friend to DGS, Joanne was invited to say a few words to our Executive Team during her final week as Secretary. It was with great pleasure that we went through a long list of our accomplishments.

RESD's state office consolidation projects and asset management projects; Procurement's many user-

Former State and Consumer Services Agency Secretary Joanne Corday-Kozberg is honored by DGS Director Peter Stamison (r) and Chief Deputy Director Steve Olsen (l) for a long list of accomplishments that helped transform DGS into an agency recognized by its customers as their service provider of choice.

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friendly purchasing reforms; Telecom's partnering with the private sector to make a better CALNET; the Division of State Architect and Office of Public School Construction's teamwork in streamlining the process for funding and building schools as well as the many improvements you have made in service delivery throughout the department came to mind. We have truly changed DGS from a command and control agency to one that is being recognized by our customers as their service provider of choice.

I mentioned at Secretary Kozberg's farewell that DGS is becoming more and more the "Department of Customer Solutions." She agreed and asks that I pass on her compliments to you for being a remarkably effective, top state government agency, and one that's winning recognition and respect nationwide. I couldn't agree more.

Peter Stamison
Director

DGS RECOMMENDS THE "NEW CALNET"

A Department of General Services (DGS) selection panel has recommended the team of Pacific Bell and MCI provide voice, data, and other telecommunication services to state government, replacing the state-owned CALNET system. Following administrative review, a formal "Intent to Award" was given. The contract will give state offices access to the most advanced technology available, while saving taxpayers an estimated $117 million over the next ten years.

CALNET is currently operated by DGS's Telecommunications Division and provides telephone services to 300,000 government customers throughout the state. Switchover to the "new CALNET" will be phased in over the course of a year. No layoffs of state employees are expected.

"Businesses and consumers benefit daily from the highly competitive telecommunications marketplace we currently enjoy," said DGS Director Peter Stamison. "With this, California taxpayers will benefit, as well."

Outsourcing the state's telecommunications network was recommended in late 1995 by the Governor's Council on Information Technology as a means of giving state government cost-effective access to the newest technology, while avoiding ownership of obsolete or obsolescent equipment in the future. This was reinforced the following year and made part of Governor Wilson's "California Competes" initiative.

DGS Telecommunications Division Deputy Director Wendell McCullough (center), Pacific Bell's Ray Wilkey (left), and MCI's Jerry Edgerton (right) celebrate DGS's recommendation of the "New CALNET" team following a Capitol news conference.)

IMAGING AND RECORDS FORUM A SUCCESS

The Sacramento Convention Center was the scene of 1998's Imaging and Records Management Annual Forum. The event provided the perfect opportunity to recognize the critical role these technologies play in our lives and in state government. On display were some of newest methods of records management automation, electronic records management, document imaging, and workflow automation. These technologies are helping make government more effective and efficient while saving tax dollars, reducing paper records and their unnecessary storage, and better protecting and preserving California's vital and historical records.

PRAISE FOR INTERAGENCY SUPPORT DIVISION

From l-r: OAH's Karl Engeman, OPSC's Ted Dutton, Interagency Support Division Deputy Director Karen McGagin, State Printer Celeste Cron, OFA's Tim Bow, DGS Marketing Chief Don Hallberg.

Karen McGagin, Deputy Director of DGS's Interagency Support Division, gathered her staff together recently to commend them on "jobs well done" during fiscal 1997-98. Among the honorees and their accomplishments:

- Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Director Karl Engeman whose staff helped develop a computer program enabling OAH judges to do their work more efficiently. Karl was also lauded for increasing OAH's outreach to its clients.
- Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) Executive Officer Ted Dutton whose office streamlined the process for getting schools built and developed an Internet school construction "tracking system" that allows the public to find the status of some 4,000 ongoing school construction projects.
- State Printer Celeste Cron whose Office of State Publishing (OSP) continues to impress clients with its customer-oriented environment and incorporation of the latest technology. OSP was also a key partner in creating the new DGS website.
- Office of Fleet Administration (OFA) Chief Tim Bow whose staff put in place a new fleet management system, vehicle auction information on the Internet, and the "Voyager" card for vehicle repairs and gasoline.
- Marketing Chief Don Hallberg who created plans to increase business and improve customer service.

As Deputy Director Karen McGagin put it, "It's been a great year" for the Interagency Support Division at DGS.

NEW CONSTRUCTION ...

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In the spirit of inter-agency and state and local government cooperation, DGS Director Peter Stamison along with Cal/EPA Director Peter Rooney (right), SCSA Secretary Kozberg, and Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna, dons a hard hat and jackhammers a few bricks from the parking structure the new Cal/EPA Building is replacing.

Sacramento's Department of Public Works joined forces during a ceremonial "brick breaking" to signal the start of construction of the 25-story building.

Just like the Harris Building in Oakland, the Cal/EPA project will consolidate 3,500 employees from California's environmental boards, the Department of Conservation, and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs who are now spread out in 26 locations around the Sacramento area. The building is scheduled for completion in 2001.

DGS MARKETING PROGRAM PROMOTES MORE BUSINESS, BETTER SERVICE

By Don Hallberg, DGS Marketing Chief

Marketing? What does the Department of General Services expect to market? Plenty, if you have ever heard DGS Director Peter Stamison explain the department's role as the state's business manager. DGS provides customer solutions; we are the state's landlord, publisher, telecommunications source, insurance broker, travel service provider, and purchasing officer, among other things.

During the October 97 executive off-site, DGS services options became the topic of interest. After lengthy discussions, department deputies and office chiefs concluded that the department needs to present a unified and consistent customer image.

As a result of the executive off-site, a department-level marketing program was created in the Interagency Support Division under the direction of Deputy Director Karen McGagin. Don Hallberg assumed the roll of marketing chief on April 15, 1998. Don and Karen immediately opened discussions with department deputies, office chiefs, three international marketing firms, and corporate marketing at the General Electric Company. Collectively, the discussions helped formulate a long-range department marketing strategy for increasing business and improving our customer service.

Early this fall, look for DGS brochures that spotlight the department, its divisions, and its offices. Soon thereafter, department web pages will take on a new look. The new brochures and web pages will help existing and prospective customers understand how they will benefit by choosing the Department of General Services as their one-stop business services provider. More to come in the next issue of Side-by-Side.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF BPM RETIRES

After more than 36 years of state service, Everett Whiteside has retired. Everett was Assistant Chief of the DGS Building and Property Management Branch since 1987, where he planned, organized, and directed the statewide operation and maintenance of state-owned buildings and property, as well as provided services to the Governor's residence. That totals some 17 million square feet of responsibility and 1,200 employees.

Now that Everett is retired, he has more time to concentrate on his favorite activity—bowling. He's on a Senior Pro Tour and has a ring for bowling a perfect game.

A GIANT FALLS IN CAPITOL PARK

A 102-year-old silver maple tree with roots in the Civil War had to be removed by Capitol Park groundskeepers. The 70-foot tall tree had been severely weakened by rot and posed a threat of falling on park visitors. The tree was once a sapling from a Civil War battlefield.

A crane lowers a 2,000 pound section of the Civil-war era silver maple onto a lumber truck in front of the Capitol's east entrance.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

DGS PUBLIC-SECTOR TEAM AWARD WINNERS

In June DGS was among 60 state, local, and federal agencies presented with awards for innovative programs that are making government more efficient. Three teams representing DGS were among the more than 100 people taking part in the "California Gold: Celebrating Public-Sector Teams" event held in Capitol Park:

- The Procurement Division's (PD) California Multiple Award Schedule team, which reduced by half the time it takes to add suppliers to the state's purchasing system, thereby maximizing the state's buying power and satisfying customers.
- The Real Estate Services Division's (RESD) Capitol Area Partners team, which is working with the Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) to create a mixed-use urban community in downtown Sacramento, while providing for tax-saving state office consolidations.
- The Office of Fleet Administration's (OFA) Electric Vehicle testing and leasing team, which in cooperation with the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District, the state Energy Commission, the National Car Rental company, and American Honda Motor company developed a public/private partnership to lease non-polluting vehicles to government agencies and make them available for state employees to rent at two California airports.

OFA's Kathleen Brower (left) and Rick Slama (right) explain their team's winning approach to electric vehicle rentals to a potential customer at Capitol Park.

"These programs are helping to make state government run more effectively while giving taxpayers the best value for their dollar," says DGS Director Peter Stamison. "Thanks to the hard work of these public-sector teams and many others, we're delivering results and better customer service."

RESD's award-winning public-sector team shows off a model of the Capitol Area Plan. From l-r: CADA's Sharon Nesbit and Judy Cook, RESD's John Brooks and Ronna Taylor.

PD's David Keskeys and Hiroko Kurosawa display the "California Gold" award won by their CMAS team.

DGS'S NEW MEETING PLANNER ACCOUNT SAVES TIME AND MONEY

By Gloria Anderson, Office of Fleet Adminstration

The Department of General Services, Office of Fleet Administration (OFA) and American Express have teamed up to create the Meeting Planners Account (MPA). MPA is a cardless billing process that facilitates the payment of most expenses including rooms, meeting room rental, catering, audio visual, and business services incurred during a meeting or conference at a venue accepting American Express. The MPA streamlines the process and expedites payment to the hosting venue, eliminating the need for purchase orders, deposits, credit approvals, and direct billing. Reduced processing time and cost means savings for everyone.

MPA is the result of a process improvement team with members from OFA, the Sacramento Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP), and American Express. Their challenge was to determine how to use an American Express centrally billed account to pay for meeting expenses when hotels and other contractors only pass through to credit card companies the total transaction amount, not all the billing detail required by state agencies. The MPA contract allows city and county governments to participate as well.

To use this cardless billing process, specific terms and conditions must be included in the contract or hotel agreement. Basically, the contractor's accounting office is required to present to the meeting planner a standardized, detailed invoice for all charges within 30 days. The meeting planner reviews the charges to ensure all are correct and returns a copy within 15 days to the contractor with their signature authorizing the contractor to process the charges as a single transaction to the meeting planner's American Express account.

When the billing statement is received from American Express approximately 45 days after approval, the amount approved by the planner will match to the penny the amount billed by American Express. The meeting planner attaches the final invoice and backup to the American Express statement and forwards it to accounting for payment. Also, quarterly reports from American Express will capture payment history for individual departments and improve future negotiations.

Team members were: Gloria Anderson, OFA and Chapter Board Director; Kathleen Brower, OFA; Doug Browne, American Express; Donna Carey, DDS and Chapter President; Rachel de la Cruz, Department of Aging; Leslie Dobson, DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento and Red Lion's Sacramento Inn; Cheryl Kadan, American Express; Dale Kuroda, Department of Aging; Johnna Meyer, CMP, Department of Aging; Dana Ohmann, Marriott Lodging and Chapter Treasurer; and Dorothy Stenberg, Department of Education.

Detailed information on MPA will be presented at a forthcoming Society of Government Meeting Professionals in Sacramento meeting and also at the 6th Annual Transportation Conference hosted by OFA on October 7. In the meantime, planners can contact Doug Browne at (530) 273-7118 or Kathleen Brower at (916) 327-2068 for information including state-related samples and contract language. Hoteliers and other contractors should contact Cheryl Kadan of American Express at (949) 552-3553. SGMP may be contacted at (916) 424-SGMP.

DGS TEAMS COMPETE IN THE WORLD'S OLDEST TRIATHLON

DGS was well represented in the 25th annual Eppie's Great Race held July 18 by four teams from the Real Estate Services Division. RESD Deputy Director Gene Spindler, along with his teammates Jim Derby, Bob Sleppy, and Kent Smith, captured third place in the Tandem Canoe Class. The team of Tim LaFranchi, Henry Kusaba, Randy Nelson, and Ian Ekholm placed seventh in the same division. Other RESD participants included Carmine Faro, John Dodds, Jackie Stroud, Dwight Weathers, Toni LaFranchi, Dustin Doyle, and Lori Converse.

OSP MENTORS SCHOOL KIDS

In May the Office of State Publishing (OSP) hosted students from Sacramento's Dos Rios Elementary School at an end-of-the-year luncheon and tour of the nation's largest state printing facility as part of the schools "Lunch Buddies" program. OSP employees got involved with "Lunch Buddies" following Governor Pete Wilson's Executive Order authorizing state agencies to take part in mentoring programs geared toward at-risk children and youth. As mentors, OSP volunteers encourage the students to set academic and long range goals and help to build their self esteem.

"Lunch Buddies" from Dos Rios school take a tour of OSP facilities.

GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYEE SAFETY AWARDS

The Governor's Employee Safety Awards will be held on August 21, 1998. This is the 18th annual awards ceremony sponsored by the DGS Office of Risk and Insurance Management. The awards are presented to an employee or group who makes an outstanding contribution to safety or health resulting in the prevention of workplace injuries, accidents, or illnesses or who responds to a hazardous or life threatening event. This year there are approximately 50 individuals and 21 groups who will be receiving this prestigious award. The ceremony will be held in the Sacramento Convention Center. This year DGS has one award winner. Her name is Teddy Vallejos from OSP. Congratulations Teddy!

There will be more on Teddy and the awards in the next edition of Side-by-Side.

CONGRATS ON 25 YEARS!

Office of Human Resources (OHR) personnel analyst Kathleen Hodson (l), and OHR personnel services specialist Norma Wood (r), receive their awards for 25 years of state service from OHR Chief Debra Bouler (center).

BPM STAFFERS THANKED BY CHP

The Building and Property Management Branch (BPM) was recognized recently by the California Highway Patrol for outstanding customer service. BPM Janitor Supervisor Gloria Johnson and her crew—Arturo Venegas, Mario Mereno, Jenny Yee, Arthur Montano, Shelby Green, Benjamin Ruedger, and Clifton Mitchell received certificates and letters of appreciation from the CHP for their excellent work at CHP Headquarters Building B in Sacramento. CHP Commissioner D.O. Helmick says that as a result of BPM's efforts, "the condition of the building is better now than anyone can remember."

BPM's Gloria Johnson receives a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of her staff from CHP Commissioner D.O. Helmick.

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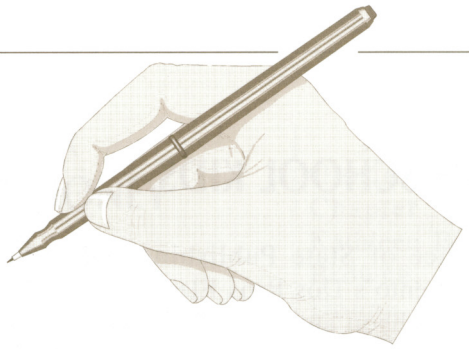

SATISFIED CUSTOMERS KEEP WRITING IN ...

Real Estate Services Division (RESD) Deputy Director **Gene Spindler** received thanks from Capitol Area Development Authority Executive Director Ronald Alvarado for the "very cooperative working relationship" he enjoyed with **John Brooks**, **Jim Derby**, and **Zack Miller** for work done on the Capitol Area Project. RESD's **Joel McRonald** received a letter from State Senate President pro Tem John Burton praising **David Panush** and **Mary Hoy's** work on the approval process for a new fire station for the town of Corte Madera. **Bob Sleppy** and **Carol Guibault** of the Professional Services Branch earned high marks from the Department of Mental Health for being "truly customer-focused, creative and innovative" while assisting with the Napa Fence project. RESD's **Lewis Dean** and **Diana Brown** garnered kudos for moving the San Diego Consolidation project forward. The vice president of CB Richard Ellis, Inc. said that instead of "the all too common 'that's not my problem' mentality encountered in the public sector," **Diana** took responsibility and resolved each problem "head-on."

RESD's **Lane Richmond** passes along a letter of praise for **John Galaxidas** and **Rick Allen** who were honored for "exceptional commitment and exceptional work" in securing space for the Developmental Disabilities Area Board 3. More kind words for RESD employees came in from Maryhouse, a program providing shelter for homeless women and children in Sacramento. Generous staffers with **Customer Account Management, Professional Services, Project Management and BOPP** got "hearty thanks" for their donations of baby food, children's books, toys, and blankets made especially for homeless babies. RESD's **Natalia Blackburn** received thanks for "a job well done" from the California Highway Patrol for her efforts on an HVAC study for the CHP's motor transport building in West Sacramento.

RESD's **Gary Munguia** was applauded for being "instrumental" in getting a Department of Motor Vehicles office expanded in Redding. The Department of Parks and Recreation singled out **Gordon Hill** for assisting in the construction of a launch ramp and parking lot at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area. **James Drinkard**, regional portfolio manager in the Asset Planning and Enhancement Branch, got a letter of commendation from State Senator Jim Costa for being a panelist on a government and business opportunities workshop held in Fresno. **Steve Durham** also did RESD proud for his "excellent and professional" training presentations on the Capital Outlay Process for the Department of Development Services.

The Office of State Publishing (OSP) received kind words from the Xerox Corporation for the "fine efforts" of **Judy Heringer** and the "accessibility and responsiveness" of **Dennis Ericson** for their work on a review and audit project. OSP's **Ghedeon Bere** and **LaWanda Brown** got "high fives" for their "invaluable assistance" in helping get the first edition of RESD's newsletter, "Beyond the Box" into print. OSP's **Tracy Reed** got a nice letter from Sheldon High School student Lesley Estrada for making it possible for Lesley to "shadow" OSP staffers for a couple of hours as part of a school project.

Office of Fleet Administration (OFA) Chief **Tim Bow** received a letter from a state lottery staff in Susanville complimenting the "courteous and professional" treatment he received from OFA's **Ed Anaya** who helped to resolve a mechanical problem with a fleet van. OFA's **Eualio Moncada Jr., Paul Campbell**, and **Earl Howell** also received thanks from a satisfied

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customer at Fairview Developmental Center in Costa Mesa who needed a pair of new passenger vans in a hurry. Fairview Executive Director Hugh Kohler says without OFA's help, "it wouldn't have been possible" to procure the vehicles on time. **Beth Russell** and her State Garage staff are "shining examples of DGS's new direction," according to the Department of Rehabilitation's Vivian Pettit who says everyone on the garage staff provides "service with a smile."

Orchids have been coming in for the Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMB) where **Perry Duncan** was recognized for his "professionalism" in completing a Certificate Renewal. OSMB's **Andy Gaston**, **Robin Borden**, and **Eileen Yaconelli** also received kudos for "good performance in government."

Dennis Ewell of the Telecommunications Division's Public Safety Radio Services unit garnered praise from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for his staff's "courteous attitude, and for providing the highest level of service" to ABC.

Celeste Heidler-Ramos, **Pat Ford**, and **Sue Johnson** of the Office of Fiscal Services were cited by State Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr for their role in the Library being honored with an award for excellence in financial reporting. Dr. Starr described their work as "setting the standard for public service that demonstrates that state government can be efficient, honest, and responsive." OFS's **Ken Young** shared a thank you note from the Office of Human Resources commending **Ron Fuller** of the cashiers office for "routinely going above and beyond" the call of duty. **Ron** helped locate some overtime checks never received by a building and property management office and got them to their rightful owners as soon as possible.

The Office of Human Resources (OHR) also had a pile of thank you notes roll in for its outstanding customer service. The San Francisco Office of Building and Grounds (OBG) sang the praises of **Bobbie Flanders** and **Tracey James** for the "care" they showed in resolving a lost paycheck issue. **Barbara Gilbertson** and **Bertha Lopez** were singled out by OBG for setting "a wonderful example" of interagency cooperation in bringing a new employee onto the payroll. **Vanessa Geter** also received a thank you from OBG for her timely assistance with retirement recognitions. OHR's **Chris Castro** was cited for her "invaluable" assistance to a new Department of Information Technology employee. **Judi Hernandez** earned an orchid from RESD for "good service and understanding."

Darcie Crossley of the Office of Risk and Insurance Management received kudos for being a "real person who had a real interest" in helping a customer settle an accident claim.

Procurement Division (PD) employees also gained recognition for good service including **Vicki Wise** for helping the City of Citrus Heights "save time and money," while **Tracy Neuner** was credited for her "gracious and efficient" efforts as a Customer Account Manager.

Employees at the Office of Public School Construction continue to get positive comments from school districts up and down the state for great service, including **Jim Casebolt**, **Darlene Hart**, **Phil Shearer**, **Carolyn Burns**, and **Cruz Naranjo**.

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THE 2ND ANNUAL POKER WALK AROUND CAPITOL PARK WAS A HIT!!

Over a hundred participants from ORIM, OPSC, OFS, OSMB, HR, Exec, Audits, Procurement, OFA, BPM, and RESD walked one to two miles for a Healthier Heart in the 2nd annual Capitol Park Poker Walk. Some lucky people were able to see actor Tom Bosley of TV's "Happy Days" fame walking around the park. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the two first-place winners of the Hard Rock Café dinners, Marty Benson from OPSC and Jennifer Byington from RESD. Congratulations to the 98 other lucky prize winners.

A special thanks to the BPM crew who helped with the set up of our tables and display boards: Rosie Hall, Randy Mefford, Laura Davis, Don Morrow, Josh Strawder.

BROWN BAG BACH

DGS Chief Deputy Director Steve Olsen wowed an Executive Team Brown Bag Lunch in July with a concert of Bach's Suite No. 5 in C Minor for Cello Solo. Steve calls these the Holy Grail of the cello repertoire. "The cellist is completely exposed, without accompaniment, yet must express the full scope of the musical ideas with only the sparest of linear writing," says Steve.

Steve's last public performance of this suite was back in 1972 at the prestigious San Francisco Bach Festival.

DGS Deputy Director and cellist Steve Olsen gives a virtuoso performance at an Executive Brown Bag.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 3
Deadline for entries for $100 Commute Option drawing

September 22
UCSEC "kick-off" and parade at Capitol

October 7
6th annual Transportation Conference, Sacramento Convention Center

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