

Ventura County Comes Up Big at the CGSA Conference in Sacramento



The County General Services Association (CGSA) is a network of General Services professionals from counties across California and Nevada. This year's annual conference was held in Sacramento, CA, and was attended by GSA Director David J. Sasek, and Facilities and Maintenance Staff Services Manager Chris Ramirez and Document Services Manager Steve Nelles.

While the annual conference provides an excellent opportunity to network and learn about the latest advances and information available, it's also an opportunity to recognize the creative work being done by General Services professionals throughout the state.

This year, Ventura County GSA was honored twice by the CGSA Leib/Kronberg Award for Excellence: 2nd place was awarded to Chris Ramirez, while the Fleet Services Administration team was selected to receive a special team award.

Nominated for his outstanding leadership of the mail center, couriers, surplus team, and warehouse services, Chris Ramirez's award specifically recognized the work he has done to save money in the GSA Mail Center and to transition the Health Care Agency's courier routes to GSA, reducing HCA's contract costs by \$80,000.

The Fleet Services Admin team (pictured below) was awarded special recognition for the many

processes improvements implemented in 2016, including: implementing a barcoding system in the Parts Department; creating parts “kits” to streamline the process of ordering parts and make it easier and more cost-effective to process the related invoices; adopting Telematics technology into the motor pool and, eventually, across the County; becoming a warranty-authorized Chevrolet repair and inspection center to eliminate the need to send warranty-covered work out to an authorized center or dealer for repair; and relaunching the County motor pool system, including migrating to a web-based and automated system, to correct ongoing issues and streamline the process of using the motor pool for the customers.

This year’s “win” carries on a Ventura County tradition of excellence being recognized by the association, as Chris Ramirez and the Fleet team join previous years’ award winners Steve Nelles and the scan center team, F&M Project Manager Glenn Hemme, and Fiscal Manager Amber Butler. Each recipient was presented with a plaque commemorating their achievement and received a cash award as well. Congratulations to everyone on your achievement!

