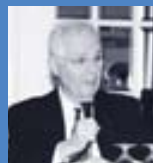


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IN HONOR OF DWR EMPLOYEES

Tim Crawford and Martin Alvarado

DWR San Luis Field Division employees **Martin Alvarado** and **Tim Crawford** lost their lives on February 7, 2007 during an underwater inspection for Quagga Mussels at the Dos Amigos Pumping Plant in Merced County.

"Our deepest sympathies and prayers go to the families of these two men, and to their fellow employees who are grief-stricken at this tragic loss," said DWR Director Lester Snow. "Our divers routinely perform hazardous duties in connection with State Water Project operations. They are well-trained, highly-qualified individuals who approach their tasks with a 'safety first' attitude."

On February 8, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger ordered the flags at the State Capitol flown at half staff, in honor of Tim and Martin. The flags were later presented to the families by Director Snow and Deputy Director Ralph Torres.

"Martin Alvarado and Tim Crawford gave their lives serving the people of California to keep us safe and the State's water system secure. They were highly qualified and dedicated to their professions. Words cannot express the gratitude we owe them nor the profound grief Maria and I share with their family, friends and co-workers," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

DWR officials are working with safety authorities to determine the cause of the accident. Both Martin and Tim were Utility Craftworkers, who were part of DWR's 13-member dive team. The divers routinely inspect facilities along the State Water Project. Tim was one of the most experienced DWR divers and had been part of the dive team for more than 18 years. Martin joined the team in 2006.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF TIM CRAWFORD

Tim Crawford, 50, of Seaside, had worked at DWR for more than 18 years.

Tim, was born in San Bernardino and graduated from Apple Valley High School in 1974, later moved to Hawaii, where he enjoyed his hobby of surfing. He then moved to Alaska, where he worked for an oil company.

"Tim was my best friend and like a brother to me. He was a wonderful human being, a kind, soft-spoken, light-hearted individual who would give you the shirt off his back," said Southern Field Division Senior Hydroelectric Plant Operator **Jesus Salazar**, who was Tim's best friend since elementary school.

In March of 1988, Tim's DWR career began at Southern Field Division's Castaic Yards Building and Grounds Section as a Utility Craftsworker. A year later, he transferred to San Luis Field Division. At San Luis, Tim was a Utility Craftsworker for the Buildings and Grounds Section. He had a thirst for knowledge and was always eager to take on a new task. He was a certified diver and dive supervisor but also a water treatment plant operator, certified crane operator, certified herbicide applicator, and a certified backflow tester. In December of 2001, he received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his exceptional service, outstanding contributions, and cooperative efforts associated with the emergency Aqueduct Repair at Mile 4.25.

Known for his ever present smile, Tim is remembered for always reacting calmly in every situation. Tim shared his love of life with everyone around him. He enjoyed golfing, kayaking, recreational diving, surfing, and sky diving. "Tim

didn't like being in the spotlight or in large crowds," said **Pete Rigali**, Southern Field Division Utility Craftsworker and Dive Team Supervisor who worked with Martin and Tim during the last seven years. "Even in his passion for surfing, Tim always searched for surfing locations where there were few people. He really enjoyed surfing with his buddies near Seventeen Mile Drive."

Tim was a loving husband and father and is survived by his wife Roxanne, and son, Shawn, and his parents. Tim would regularly spend time near the ocean with his wife and their golden retrievers, Toby and Kelly. Private services were held near the ocean.

"Tim and Martin were really upbeat and hard workers. They were the cream of the crop," said Rigali. "The Department will never be able to replace them."

"Martin and Tim touched the hearts of many and will be greatly missed by all who had the honor and privilege of knowing them," said **Jim Thomas**, Chief of San Luis Field Division. ■



Tim Crawford at Dos Amigos Pumping Plant

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARTIN ALVARADO

Martin Alvarado, 44, of Coalinga, had worked at DWR for six years. He was born in Lemoore and grew up in the Central Valley, graduated from Coalinga High School in 1982, and attended West Hills College. Martin worked as a certified welder and a mechanic before joining DWR in 2001.

"Martin was an excellent welder and was probably one of the best welders in San Luis Field Division," said **Pete Rigali**, Southern Field Division Utility Craftworker and Dive Team Supervisor who worked with Martin and Tim during the last seven years. "When he entered DWR's Apprentice Program, he could weld better than me and I was supposed to teach him."

As a Utility Craftworker at the Coalinga Operations and Maintenance Subcenter, Martin worked on the California Aqueduct. His career began as a Maintenance and Service Occupational Trainee in January of 2001. He became a Service Assistant in July 2001 and a Utility Craftworker Apprentice in November 2001. He graduated the Apprentice Program in November of 2004, as a Utility Craftworker.

According to many of his coworkers, Martin met each day with enthusiasm and a desire to learn and to achieve in all aspects of life. Martin served as a mentor for apprentices in San Luis Field Division and he was always willing to share his knowledge with fellow coworkers. Martin's latest achievement

was on February 6, 2007 when he received his third crane certification with DWR.

"As a husband and father of seven, Martin's greatest pride came from his family. He always had a story to tell about his family gatherings, cheering on the Raiders, bike riding from Rosarito to Ensenada and fishing in Monterey with his brothers," said **Dave Paulson**, Chief of the Flood Operations Branch and Dive Team member. Martin is survived by his wife Sara;

daughters Stephanie, Jacqueline, Justina, Vivian, and sons Martin, Fabian, and Angel. He is also survived by his parents and 10 brothers and sisters. Services for Martin were held on February 13, 2007 at St. Francis Cabrini Church in Huron. ■



Martin Alvarado at Buena Vista Pumping Plant

*Trust funds have been set up for both families with Bank of America in the following names: **Tim Crawford Memorial Trust Fund** and **Martin Alvarado Memorial Trust Fund**. Those wishing to make deposits to these trust funds will need to reference the following account numbers when visiting any Bank of America branch: **Martin Alvarado 00178-61243** and **Tim Crawford 00178-61224**.*

