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City of Punta Gorda Earns APWA 2020 Public Works Project of the Year Award

Punta Gorda, Florida – July 01, 2020 – The American Public Works Association (APWA) is proud to announce the City of Punta Gorda, Public Works – Canal Maintenance Division earned APWA’s 2020 Public Works Project of the Year Award. Award winners publicly developed, owned and maintained infrastructure projects that promote excellence in construction management and administration. These Awards recognize the alliance between the managing agency, the contractor, the consultant, and their cooperative achievements.

Public Works – Canal Maintenance Division earned APWA’s 2020 Public Works Project of the Year Award in the Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair category, in the Projects of \$25 Million to \$75 Million division. Public Works – Canal Maintenance Division worked to replace approximately 10.5 miles of seawalls damaged from Hurricane Irma within 18 months.

“APWA is proud to recognize these important projects that are planned, designed, and constructed to benefit all of the people in their communities. Public works projects are even more important during this time, as our communities face the difficulties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said APWA President William (Bill) Spearman III, P.E. “It is always a time of celebration for these winners at PWX and I regret that I will not be able to shake their hands and congratulate them in person. I am extremely proud to associate with members who are willing to go above and beyond to ensure public works serves their communities to the highest degree possible.”

APWA will recognize this year’s Project of the Year Award winners in a video posted to www.apwa.net on August 31.

“With the inability for all of us to honor our winners in person at PWX, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to explore new ways to celebrate our Project of the Year Award winners. Recognizing them online provided that opportunity,” said APWA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Scott D. Grayson, CAE. “These virtual recognition events encourage us to continue looking for ways to share member success and stay connected with others to celebrate these critical projects and their impact.”

Awards are won in four divisions and five categories. The divisions are: 1. Projects less than \$5 million; 2. Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million; 3. Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million;

and 4. Projects of more than \$75 million. The categories are: 1. Structures; 2. Transportation; 3. Environment; 4. Historical Restoration/Preservation; and 5. Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair.

Projects of the Year for the Small Cities/Rural Communities are awarded to those cities or counties with a population of 75,000 or less and in the same categories of: 1. Structures; 2. Transportation; 3. Environment; 4. Historical Restoration/Preservation; and 5. Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair.

For more information about the APWA awards program, please contact APWA Awards and Chapter Relations Associate Rhonda Wilhite at rwilhite@apwa.net, or by phone at (816) 595 – 5299.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, D.C., and 63 chapters and 97 branches throughout North America.

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