

[Two Prestigious Awards Given to Santa Barbara County Public Works Department at 115th Annual California State Association of Counties \(CSAC\) Conference in November 2009](#)

Public Works Department and Director Scott McGolpin Presented with Prestigious Circle of Service Award

On November 18, 2009 at the 115th annual California State Association of Counties (CSAC) conference, Santa Barbara Public Works Director Scott McGolpin and the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department were among six recipients of the prestigious Circle of Service Award.

The award was presented specifically in recognition of “their creative ways of educating the public, Board of Supervisors members, and city officials about the devastating effects of the proposed Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) cuts, including outreach to local media, and bumper stickers on all county public works vehicles.”

Commenting on the award, Scott McGolpin said: “HUTA is a vital funding source for local transportation maintenance operations—if taken by the State, it will cause devastating, long-term impacts to our local road system. Receiving this award points to the importance of working together with local officials in California, remaining vigilant in the future to ensure that this funding is not taken away by the State.



The award, which has been bestowed on as many as 15 recipients in a year, is presented at CSAC's annual meeting. Recipients are county officials, department heads, employees, Corporate Associates and other CSAC members whose outstanding work on behalf of county government sets them apart.

This is the first time in the history of the award that it has been presented to a department.

Founded in 1895, CSAC is a Sacramento-based nonprofit corporation that promotes the interests of California's 58 counties at the state and federal level. One of the association's primary goals is to educate the public about the value and necessity for county programs and services.

Inaugural “Surveyor of the Year Award” presented to Michael Emmons, Santa Barbara County Surveyor, by the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)

For the first time in its 95-year history, the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) bestowed an award that formally honors the vital contribution of the Survey profession to the engineering profession. The Inaugural “Surveyor of the Year Award” was presented to the Department’s Survey Division Deputy Director Michael Emmons by CEAC President Peter Rei, in combination with the presentation of the Engineer of the Year Award.

“This award means a great deal to me because it recognizes the County Surveyor as an important part of county government, on a par with county engineering,” said Mr. Emmons, who has been Santa Barbara County Surveyor for over twelve years and has served on the CEAC Survey Policy Committee since 1997 and as Chair of the committee since 2005.

Says Public Works Department Director Scott McGolpin: “More people need to understand the importance of Surveyors’ work to the success of engineering efforts. As an engineer, I’m pleased that this prestigious association has taken a forward-looking stand for our profession by instituting this award, and by presenting an inaugural award that recognizes Mike’s substantial contributions to CEAC and to the surveying profession.”

