

Filanc named contractor of the year—again

The Associated General Contractors, San Diego Chapter, honored Filanc as 2006 General Engineering Contractor at the chapter's annual awards banquet last month.

Each year the award is bestowed upon a general contractor that is chosen for consistent fairness in all business dealings as well as for strong support of AGC programs throughout the previous year. Filanc also was named 2002 General Engineering Contractor of the Year.



On behalf of all Filanc employees, Executive Vice President Mark Filanc accepted the 2006 General Engineering Contractor award in front of an audience of 510 AGC members and guests.

Industry leaders

San Diego AGC honors an industry giant

When Jack Filanc received the construction industry's highest honor, the Associated General



Contractors' (AGC) SIR Award, last month, he joined a very small group of leaders to be so recognized. In the AGC San Diego chapter's 80-year history, only 20 individuals have earned the prestigious award that takes its name from the AGC creed, "Skill, Integrity, Responsibility."

Jack has been living and teaching this creed for nearly six decades in a career distinguished by many extraordinary achievements. Most recently, he, along with his wife, Jane, established an endowment to launch a construction engineering and management program at San Diego State University, pledging \$3 million to the program.

Jack isn't the only Filanc to be honored with a SIR Award. In

2004, his son Peter took home the 15-inch, golden statuette modeled from Norman Rockwell's painting, "The Spirit of Construction."

Mark Filanc elected



Filanc Executive Vice President Mark Filanc has been elected to serve a five-year term on the San Diego AGC board of

directors. The 21-member board steers the chapter's myriad efforts in educating the industry to employ the finest skills, promoting use of the latest technology, and advocating building the best-quality projects for owners, both public and private.

A steward of safe water



Peter Filanc is a newly designated Life Member of the American Water Works Association. The AWWA is the nation's

authoritative resource for knowledge, information, and advocacy to improve both the supply and quality of water. With 60,000-plus members, the AWWA is the world's largest organization of water professionals. Life membership recognizes Peter's committed dedication to both the association and the water profession for the past 30 years.



Phoenix taps Filanc for JOC

Average time to start a JOC project without A/E design: 38 calendar days



Issue PO: 35 days

Final Proposal: 31 Days

First JOC Proposal: 16 days

Desiring to get a number of as-yet-unidentified, diverse, relatively small projects completed quickly, efficiently, cost-effectively, and to a high standard of quality, the City of Phoenix Water Services Department is issuing a

please see **JOC Project**, inside

JOC RFP

JOC Project, *continued from front*

Job Order Contracting (JOC) contract to Filanc.

Under the JOC contract, Filanc's Arizona repair and maintenance staff will provide a number of services on an as-needed, when-needed basis at two Phoenix facilities, the Verde Water Treatment Plant and the Val Vista WTP.

The Arizona 'Gator's services may include mechanical equipment, instrumentation, and electrical installations; programming of control fa-

cilities; building modifications; emergency repairs; sewer rehab, repair, or replacement; and engineering services.

Utilizing a JOC contract gives the City of Phoenix the flexibility to bypass time-consuming, costly procurement procedures for each individual job, so that needed work can begin almost immediately after it is identified. With fast response being a Filanc 'Gator' trademark, completing work under this JOC contract should be a natural fit.

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The definition that best captures the spirit of our company's client relationships, though, is this one: “A partnership is a relationship of good faith, mutual respect and understanding, and shared decision-making.” Filanc enjoys rewarding partnerships with owners throughout Southern and Central California and in Arizona. In this issue of our newsletter, we are publishing the sixth in a series of articles in which we feature owners who are great partners—by any definition.

EWA: A model of excellence in the wastewater industry

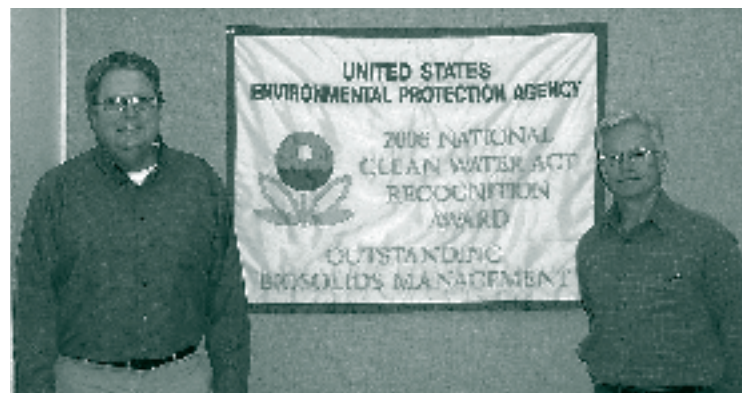
If, like all of us at Filanc, you most enjoy working alongside professionals who challenge you every day to deliver nothing short of excellence, then you'll understand why we think the Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) is a perfect partner for us.

This is an organization peopled with individuals who are clearly focused on continuous improvement in every aspect of their work. They set every bar high, both for themselves and for us, and they inspire success by example.

The bars we're jumping over right now are at the EWA's latest large construction project, the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility (EWPCF) Phase V Expansion, where we are installing biosolids recycling technology and completing energy management facilities improvements. The project is both huge and complex, but EWA personnel, led by Mike Hogan, EWA General Manager, and Duane Larson,

P.E., Engineering Services Manager, are on top of every detail. Recently, for example, the EWA and Filanc initiated an innovative biweekly Electronic Safety Bulletin that is emailed to every employee, outlining the construction activities for the week and the specific safety issues associated with each activity.

The Phase V Expansion project isn't the only thing that's complex. So is EWA itself. The Authority is owned by no fewer than six public agencies: the four North San Diego County cities of Carlsbad, Vista, and Encinitas; the Vallecitos Water District; the Buena Sanitation District; and the Leucadia Water District. These six, relatively small entities are bound by a unique arrangement called a Joint Powers Agreement, under which they share in the costs and management of EWA. By pooling their resources, they are able to deliver high-quality wastewater treatment more economically, and via more high-tech facilities, than they could individually.



Mike Hogan, left, and Duane Larson

In addition to the EWPCF, which can treat 36 million gallons per day of wastewater, EWA also maintains and operates its Shadowridge Water Reclamation Plant, a 1.16 mg recycled water plant that supplies water to a local golf course, and the Carlsbad Water Reclamation Plant, a 4 mg recycled water plant that supplies recycled water to the City of Carlsbad. Altogether, EWA provides wastewater treatment to more than 300,000 people.

In the last issue of this newsletter, we noted that EWA won the Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 Award—Best in Nation

for Exemplary Biosolids Management Program. That was only one of several recent awards for outstanding performance. EWA also received the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) San Diego Section and Statewide Plant of the Year Award and Publication Education Award; the CWEA San Diego Section Safety Program Award; the National Biosolids Partnership Platinum Award for Environmental Management System; and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Gold Award for Outstanding Permit Compliance Record.

No question: We are honored to call EWA our partner.

The best kind of record to break

At the end of last month, Filanc completed a 36-month tour de force: the West Basin Water Recycling Plant Phase IV expansion. That, alone, is a significant accomplishment, but the West Basin crew also turned in more than 5,600 project hours of work on a challenging and complex project without incurring a single, solitary lost-time accident. This raises our safety bar higher than ever before, as our previous record was 5,000 hours.

Our client and partner, the West Basin Municipal Water District, played a key role in our setting this record. The safety of our



own and our subcontractors' crews is always of paramount importance, but a new dimension was added when District staff made the decision to continue its tradition of offering plant tours to schoolchildren on a weekly basis throughout the construction period. Constant communication, sharing of information, and a 100 percent commitment to put safety at the forefront every day made this perfect record happen.

Whose goat did we get?

Really, whose 10 goats did we get? When Filanc learned of the Yuma 4-H Club's fundraising campaign, we saw a way to help by purchasing 10 young Boer goats from Steve Lackey of the Yuma Valley Achievers 4-H Club and City of Yuma Water/Wastewater Treatment Manager Kathy Carroll, who is a member of the Yuma Moos 4-H Club. Thankfully the goats aren't living

in one of our jobsite trailers; they're in the care of young 4-H Club members who are learning how to raise and show farm animals. When they're full-grown, the Filanc goats will be auctioned off at the Yuma County Fair. Youngsters use the money from the sale of their goats to help their families pay for things ranging from school clothes to power bills.



Inquiring minds want to know

Would you like to read more about some of the people, companies, organizations, and issues mentioned in this newsletter? We encourage you to visit these websites:

www.agcsd.org—Associated General Contractors, San Diego Chapter
www.awwa.org—American Water Works Association
www.cwea.org—California Water Environment Association
www.nacwa.org—National Association of Clean Water Agencies
www.biosolids.org—National Biosolids Partnership
www.JOCexcellence.org—Job Order Contracting information
www.encinajpa.com—Encina Wastewater Authority
www.westbasin.com—West Basin Municipal Water District