



Big T Awards Continue



Accolades for the Big Tujunga Dam rehabilitation project continue to flow in from across the country.

The latest honors come from the United States Society of Dams (USSD) and the National American Public Works Association, the latter naming Big T 2012 Project of the Year. USSD tapped LA County Public Works for its Excellence in the Constructed Project award, paying tribute to the Department for meeting the challenge of rehabilitating its aging infrastructure in an era of limited financial resources and increasing environmental awareness. As a result of nearly \$100 million in improvements, the project has eliminated the need for local water suppliers to import an estimated \$2 million from sources outside of Southern California and allows Public Works dam operators to make low-flow releases of captured rainwater to support downstream ecosystems. In 2011, the project received the Best Civil Works/Infrastructure Project Award by the Engineering News-Record, the National Rehabilitation Project of the Year Award by the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, and the Southern CA American Public Works Association Project of the Year Award.