



# RGW Construction, Inc.

## RGW reconstructing gateway to Sacramento Valley

**L**ocated 15 miles south of Sacramento, the City of Elk Grove welcomes visitors as they travel the Sacramento Valley region via State Route 99, the Golden State Highway.

Named the fastest-growing large city (100,000+) in 2006 by the U.S. Census Bureau, Elk Grove continues to show robust growth in population and presence as it moves to supplement its historic agricultural economy with high-tech, commercial, and retail enterprises.

One such enterprise is the planned construction of the city's first regional shopping center, the 1.1-million-square-foot Elk Grove Promenade, to be located adjacent to the heavily traveled Grant Line Road and SR 99 interchange at the south end of town.

Taking an aggressive approach to traffic congestion and planned growth, the city, in partnership with the Sacramento Transportation Authority and private mall developer General Growth, is funding a major upgrade to the outdated interchange. The modern interchange will provide safer freeway access, improve traffic flow, and create a prominent southern gateway to Elk Grove and the Sacramento Valley Region.



**Aerial View of Grant Line Road – SR 99 Project.**

The Grant Line Road/SR 99 Interchange Project was put up for bid in September 2006, and awarded to RGW in November 2006, with a contract value of \$29,736,613. Crews broke ground in December 2006; completion is scheduled for fall 2008.

The project features a vastly improved Grant Line Road bridge at SR 99. The existing two-lane Grant Line Road over-crossing will be demolished, and in its place RGW will build a new 140-foot-wide, 270-foot-long six-lane structure,

expandable to eight lanes if necessary.

Crews will improve and widen SR 99's shoulders at the interchange and construct new, dedicated ramps, including two diagonal off-ramps, two diagonal on-ramps, and two loop (cloverleaf) on-ramps.

Additionally, the six-stage contract calls for the construction of four retaining walls, four box culverts, two new surface streets, and improvements to water and sewage lines.

Joining Project Manager Noah Lowry is an experienced and talented team including Office Manager

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Robin McDavid, Office Assistant Lynae Lampreda, Roadway Superintendent Dave Anderson, Structures Superintendent Todd Jorgensen, Engineers Jake Lewon and Ron Hicks, Operations Manager Bill Moody, Roadway Foreman Scott Head, Roadway Foreman Les Webb, Structures Foreman Woody Carlson, Structures Foreman Dave Arledge, Structures Foreman Danny Cain, Structures Labor Foreman Luis Cueva, Laborer Foreman Albert

Carrabello, Mechanic Walt Whitford, and intern Kevin Simmons.

RGW is working with 18 subcontractors, ranging from demolition and rebar, to fencing, underground, electrical, and striping.

The contract calls for 4,300 cubic yards of concrete for the bridge structure, retaining walls, and two box culverts; 145,700 tons of aggregate base rock; 53,000 tons of asphalt concrete for new ramps and shoulder widenings; 5,315 lineal feet of

drainage; 1,235 lineal feet of sewer pipe; 7,792 lineal feet of waterline installation; 125,000 cubic yards of roadway excavation, and 140,000 cubic yards of imported borrow or clean fill. The new over-crossing will be higher than the existing structure, and more dirt is needed to build embankment fills up to the new bridge.

RGW is taking measures to meet Elk Grove's strict water pollution control standards and to minimize the impact of construction on a small creek that runs near the site.

The job calls for two pre-cast arch culverts. Crews will pour only the foundation, then assemble and set the pre-cast culverts over the creek with

little effect on the environment. Crews have installed silt fences around the work site perimeter that prevent dirt and debris from getting beyond the area, and are temporarily hydro-seeding open dirt embankment slopes for quick grass growth to minimize erosion during construction. They will perform permanent seeding after completion of all the work.

"We're doing a fantastic job here, working with the owners and around the challenges," says Lowry.

"This is a real launching point for RGW into the Sacramento Valley. There's a lot of work coming up in Elk Grove and the valley, and we see RGW establishing a presence and being a part of that growth."

## GOOD TIMES FOR US

By Bill Stewart  
President

These are good times for RGW Construction. The momentum generated by all of us at RGW is positive and we're going to continue that this fall and into the next year.

Here are just a few of the reasons our future looks bright:

- We've just completed an ownership transition at RGW and positioned the company for future growth.

- We're very excited about the passage of the bond measures for transportation and flood control improvements in California, and we are poised to take advantage of this.

- The TEREX distributorship and dealership is ready for business; equipment inventory is prominently displayed at our company headquarters.

- Project acquisition is coming along per plan — Estimating picked up \$50 million of work in the first five months of our fiscal year (starting in April), and we're looking to secure another \$80 million by fiscal year end.

- We're excited about our new work that's starting, particularly the \$27 million wastewater treatment plant project in Tracy, and the \$7 million bridge job for the City of Sunnyvale. Work is going well in Elk Grove and down at the Highway 152/Casa de Fruta projects in Gilroy.

- Outside customer work for the shop remains strong.
- Our Accounting Department has been re-tooled and is preparing for the 21st century.

I thank all of our people for their hard work; we still have work to do.

This newsletter is a start at enhancing communication in the company, bettering what we already have and building for the future. I hope you enjoy it.



### KAISER HOSPITAL EXPANSION, VACAVILLE

**Area Manager:** Dave Kennedy

**Project Manager:** Mike Hepner

**Superintendent:** Rick Freeland

**Office Manager:** Julie Casovia

**Job Cost Manager:** Jody Vegas

**Start Date:** September 2005

**End Date:** June 2008

This job included a basement excavation the size of a football field, 24 feet deep, and grading and paving of 736,000 square feet of parking lots and 128,000 square feet of sidewalk. All rough grading was done without survey stakes. We used GPS blade and GPS gradesetter technology.

### ROUTE 152 TRUCK CLIMBING LANE, HOLLISTER

**Area Manager:** Dave Kennedy

**Project Manager:** Johnathon Sim

**Superintendent:** George Howard

**Project Engineer:** Rick Coats

**Office Manager:** Kimberly Synegal

**Job Cost Manager:** Nancy Yates

**Start Date:** July 5, 2007

**End Date:** January 11, 2008

The project entails widening an eastbound truck lane on Route 152 from San Felipe Road to just west of the Route 156 intersection, building an architectural soil nail wall, Type 1 retaining wall, small wildlife retaining wall, and installing miscellaneous drainage systems. More than 50,000 cubic yards of dirt will be off-hauled to the 152/156 project at Casa de Fruta.

# Employee News

## Meet Karrie Souza

**A**s our new Accounting Manager, Karrie Souza oversees the entire Accounting Department, with the help of Controller Janis Ragone. It's a major function of our company, and Karrie does it with great skill.

She's been a numbers guru since her days at Castro Valley High School (1995), when an accounting class piqued her inter-

est. "They handed us a package and in it was a pretend company. We weren't learning out of a book; we were actually performing all of the functions to make a company run. I really liked it, putting the pieces together, like a puzzle, figuring it all out. I thought accounting was it for me."

Karrie graduated from Cal State-Hayward (1998) with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration,



**Karrie Souza**

with a concentration in Accounting. After working for a CPA firm in Moraga for 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years, she joined RGW in March 2006 as Assistant Controller. She was promoted in July 2007.

Karrie and her husband, Steve, a mechanic for Otis Elevator, and their two children, Alissa, 5, and Ashton, 2, live in Livermore. She enjoys camping, boating, and outdoor activities with her family.

## Promotions

**A**t the departure of the CFO, the CFO position has been restructured, and those duties are now being performed by **KARRIE SOUZA**, Accounting Manager, and **JANIS RAGONE**, Controller.

**MARC WARD**, from office clerk to A/P clerk.

**TONI WARD**, from Field Office Manager to Job Cost Manager.

**NANCY YATES**, from Job Cost Manager to Job Cost Manager Supervisor.

**REBECCA DURAN**, from A/P clerk to Assistant to the Controller and Accounting Manager.

**BRANDY BATZE**, from Field Office Manager to Assistant to the Job Cost Managers.

## Anniversaries

### 30 YEARS

**DANE LOWRY**, July 26, 1977.

### 20 YEARS

**CINDY DELUMEN**, March 16, 1987.

**JOHN PITSCH**, June 9, 1987.

### 10 YEARS

**NANCY YATES**, January 14, 1997.

### 5 YEARS

**CATHY HAYDEN**, January 16, 2002.

**Allen Carnesecca**, May 28, 2002.

**Mike Hepner**, June 24, 2002.

**Toni Ward**, September 12, 2002.

## Welcome to the family!



Lila Kay Genereux was born June 17 to Project Manager **Steve Genereux** and his wife, Kim.

Isabelle Marie Anderson was born July 9 to RGW mechanic **Conrad Anderson** and his wife, Tamara.



Case Robert Bolyard was born July 19 to RGW fuel truck operator **Seth Bolyard** and his wife, Stacey.

# Safety Update

## Statistics are nice; people are important

**W**e always talk about safety statistics. How many lost time accidents? How many days have we gone without a lost time accident? Mod rates, incident rates, loss ratios and claim costs.

All these statistics have importance, but the real important thing is the people who work for RGW, making sure that they get home safely at the end of the day, see their families, play with their children and enjoy life. That's the most important statistic, and the **#1 goal** of RGW's safety program — making our projects safe so our people work in a safe environment and return home safely every day.

Ours is a dangerous industry, fraught with many hazards. It is our job — everyone's job — to make certain those inherent dangers are accounted for in our work plans, in our schedules, in our training, in every decision and action taken on the job.

To make this work, everyone on the project — project managers, engineers, foremen, laborers, equipment operators, carpenters, truck drivers, subcontractors, superintendents, and suppliers —

needs to make this goal their number one priority. Everyone must take responsibility for their actions, make certain they are working safely, and make certain that those around them are working safely.

To assist our project teams, RGW has three highly qualified Safety Engineers (Mark Cohen, Rocky Trujillo, Al Buchanan) working throughout the company to help each employee be a safety conscientious contributor to the project.

Our safety engineers have many years of experience and can help solve safety problems on the job, assist our crews in finding the safest way to proceed, and provide valuable training and education on all safety issues.

Returning to the statistics side of safety, in the first three months of our year, April through June, RGW employees have had a great start. We had more than 123,000 hours worked in the first quarter and there have been **zero** lost time accidents. This is the statistic that truly represents our **#1 goal** — getting everyone home safely to their families.

Congratulations — and keep up the good work!



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