

IMPACT AWARD

Greg Kelley

Los Angeles County
Department of Public Works (Retired)

This award represents a validation of collaboration between agencies and contractors on implementing sustainable treatment approaches. It's important because this treatment approach was different than the standard and resulted in both parties learning together.



improvement. Through each work assignment I recognized the importance of identifying better ways of serving the communities of LA County. Implementing sustainable pavement treatment approaches is an example of that mindset. Looking for cost effective pavement treatments that were less impactful to the environment was a collaborative effort that was shared to other agencies.

Q: Is there a mentor(s) that shaped your career, philosophy, or work values?

A: As a career public employee who worked for one agency, Public Works had a proactive environment of encouraging public service

Q: What is the value of involvement in United Contractors that you would like to convey to others?

A: The contractors' group became active advocates for a great partnership with the county and other public agencies. As with most collaborative efforts it takes time to develop a successful relationship. It's worth it!

Q: What most important thing do you want people to know about you, your work, and the union construction industry?

A: There is more work to be done! We need to continue with the collaborative process and educate agencies who aren't familiar with the sustainable approaches for pavements and other areas of construction that benefits counties, regions, and the people who live there. ”



About Greg Kelley:

Born March 29, 1959, in New Haven Connecticut, Greg spent most of his early years in Vermont. Greg graduated from the University of Vermont in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, was recruited by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and hired by the County in May 1981. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works was formed in 1986 merging the Flood Control District, Road Department and County Engineer.

Greg's first day on the job was around Labor Day 1981, where he was greeted with a mild but noticeable earthquake—welcome to Southern California!

In 1984 he graduated from Pepperdine University with a master's degree in business administration. He and his wife Terry have been married 33 years, and have four children: Kristen (deceased), Megan, Kevin and Katelyn, who are their joy.

The reputation Greg has earned through his leadership at the County, building trust, working with closely with industry, improving the way roads are managed, and using the latest proven sustainable methods of construction, has saved the County over \$90M since 2009. We salute Greg for his focus on trust and partnering for the benefit of both the County and the construction industry.

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The UCON Board is honored to present Greg Kelley with the Impact Award. Mr. Kelley recently retired after a 38-year career with the County of Los Angeles, a county with 10 million residents and 7,400 lane miles of roads. Greg is a true leader, always working closely with everyone involved, including contractors, vendors, suppliers, and more. He is consistently focused on partnering together for a successful project delivery and upholds the highest standards for the industry.

