Spotlight on Excellence
Scott von der Lieth

In 2003, after more than 20 years in the newspaper industry, Scott von der Lieth decided he needed a change. Although he had many years experience as a mechanic and as a supervisor, he had no formal training in wastewater treatment. Still, when the position of Utility Worker Trainee at Oro Loma became available, Scott applied for the job. After all, he always had an interest in ways to conserve water.

Once at Oro Loma, Scott showed management and his fellow workers why it was such a good idea to hire him. He quickly moved from Utility Worker Trainee to Mechanic I and then to a vacant Mechanic II position. On October 17, 2011, Scott was promoted to Supervisor of Plant Maintenance.

As Supervisor of Plant Maintenance, Scott is responsible for the maintenance that keeps the wastewater treatment plant running at peak efficiency. That includes planning and budgeting for the Maintenance Department, setting up training schedules, and supervising Oro Loma’s maintenance crew. Scott is particularly interested in making broader use of the District’s Computer Maintenance Management System (CMMS), which helps keep track of the facility’s 1,500 pieces of equipment.

Scott values and respects the people he works with and appreciates the support management has given him by promoting him to Supervisor of Plant Maintenance.

Scott is also the proud father of two daughters, one of whom is studying for her PhD in Psychology, while the other is finishing up a 27-month assignment in Panama, teaching English with the Peace Corps.

Recycle Your Green Holiday Tree

- January 2-13, 2012
- Green trees only.
- Trees 6 ft and under or cut into 6-foot lengths.
- NO flocking, tinsel, ornaments, tree stands, or nails. (Cut up flocked trees and place in the garbage.)
- Place green trees next to your green waste cart on your regular collection day.
- Bulky pickup is suspended during the holiday tree pickup period.
- After January 13, 2012 green trees may be cut up and placed in the green waste cart for pickup.

For further information, call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710.