

LB CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND HAWTHORNE RENTALS

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Below: The machine in the background is LB Civil's Cat 303 CR excavator working on a lateral install. Excavator in foreground is a Cat 321D LCR with a H130 breaker working on main line pipe installation rented from Hawthorne Rentals.



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Company founders, Geoff Bohne, and Jim Lumm started LB Civil Construction, Inc. after working for large, national, heavy civil general engineering construction firms for 33 years collectively. Both men hold civil engineering degrees and have built upon their extensive experience within their own company these past 13 years. LB Civil Construction was awarded the "Contractor of the Year" for 2011 by the American Public Works Association for their exemplary work in and around San Diego and Imperial counties. LB Civil



Above: LB Civil Construction rented a Cat 308E2 CR excavator from Hawthorne Rentals for a trench excavation project for Valley Center Municipal Water District.

Construction, Inc. also performs work in Orange and Riverside counties and throughout Southern California. Their work encompasses earthmoving, grading & excavating flatwork and structural concrete construction, as well as being a certified HUB Zone contractor.

LB Civil Construction, Inc. owns and maintains a large fleet of small equipment machines like Cat mini excavators and Cat skid steer loaders. When the time comes, and they need a larger machine or additional compact unit, they turn to Hawthorne Rentals in San Diego and Escondido. Geoff Bohne oversees much of the buying and renting of equipment for his company, LB Civil Construction, Inc., and he has worked with Hawthorne Rentals and his rental sales representative, Pete Roudenbush, for many years, both before and after starting his own company. "We had worked with Hawthorne Cat and Hawthorne Rentals when Jim Lumm and I worked for other firms here in the San Diego market. Hawthorne was always the go-to company for

sales and rentals for those large, well-established companies and Jim and I both feel very comfortable with our amazing rental sales representative, Pete Roudenbush," says Bohne. "We rent almost exclusively from Hawthorne Rentals, and we are very aware that you get what you pay for in this business. At Hawthorne Rentals, we always get great equipment and great service, and if something goes down, they are there immediately to fix it or replace it."

There have been occasions in the past, where LB Construction has had to work with other rental companies out of their area, and according to Bohne, these experiences have only confirmed their opinion that they are working with the best in the business. "For us, Pete Roudenbush is the face of Hawthorne Rentals. He is the one we work with day in and day out, and we could not be more satisfied with his knowledge, dedication and personal service," says Bohne. "We have mini excavators, skid steer loaders and a skip loader in our fleet and

we will most likely be purchasing a brand-new medium-sized excavator from Hawthorne Cat very soon. Beyond that, we will stick to our game plan and rent the bigger stuff as needed from Hawthorne Rentals."

LB Civil Construction, Inc. is currently renting equipment from Hawthorne Rentals on a wide variety of jobs. This includes the Valley Center Road Pipeline project where they are renting a Cat 321D LCR excavator and a variety of skid steer loader attachments to install 3 inch and 6-inch low-pressure sewer lines for the Valley Center Water District. According to Bohne, the excavator will be utilized over the next six months or so to excavate and backfill for the pipe installation.

Another project where LB Civil Construction is utilizing Hawthorne Rentals is for a slope repair project in the City of San Diego for Caltrans. "We are renting a Cat telehandler as a support machine during emergency repair work on a washed out slope at the northbound connector between the I-5 and 163 freeways," says Bohne. "It is a challenging

location on an extremely deep slope, and we are using the extended arm of the Cat telehandler to retrieve demolished material from the top and to bring new material from the bottom to make repairs at the top of the slope. It is a handy machine that is saving a lot of time, money and labor on this project."

LB Civil Construction is also currently renting a full skid steer loader package from Hawthorne Rentals out on the Dulzura Road Widening project for Caltrans. The rental package includes a mower attachment that LB Civil Construction is using to perform preliminary brush and vegetation clearing before the bulk of the project begins. "We have already removed a great deal of grass, bushes and other vegetation on the hillside with the Cat skid steer and mower attachment and are now almost ready to proceed with actual construction. Hawthorne Rentals really does have everything we could ever need to get the job done right on our projects and having them there for us makes our jobs so much easier."

For more information on LB Civil Construction, Inc., please visit their website at www.lbcivil.com or call their Escondido headquarters at (760) 294-0974. For more information or to rent a piece of equipment from Hawthorne Rentals, please visit their website at www.hawthornecat.com or call one of their three full-service locations at (800) 750-4228. **Cc**



Top: LB Civil Construction rented a Cat 239D Compact Track Loader for slope finishing on the Caltrans emergency repair project.

Right: LB Civil Construction rented a Cat TL1255C Telehandler as a support machine during emergency repair work on a washed out slope at the northbound connector between the I-5 and 163 freeways.