

CWEA 2009 Awards Winners

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) announced the winners of its 2009 awards program at its Annual Conference in Sacramento on April 22-24, 2010. Congratulations to the agencies and individuals that are leading the way in the water environment field!

Established in 1929, CWEA's awards program has grown to acknowledge outstanding achievement in more than 20 categories honoring exceptional California water environment professionals, collection systems, and treatment plants. Categories include Plant of the Year, Collection System of the Year, Public Education Program of the Year as well as awards of individual professionals in various vocations. The program seeks to recognize outstanding achievements within the water environment field, improve the professional status of all personnel working in the wastewater industry and related fields, and stimulate public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment.

Nominations that advance through CWEA's 17 local sections' awards programs are eligible to compete statewide. Congratulations to over the more than 100 nominees in the 2009 awards program for their diligent work to keep California's water clean and workforce strong. Application materials for the 2010 awards cycle will be posted on www.cwea.org in July.

CWEA officers are available to make a presentation to CWEA award recipients at agency board or City Council meetings. Please contact

CWEA 2009 Awards Winners

California Dairies, Inc

- P3S Facility of the Year – Large

California Natural Products

- Lynn Forcum, P3S Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement Award

Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.

- Sandie De Medeiros, Outstanding Young Professional of the Year

City of Los Angeles

- Michael Simpson, Public Education Person of the Year

County of Santa Cruz, Public Works/Sanitation Division

- Michael Murphy, Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

- Ba T. Than, Supervisor of the Year

City of Santa Monica, Water Resources Protection Programs

- Joseph Petchuk, P3S Person of the Year

City of South San Francisco

- Doug Agress, Collection System Person of the Year

City of Vacaville-Utilities Department

- Tim Erskine, Operator of the Year
- Warren Banzet, Gimmicks & Gadgets - 3rd Place

County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

- Plant Safety, Large
- *Combining UV and Chlorination for Disinfection of Wastewater Effluents and Recycled Water*, Research Achievement
- Larry Lemire, Charles Harris, Marcos Alvarez & Phil Ackman, Gimmicks & Gadgets 1st Place

Delta Diablo Sanitation District

- Plant Safety, Medium

ECO:LOGIC Engineering/Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility

- Plant of the Year, Less than 5MGD

El Toro Water District

- Ralph Palomares, Richard D. Pomeroy

Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility

- Joseph Ruiz, Mechanical Technician of the Year

Italix Company, Inc

- P3S Facility of the Year – Small

Orange County Sanitation District

- Collection System of the Year (250-500 Miles)
- *Steve Anderson Lift Station (Project 1-10)*, Engineering Achievement

San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility

- Plant Safety, Small

South Placer Municipal Utility District

- Collection System of the Year (0-250 Miles)

South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District

- Devina Douglas, Laboratory Person of the Year

Union Sanitary District

- Collection System of the Year (Over 500 Miles)
- Plant of the Year, Greater than 20 MGD
- Tom Herlihy and Jose Ledesma, Gimmicks & Gadgets - Tie for 2nd Place

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority

- Mark McGee, Gimmicks & Gadgets - Tie for 2nd Place

Yuba City Wastewater Treatment Facility

- Plant of the Year, 5-20 MGD

Wastewater Treatment Agencies of Marin

- *Wastewater Treatment Agencies of Marin County Public Education and Outreach*, Public Education- Large