With roots dating to the mid-50s, CASA today is the leading voice for clean water agencies on regulatory, legislative and legal issues. We are the leading California association dedicated to advancing the recycling of wastewater into usable water, generation of renewable energy and other valuable resources. Through our efforts, we help create a clean and sustainable environment for California.

**Mid-1950s:** State Senator John Nejedly, counsel for Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, identifies need for a state sanitary district association.

**1956:** Castro Valley, Central Contra Costa, Cupertino, Oro Loma, Stege and Union Sanitary Districts drive formation of California Sanitary District Association.

**1961:** Bylaws amended to allow county sanitation districts to join. Name changes to California Sanitary and Sanitation Districts. Association membership grows to include agencies responsible for treating wastewater for half of California’s population. Ken Norris appointed as first executive director.

**Early 1970s:** Name changes to California Association of Sanitation Agencies. Bylaws amended to allow membership of any public agency authorized to collect, treat or dispose of sewage and waste or to reclaim wastewater. Michael Dillon succeeds Ken Norris as executive director.

**1985:** CASA extends activities to federal level and hires first Washington, D.C. lobbyist, Eric Sapirstein, who continues to serve the association today.

**1992:** Membership approves hiring of Bobbi Larson as director of regulatory affairs. Air, Land and Water Technical Forums formed.

**1999:** CASA expands its core services to include legal affairs.

**2001:** Bylaws amended to allow full membership of cities. With new city members, membership grows to include wastewater agencies serving 90 percent of California’s population.

**2003:** Biosolids program launched with Marlaigne Dumaine serving as the first biosolids program manager.

**2006:** Catherine Smith becomes executive director focusing on association management and member services. Mike Dillon continues role as state legislative advocate.

**2007:** Greg Kester becomes new biosolids program manager.

**2012:** Bobbi Larson becomes CASA’s first full-time executive director.

**2013:** CASA opens its downtown Sacramento office.

**Today:** CASA operates with six full time employees and three consultants.