



## **CWEA 2010 Awards Winners**

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) announced the winners of its 2010 awards program at its Annual Conference in Ontario on April 15. Congratulations to these agencies and individuals 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 field, 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 the more than 150 nominees in the 2010 awards program for their diligent work to keep California's water clean and workforce strong. Application materials for the 2011 awards cycle will be posted on [www.cwea.org/awards](http://www.cwea.org/awards) in July.

CWEA officers are available to make a presentation to CWEA award recipients at agency board or City Council meetings. Please contact Lola Dvorak, Communication and Membership Manager, at [ldvorak@cwea.org](mailto:ldvorak@cwea.org) or (510) 382-7800 x 114.

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## **CWEA 2010 Awards Winners**

### **5S Society**

- Jim Aanderud, SARBS
- Tom Adams, CSJ
- Catherine Allin, SCVS
- Tish Berge, SDS
- Karen Falk, SDS
- Mike Fritschi, NCS
- Jerry Jimenez, CORBS
- Andy Morrison, SFBS
- Tim Potter, SFBS
- Hala Titus, LABS
- Wendy Wert, LABS
- Megan Yoo, SARBS

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

- Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Small Collection System

### **Collection System of the Year (250-500 Miles)**

- Oro Loma Sanitary District

### **Collection System of the Year (Over 500 Miles)**

- City of Roseville Wastewater Collection

**Collection System Person of the Year**

- Mark McGrath, City of Hayward

**Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year**

- Casey Larsen, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority

**Engineering Achievement**

- Sacramento Area Sewer District: Central Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project

**Film Festival**

- Professional Winner: Ingrid Hellebrand, OCSD, *Wastewater 101*
- Semiprofessional Winner: Michael Scahill, Central Costa County Sanitation District, *FOG: How to keep fats, oils and grease out of the sewer system and why it's important.*
- Honorable Mention: *North Bay Watershed Association, The Case of the Leaking Lateral*

**Gimmicks & Gadgets**

- **1st Place:** Leonard Pompa, Delta Diablo Sanitation District
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Daniel Huston, Bill Cronin and Bret Boatman Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Rob Northcote and Ryan Hughes Padre Dam MWD

**Kirt Brooks Scholarship**

- Chi Cheung To
- Megan Yoo
- Karina Simpson
- Roberta Lau
- Patrick Wiley

**Laboratory Person of the Year**

- Ku-Chung Chen, City of Simi Valley

**Mechanical Technician**

- James Kemp, South Bayside System Authority

**Operator of the Year**

- Jeff Valdes, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

**Outstanding Young Professional of the Year**

- Meg Herston, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District

**P3S Facility of the Year**

- **Small:** KKMI Sausalito, LLC
- **Large:** Nestle, USA  
Shaw Diversified Services, Inc
- **Certificates of Merit for Outstanding Achievement:**
  - The Boeing Co
  - Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne
  - Kozy Snack Enterprises
  - Royal Chemical Company
  - Natural Formulas
  - Morgan Advanced Ceramics

**P3S Person of the Year**

- Michael Simpson, City of Los Angeles

## **PICK**

- Mark McGrath, City of Hayward
- Michael Reilly, County of Santa Cruz Sanitation Division
- Vivien Malig, CWEA
- Chris Lopez, Rancho California Water District
- John Hough, Sacramento Area Sewer District
- Juan Coca, West Bay Sanitary District
- Gordon Times
- Francisco Ortega

## **Photo Contest**

- **1st Place:** Ddaze Phuong, OCSD
- **2nd Place:** Paul Ward, OCSD
- **3rd Place:** Justin A. McKeever, OCWD
- **Honorable Mention:** Adam Newsom, OCSD
- Roger Lee, DSRSD

## **Plant of the Year, 5-20 MGD**

- Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District

## **Plant of the Year, Greater than 20 MGD**

- Orange County Sanitation District

## **Plant of the Year, Less than 5MGD**

- Ojai Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant

## **Plant Safety, Large**

- Union Sanitary District

## **Plant Safety, Medium**

- Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District

## **Plant Safety, Small**

- Stantec/City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility

## **Public Education Person of the Year**

- Teresa Kistner, Goleta Sanitary District

## **Public Education, Large**

- City of Los Angeles

## **Public Education, Small**

- Goleta Sanitary District: Goleta Sanitary District Public Education Booth

## **Research Achievement**

- Domenech Jolis, Bonnie Jones, Lock Kwan, Alex Miot, Manisha Shetie, Natalie Sierra and Karri Ving. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: *Oceanside WPCP FOG-to-Biodiesel Demonstration Project*

## **Richard D. Pomeroy**

- John Larson

## **Supervisor of the Year**

- Joaquin Gonzalez, Delta Diablo Sanitation District

**CWEA/Water Environment Federation Awards**

**Arthur Sidney Bedell**

- Darren Greenwood, City of Livermore

**George W. Burke Award**

- Union Sanitary District

**William D. Hatfield**

- Gilbert Perez, Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority

**Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award**

- Ku - Chung Chen, City of Simi Valley

**WEF Quarter Century Operators Club**

- Doug Hauser, Retired
- Paul Louis, Retired