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SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION SAN DIEGO SECTION AWARDS

Cardiff by the Sea, February 9, 2016: The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) is pleased to announce that the SEJPA received four California Water Environment Association (CWEA) awards at the CWEA San Diego Section 2016 Awards Banquet.



From left to right: Michael Thornton, General Manager; Mark Muir, Board Member; Catherine Blakespear, Board Chair; Michael Dietrich, Lead Plant Operator; David Zito, Board Member; Susie Arrendondo, Laboratory Technician; Ginger Marshall, Board Vice Chair; and Casey Larsen, SCADA Manager.

The winners of these prestigious awards were Casey Larsen, Electrical and Instrumentation Person of the Year, Susie Arrendondo, Laboratory Person of the Year, and Michael Dietrich, Operator of the Year. These SEJPA staff members were honored at the January 30, 2016 CWEA event held in San Diego.

The agency was also recognized by CWEA with the San Diego Section Safety Award, which is given to a wastewater agency that provides the resources, plans, and corporate culture necessary to safely run an industrial facility that is filled with potential hazards. In addition to a spotless injury report record, in-depth safety training, and a culture of safety that pervades all levels of staff, the SEJPA maintains exemplary emergency plans and practices. The SEJPA recently celebrated more than 15 years without a lost-day accident.



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SEJPA's Board Chair Catherine Blakespear stated, "We are very proud of these individuals for demonstrating excellence in their fields of expertise and for the SEJPA's culture of safety."

The CWEA, a not-for-profit association of 8,000-plus professionals in the wastewater industry, honors its top members and wastewater professionals for their outstanding achievements in the wastewater field, improves the professional status of all personnel working in the wastewater industry and related fields, and raises public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment.

Background: The San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) protects the environment and public health by treating and recycling wastewater from the coastal cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana Beach, and portions of Rancho Santa Fe. SEJPA oversees the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility located in Cardiff by the Sea. The agency produces more than 400 million gallons per year of recycled water which is used beneficially for the cooling towers and the irrigation of parks, athletic fields, schools, businesses, and street landscaping.