

Successful Bay Area Recycled Water Coalition is Expanding Across Mid-Paci c Region and Open to New Member Agencies

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Since 2009, the Bay Area Recycled Water Coalition has secured \$38 million in Federal Title XVI funding for water reuse projects, resulting in the successful development of over 30,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of recycled water, with another 30,000 AFY available when the new projects are constructed. Funding included \$34.7M for construction of eight authorized projects or programs, and \$3.4M for feasibility studies and environmental documents for fourteen new projects.

Originally formed with seven agencies, this independent group has grown in four years to fifteen public agencies and an investor owned water utility. Working together under a Memorandum of Agreement, this growing Coalition is in the process of expanding membership eligibility and changing its name to reflect the Mid-Pacific region being represented. New membership is expected from the



Central Valley, and interest has been shown from the central coast to the Sierra foothills.

Benefits of Coalition membership include broad congressional delegation support, a funding approach endorsed by California senators and the House Appropriations Committee, shared costs for a dedicated Washington, D.C. based lobbyist and lead agency support, organized trips to Washington, D.C., promotion of Coalition projects to the media, increased project profile with Reclamation, and monthly meetings to share information and collaborate on our approach

to Federal funding.

Public agencies or investor-owned water utilities that are planning water recycling projects and have an interest in pursuing Federal Title XVI funding are invited to join this Coalition. Joining before January 2013 will ensure that your project is included in new federal authorizing legislation in the new congressional session. Please contact Jayne Strommer (JayneS@ddsd.org or 925-756-1910) at Delta Diablo Sanitation District for more information on how to join.



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- Recycled Water Agency of the Year
- Recycled Water Community Outreach/Public Education Program
- Recycled Water Advocate of the Year
- Recycled Water Customer of the Year
- Recycled Water Staff Person of the Year

Awards to be presented in March at WaterReuse California Annual Meeting in Monterey

WaterReuse California's annual meeting will be March 17 to 19 at the Portola Hotel and Spa in Monterey. At the awards luncheon, we will recognize outstanding recyclers and the people who make it happen. Do you have or know an outstanding contributor that deserves statewide recognition? It is easy to submit a nomination to recognize their efforts! Just go

to <https://www.watereuse.org/conferences/california/13/awards> and tell us how great they are. Nominations are due January 14, 2013.

Soon the website also will have information on Sunday workshops, the technical program, plus conference and hotel registration information. Looking forward to seeing you in Monterey.