

# Memorandum

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**To:** Regional Water Authority Board of Directors

**From:** Sean Bigley, RWA Chair

Each year the Regional Water Authority (RWA) presents awards at its December Holiday Social event:

The "***Water Statesperson of the Year***" award recipient is selected for outstanding achievements in building alliances in the RWA service area. The awardee(s) can be from any profession or employment and need not be an RWA member/participant. This award is intended to recognize specific "timely achievements" during the award year. This award was established in 2001.

The "***Distinguished Service Award***" is awarded for services and/or leadership rendered to the region's water community over a period of years. The award recipient(s) can be from any profession or employment, and not necessarily but preferably, from an RWA member agency. The award was established in 2002. Recipients of both awards have their names engraved on perpetual trophies that are on display in the RWA office.

In 2019 RWA created the "***Regional Water Management Award***" which is awarded to one or more organizations or agencies that implement a program or project which creatively addresses a water management need. The organizations' or agencies' program or project must benefit the region and do one or more of the following:

- Improve water supply reliability or the management of water resources
- Improve water use efficiency or sustainability
- Reduce costs and/or improve operational efficiency
- Improve water utility services to ratepayers or customers
- Improve the environment
- Improve water quality

Eligible projects or programs must demonstrate a commitment to excellence and show creativity in addressing a water resource or management issue on a regional scale.

The 2021 RWA Awards Committee consists of Kerry Schmitz (Chair), Paul Selsky, Paul Schubert and Anne Sanger. The Committee welcomes your ideas as it will be meeting soon to consider and select the 2021 recipients for these prestigious awards. If you would like to recommend someone for either or both awards please contact Kerry Schmitz, or any member of the Committee, by November 9, 2021.

We are looking forward to having our Holiday Social event at the Blue Line Arts Gallery in Roseville on December 9<sup>th</sup>.