

Ironhouse Sanitary District wins top awards at annual association dinner

On Friday members of the Ironhouse Sanitary District staff attended the California Water Environment Association (CWEA)-San Francisco Bay Section's (SFBS) annual Awards Night and Banquet, taking home six of the evenings most prestigious awards including "Plant of the Year" and "Collections System of the Year".

"We're honored to receive these awards," said Ironhouse's general manager, Chad Davisson. "I'm incredible proud of our staff and the work they do every day to protect our community and our environment."

The District has previously received the CWEA "Plant of the Year" award from the SFBS and was the "Plant Overall: Plant of the Year" award from the CWEA (state) in 2017. The District has also been previously recognized at the regional level for the "Collection System of the Year".

Of the over 20 categories for CWEA awards the six that Ironhouse won, include "Plant of the Year" – small category, "Collection System of the Year" – small category, "Supervisor of the Year" – Collections Superintendent Louis Solana, "Collections Person of the Year" – Ian Robertson and "Operator of the Year" – Adrian Vazquez. Ironhouse Sanitary District, Delta Diablo (Antioch-Pittsburg), City of Brentwood (Sanitary District), Byron Sanitary District and Town of Discovery Bay (Sanitary District) also received the "Community Engagement and Outreach - Project of the Year" award together for a joint agency campaign entitled "No Wipes in the Pipes".

The CWEA awards program is a chance for the wastewater industry to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with peers give kudos for a job well done from professionals to professionals.

CWEA has been California's leader in wastewater training and certification since 1927 and is a nonprofit organization with state and local chapters. The organization is dedicated to the educational development of its members, who are wastewater professionals. CWEA conducts training, disseminates information, produces training manuals, and tests for competency.

The awards program seeks to recognize outstanding achievements within the wastewater field, improve the professional status of all personnel working in the wastewater industry and related fields, as well as stimulate public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment.

Awards are given first at a local section level. Recipients then advance to the State competition. The State recipients receive their awards at a luncheon of the CWEA's Annual Conference, held this spring in Reno, NV.