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Wastewater Collection System of the Year Awarded to Ross Valley Sanitary District at CWEA Annual Conference

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) award is given in recognition of outstanding maintenance programs, regulatory compliance, and safety/training procedures.

LARKSPUR, CA, April 26, 2023 – Ross Valley Sanitary District (RVSD) was presented with the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Wastewater Collection System of the Year Award in the category of “small system.” RVSD was selected as the top sewer system in the state in 2022 out of the hundreds of systems less than 250 miles in length.

“This distinguished award is possible because of the dedication of people throughout our organization, including board members, field staff, administrative staff, and our community of consultants and contractors,” said Steve Moore, RVSD General Manager. “Our focus on delivering projects and results in a data-driven manner, at all levels of our organization, was recognized by the CWEA judges. We will continue to look for innovative and cost-effective ways to provide excellent customer service to our local community, while renewing and maintaining the infrastructure that protects our health and water environment.”

The annual award, given to wastewater agencies statewide in small, medium, and large categories was presented at the CWEA Annual Conference held in San Diego this month. Rating criteria for judging the award nominees include regulatory compliance, special accomplishments, maintenance program (preventive actions, repairs, and rehabilitation), safety program and record, training program, emergency procedures, and administrative procedures.

To be considered in each award category, nominees must be a current CWEA member, hold a current Collection Systems Certification by CWEA, and have direct operations/maintenance responsibilities in a collection system. More information about the award presented to the District can be found on the CWEA website by clicking [here](#).

Established in 1899 – Ross Valley Sanitary District (the District) is believed to be California’s oldest sanitary district, with approximately 60% of the collection system having been installed prior to 1955. Located in central Marin County, the District service area includes Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, Larkspur, Bon Air, Sleepy Hollow, Kentfield, Kent Woodlands, Oak Manor, and Greenbrae.

The District operates and maintains approximately 200 miles of collection sewer lines and 19 pumping stations which collect, pump and transport approximately four million gallons of wastewater per day to Central Marin Sanitation Agency for treatment. The District’s mission is to provide customers with high quality wastewater collection service, through a system that has no avoidable sanitary sewer overflows, at the lowest sustainable cost, to protect public health and the environment.



Photo above, left to Right: Paul Bruemmer, RVSD O&M Manager; Matt Jazuk, RVSD Senior Collection System Worker; John Vogel, RVSD Operations Supervisor; Jen Jones, CWEA CEO Executive Director; and Kody Tompkins, Awards Chair and CWEA Board Director, City of Barstow during the awards

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