



2017 WaterReuse Award Descriptions

The theme of this year's awards is to demonstrate leadership in the award categories by highlighting those individuals, utilities and industries that illustrate superior leadership in moving the field of water reclamation forward.

2017 WaterReuse Project of the Year

Category 1 - Large (Greater than 5.0 MGD/Based on WWTP capacity)

Category 2 - Small (Less than 5.0 MGD/Based on WWTP capacity)

Category 3 - Desalination Facility

The award application should showcase recycled water quality, recycled water uses, treatment plant capacity and flows, cross-connection controls and inspection frequency, significance and contribution to the community, years in operation (6 months minimum), size of facility, and efficiency. The project should demonstrate effective management practices and operational benefits as well as noteworthy public/private partnerships and achievements.

2017 WaterReuse Industrial Project of the Year

The award application should showcase recycled water quality, recycled water uses, treatment plant capacity and flows, significance and contribution to the community, years in operation (6 months minimum), size of facility, and efficiency. The project should demonstrate effective management practices and operational benefits.

2017 WaterReuse Equipment/Manufacturer of the Year

This award application should recognize the business sector contributions to the water reuse and desalination business and to acknowledge outstanding commitment, performance and application by a specialty-equipment product or manufacturer.

2017 WaterReuse Innovative Project of the Year

The award application should showcase a new innovative solution for treating, delivering, monitoring, or applying recycled water. The project should be unique/clever but also be practical/implementable to enhance the sustainability and efficiency of recycled water. Pilot-scale and full-scale projects will be considered and the application should detail how this innovation will address a challenge, increase efficiency over prior practices, and advance the implementation of water reclamation for future reuse projects.

2017 WaterReuse Agriculture Project of the Year

The award application should showcase a recycled water use in the area of agriculture including use in farming operations, crop irrigation and other agricultural practices. The project should demonstrate how the use of recycled water increases the sustainability of farming and irrigation practices, conserves energy and when used for irrigation may provide a portion of the nutrients needed by crops such as nitrogen, phosphorus and micronutrients.

2017 WaterReuse Institution of the Year

The award application should recognize an institutional program, other than water/wastewater utilities (such as state and federal agencies) including governmental reuse efforts, funding organizations or programs, water management districts, etc, that have demonstrated leadership, creativity and persistence in supporting water recycling.

2017 WaterReuse Public Education Program of the Year

The award application should describe various components of water reuse public education programs including curriculum, classroom instruction, tours, onsite participation, peripheral materials developed, age groups covered, and how the outreach enhances a better appreciation of water resources, management and conservation. The program should be in operation for a minimum of one year.

2017 WaterReuse Customer of the Year

The award application should showcase a recycled water user (customer) who has advanced the acceptance of water reuse through innovative marketing and/or unique applications of recycled water. This award should recognize a high profile customer that demonstrated how recycled water benefits the public and contributes to its business services.

2017 WaterReuse Person of the Year

The award application should recognize an individual who has significantly contributed to the advancement of water reuse and/or desalination and who has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership.

2017 Young Professional of the Year

The award application should recognize a young professional (30 or younger) that has made notable contributions in the research and/or application of water reuse, water quality, and new directions in water treatment technologies.

The Awards Committee reserves the option of reassigning an award submission to a more appropriate category.