



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation of California Water Environment Association Awards for 2012 Plant of the Year and 2012 Collection System of the Year

**MEETING DATE:** February 6, 2013

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presentation of California Water Environment Association awards for 2012 Plant of the Year and 2012 Collection System of the Year.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** A representative from the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Northern San Joaquin Section (NSJS) will present two awards to the City for accomplishments at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (WSWPCF) and the City's collection system.

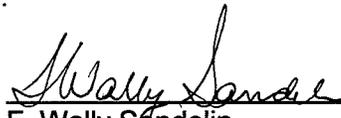
Established in 1929, CWEA's awards program has grown to acknowledge outstanding achievement in more than 20 categories honoring exceptional California water environment professionals, collection systems, and treatment plants. The program seeks to recognize outstanding achievements within the water environment field, improve the professional status of all personnel working in the field, and stimulate public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment. The Northern San Joaquin Section includes agencies within Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne counties.

WSWPCF competed with other facilities with flows between five and 20 million gallons daily for 2012 NSJS Plant of the Year. Criteria for this award included facility accomplishments, permit compliance, benchmarking, process control, pretreatment strategy, biosolids processes, training and safety, innovations and control, and maintenance strategy. By winning the NSJS award, WSWPCF is eligible to compete for the statewide award.

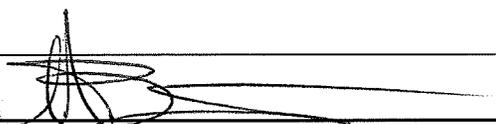
The City of Lodi was among facilities nominated for 2012 NSJS Collection System of the Year for small collection systems (less than 250 miles). Criteria for this award included regulatory compliance; administrative procedures; maintenance, safety and training programs; emergency procedures; and significant accomplishments over the past year. By winning the NSJS award, the City is eligible to compete for the statewide award.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not applicable.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

  
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