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Colorado Water Conservation Board Receives WateReuse Colorado Award

WateReuse Colorado is pleased to announce that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has been selected as our 2016 “Institution of the Year” for promoting water reuse throughout the state. The Colorado Section of the national WateReuse Association awards outstanding programs, projects, and people each year for promoting and supporting water reuse. The CWCB was selected for having greatly helped advance interest in and opportunities for water reuse as a water supply in Colorado.

CWCB Contributions to Colorado Reuse

CWCB has made many contributions to help advance water reuse in our state over the past year:

The Colorado Water Plan - Water Supply Planning Section staff were receptive to input provided by WateReuse Colorado reuse experts while developing the reuse section of Colorado’s first ever Water Plan which charts a path forward to meet our state’s future water needs. CWCB staff’s willingness to incorporate information provided by WateReuse members and others resulted in a robust reuse-specific section of the Water Plan with specific action steps identified. The Water Plan also very importantly and clearly calls out the key role potable reuse will need to play in meeting future demands.

Project to Advance Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado - At their March 2016 meeting, the CWCB Board voted unanimously to approve \$188,955 of Water Supply Reserve Account funds in support of WateReuse Colorado’s project “Advancing Direct Potable Reuse to Optimize Water Supplies and Meet Future Demands” (which is also funded by another \$114,500 from other project supporters). CWCB staff were extremely helpful and supportive throughout the grant application process. Without the CWCB’s assistance and financial support, we would not be undertaking this important project that will help advance potable reuse as a viable option for our communities.

Effective Reuse Spokesperson - We are extremely grateful for CWCB Director James Eklund’s highly supportive and enthusiastic Keynote speech at WateReuse Colorado’s April Reuse Rendezvous event. His participation and support were critical to furthering interest in and support of reuse among key water professionals and decision makers in Colorado.

The CWCB will be recognized and celebrated, along with other awards recipients, at a reception to be held in September (date and time to be announced).

WateReuse Colorado

WateReuse Colorado is the state section of the national WateReuse Association. WateReuse Colorado is comprised of a broad range of reuse professionals, including the state’s preeminent voices in water reuse - municipal water providers, users of recycled water, engineering consultants, regulators, researchers and others. Our primary mission includes advocating for legislation and regulations which facilitate appropriate water reuse, promoting safe and effective reuse throughout the state and improvement public understanding of water reclamation.

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