

# CASA Announces Top Honors

## 2005 Achievement Award Winners Named at Annual Conference

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies announced its 2005 achievement award recipients at its Annual Conference in San Diego on August 18, 2005. The awards recognize the achievements of publicly owned wastewater treatment agencies throughout California.

This year's award program offered three categories of recognition for member agencies. Each category is awarded to one large and one small agency. The categories were the Technological Achievement Award, the Public Outreach/Education Award and the Organizational Innovation Award.

**Technological Achievement Award** honors extremely innovative technologies which have broad application in the wastewater industry. Winners were:

Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District  
"Innovative Treatment of High Strength Food Processing Waste"

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and  
Synagro Organic Fertilizer Company of Sacramento, Inc.  
"Sacramento's Class 'A' Biosolids Recycling Facility"

**Public Outreach/Education Award** recognizes an agency's efforts for development and implementations of programs intended to impact or educate a segment of the local community on issues important to the agency. Winners were:

Big Bear Regional Wastewater Agency  
"Groundwater Recharge and Recycled Water Programs"

Eastern Municipal Water District  
"Wetlands Water Education Wastewater Treatment for Curious Beings"

**Organizational Innovation Award** recognizes efforts by an agency for achievements in managing an agency division, unit or process. Winners were:

Leucadia Wastewater District  
"LWD's Incentive Award Program"

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies was formed in 1955 to provide proactive leadership, innovative solutions, and timely education and information to CASA members, legislators, and the public, and to promote partnerships on wastewater issues with other organizations, so that sound public health and environmental goals may be achieved. Any local public agency or public organization authorized by law to engage in the collection, treatment, or disposal of wastewater or the reclamation of water is eligible for membership. Currently, CASA's membership represents 90% of the sewered population in the state.