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WEF MEMBER ASSOCIATION AWARDS

ARTHUR SIDNEY BEDELL
1951 Harold W. Yost
1954 Merle V. Ellis
1957 Leigh O. Gardner
1960 Art F. Vondrick
1963 Quentin Mees
1965 Karl A. Hirlinger
1968 John W. Klock
1971 Edwin H. Braatelien, Jr.
1974 L.O. "Pat" Henry
1977 A.E. "Gene" Watson
1980 Eugene R. Etter
1983 Robert A. Phillips
1984 Terry L. Moore
1986 Joseph A. Clawson
1987 Jose Cornejo
1990 John Getchell
1992 Jim Schulte
1993 William Shafer, Jr.
1995 Jon C. Schladweiler
1997 Paul Hendricks
2001 Vicki-Lyne Scott
2002 Charles Ohr
2004 Andrew Richardson
2005 John Warner
2007 Charlotte Waddle
2008 Michael Gritzuk
2009 Jim Pembroke
2010 Frank Tantone
2011 John Spielman
2012 Paul Kinshella
2013 Kevin Conway
2014 Patricia Davis
2015 Patty Kennedy
2016 Don Manthe
2017 Steve Davis
2018 Tom Galeziewski

WILLIAM D. HATFIELD
1957 Edward E. Bayse
1960 E. O'Neill Dye
1963 Glen G. Ehrich
1966 Edwin H. Braatelien, Jr.
1972 James Ash
1988 Joseph A. Clawson
1989 Jim Schulte
1990 Joel Goode
1992 Paul Hendricks
1993 Helen Rhudy
1997 Paul Hendricks
2001 Vicki-Lyne Scott
2002 Charles Ohr
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GEORGE W. BURKE JR.
1994 Palo Verde Nuclear Generator Station
1996 City of Phoenix Water Services Department
2011 Arizona City Sanitary District
2013 City of Scottsdale Water Resources Division

AWWA SECTION AWARDS

GEORGE WARREN FULLER
1948 A.W. "Dusty" Miller
1950 Helen S. Rotthaus
1951 Dario Travaini
1952 Guy A. Rhoads
1953 Harold W. Yost
1954 John A. Carollo
1955 Phil J. Martin, Jr.
1956 John F. Rauscher
1957 Robert M. Cushing
1958 Quentin Mees
1959 George W. Marx
1960 A.L. Frick, Jr.
1961 Harry Bigglestone
1962 Leigh O. Gardner
1963 Stanford I. Roth
1964 R.E. Polenske
1965 A. Dale Cox
1966 A.H. Beard, Jr.
1967 Gerol B. Smith
1968 Milford E. Devine
1969 A.E. "Gene" Watson
1970 Andrew Marum
1971 John L. Ford
1972 Art F. Vondrick
1973 Carl W. Hebebrand
1974 Frank E. Brooks
1976 Ed Braatelien, Jr.
1977 Frank R. O'Neill
1978 Glen W. Wells
1979 L.O. "Pat" Henry
1980 Louie Miller, Jr.
1981 Jake Doss
1982 Jack Blaha
1983 Lyle Orr
1984 Ronald L. Miller
1985 Marcus McCutchan
1986 Karl Kohlhoff
1987 Jim Schulte
1988 Patricia M. Klock
1989 John W. Klock
1990 Dr. Robert Phillips
1991 J. David Griffith
1992 Terry Moore
1993 Larcy Williams
1994 John Getchell
1995 Wayne Evans
1996 William Shafer, Jr.
1997 Andy Richardson
1998 Jon C. Schladweiler
1999 Mike Gritzuk
2000 Harry Brown
2001 Wallace "Wally" Ambrose
2002 Vicki-Lyne Scott
2003 Johnny G. Martinez
2004 Charles Ohr
2005 Vance Lee
2006 Frank Tantone
2007 James Pembroke
2008 Stephen E. Davis
2009 Mark Stratton
2010 Patricia Davis
2011 Paul H. Kinshella
2012 Charolotte Jones
2013 Don Manthe
2014 Christopher Hill
2015 Brandy Kelso
2016 Patty Kennedy
2017 Matthew Rexing
2018 Marie Peartthree

KENNETH J. MILLER WATER FOR PEOPLE
2002 Luis Manriquez
2003 David Christiana
2004 Scott Larson
2005 Andy Richardson
2006 Asia Philbin
2007 David Modeer
2008 Katherine Hammer
2009 Queenie Tsui
2010 Jeff Biggs
2011 Levi Dillon
2012 Venkat Radhakrishnan
2013 Mark Stratton
2014 Corin Marron
2015 Laura McCasland
2016 Jenny Lopez
2017 Amy Baker
2018 Lisa Melton
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KACHINA OUTSTANDING SERVICE
1987 Jim Ash
1988 John Collins
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1990 Dain Cox
1991 John Carrol
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1993 Frank Herbine
1994 Bob Hill
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
2001 Greg Swartz
2002 Karen Smith
2003 Chuck Graff
2004 William L. Chase
2005 Harlan Agnew
2006 Karl Kohlhoff
2007 Mike Grifiz
2008 Ronnie Lopez
2009 Ron Elkins
2010 Kathleen Chavez
2011 Mark Horn
2012 David McNeil
2013 Cynthia Garcia
2014 John Knudson
2015 Kim Ness
2016 Robin Bain
2017 Teresa Valentine
2018 Bob Holland
2019 Brad Hill
2020 Brian Biesmeyer

ENGINEER
2004 William F. Haney
2005 Dan Meyer
2006 Kevin Casey
2007 Paul Kinsella
2008 Mark Stratton
2009 Thomas Galewsky
2010 Vince L. Lee
2011 Thomas G. Sands
2012 Alene Conroy
2013 Uday Gandhe
2014 Teresa Valentine
2015 Lisa Jackson
2016 Fredrick Tack
2017 Matthew Adams
2018 Darlene Helm

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
2003 Charles Wolf
2004 Dave Sobeck
2005 Teresa Ann Kopchynski-Valentine
2006 Patty Kenned
2007 Brady Koisoff
2008 Andrea Turriccino
2009 Jason Marie
2010 Patrick Goodfellow
2011 Jeanne Jensen
2012 Levi Dillon
2013 Jacqueline Rhoades
2014 Vanessa Borkowski
2015 Amy Baker
2016 Gretchen Baumgardner
2017 Sarah Rogowski
2018 Clayton Freed

NATHAN BURBANK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

QUENTIN MEES
1979 L.O. "Pat" Henry
1980 John Carrollo, Carollo Engineers
1981 City of Phoenix/Malcolm Pirnie
1982 Dr. Peter Fox, ASU
1983 Robert Arnold / UofA
1984 Charles E. Ohr
1985 Patricia Davis
1986 Charlotte Waddle
1987 City of Tucson
1988 John Bannister
1989 Dr. Paul Westerhoff
1990 Dr. Peter Fox
1991 Paul C. Johnson
1992 Charnell Rock
1993 Morteza Abbaszadegan
1994 Bob Arnold

WATER TREATMENT PROJECT
2003 Clearwater Renewable Resource Facility Project (Tucson Water, Malcolm Pirnie, CH2M Hill)
2004 Arsenic Treatment Facility at Well 280 (City of Phoenix, NCS, Felix Construction)
2005 East Mesa WTP Interim Phase Improvements (City of Yuma, Carollo Engineers, J.R. Filanc Construction)
2006 Val Vista Main Rehabilitation Phase I (City of Phoenix, Brown and Caldwell, Kiewit Western Company)
2007 Chaparral WTP (City of Scottsdale, Black & Veatch, Archer Western Contractors)
2008 Lake Pleasant WTP (City of Phoenix, Black & Veatch, McCarthy Building Co.)
2009 Chandler Surface WTP (City of Chandler, Black & Veatch, Hunter Contracting)
2010 Agua Viva Water Treatment Facility (City of Yuma, Carollo Engineers, J.R. Filanc Co.)
2011 City of Phoenix Deer Valley WTP East Basins Reconstruction Project (City of Phoenix, Wilson Engineers, McCarthy Building Company)
2012 Val Vista WTP (City of Phoenix, Black & Veatch, Sundt Construction)
2013 Deer Valley WTP Reservoir Interconnect Pipe Project (City of Phoenix, Wilson Engineers, Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.)
2015 Butler WRF LEAP MBR Facility Upgrade, (City of Peoria, J.R. Filanc Construction)
2017 Superstition Area Water Plant (Apache Junction Water District, Carollo Engineers, Garney Construction)
2018 Gilbert-Chandler Santan Vista Water Treatment Plant Expansion (Town of Gilbert, Black & Veatch, Sundt Construction)

WATER SYSTEM PROJECT
2014 1-E54 (42nd Place) Reservoir Replacement (City of Phoenix, Wilson Engineers, Currier Construction)
2015 7A-G52 3MG Concrete Reservoir (City of Phoenix, Wilson Engineers, Felix Construction)
2016 Dynamic Flow Set Point Program (EPCOR Water)
2017 Scenario 4 Water Transmission Main (City of Phoenix, Dibble Engineering, Kiewit Infrastructure West Company)
2018 City of Tempe Well No. 16 (City of Tempe Wilson Engineers, Felix Construction)

WATER REUSE PROJECT
2006 SRP/MIC NPS Wetland/Riparian Demonstration Project (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, WASS Gerke + Associates, Meredith Wesley Camfield)
2007 Gilbert So. Recharge Site (City of Gilbert, HDR Engineering, Coffman Specialties)
2009 Peoria Baffler Drive WRF (City of Peoria, Black & Veatch, Sundt Construction)
2010 Vadone Zone Well Recharge System (City of Surprise, Lockwood Andrews Newman, Archer Western Contractors)
2011 Rayne Water’s Zero Liquid Discharge Facility for Centralized Water Softening (City of Phoenix, Rayne of Phoenix, Hydro Engineering Solutions, Separation Processes)
2012 Ak-Chin Indian Community Surface WTP (Ak-Chin Indian Community, Carollo Engineers, PCL Construction)
2014 Ak-Chin Family Entertainment Center (FEC) and Central Plant (Ak-Chin Indian Community, Kitchell, A.R. Mays Construction)
2015 Airport Water Reclamation Facility (City of Chandler, Wilson Engineers, McCarthy Building Companies)
2017 Occostilla Recharge Facility ASR Well Expansion

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT
2003 Crowhead Ranch Effluent Recharge
(City of Glenendale, Wilson Company, CDM)
2004 23rd Ave, WWPT; Headworks Modifications, Influent Pump Station, Influent Interceptor Upgrades, Durango St, Improvements (City of Phoenix, Greeley & Hansen, Archer Western Contractors)
2005 Pinewood WWTP
(Pinewood WWTP, Munds Park, AZ, Davis Consultants, NCCI, Inc., McCarthy Building Co.)
2006 Desert Dunas Water Reclamation Facility
(City of Yuma, Carollo Engineers, PCL Civil Constructors)
2007 Greenfield Water Rec. Plant
(City of Mesa, Town of Gilbert, Town of Queen Creek, Carollo Engineers, McCarthy Building Co.)
2008 Pima County's Regional Optimization Master Plan
(Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department)
2010 Chandler Airport Water Reclamation Facility Expansion
(City of Chandler, Wilson Engineers, McCarthy Building Co.)
2011 91st Avenue WWTP Unified Plant 2005 Expansion Project B
(City of Phoenix, Arcadia/Malcolm Pirnie, McCarthy Building Company)
2012 Lake Havasu City Wastewater Systems Expansion Program
(Lake Havasu City, Burns & McDonnell, PCL Civil Constructors)
2013 Water & Wastewater Capital Improvement Project
(Ak-Chin Indian Community, Carollo Engineers, Plateau Engineering, MGC Constructors)
2014 Avenue B & Colonia Wastewater Collection System
(Yuma County Improvement District No. 07-09, Avenue B & Colonia, Stantec Consulting Services, Blucon Contracting)
2015 Casa Grande WRF Phase 3 Expansion
(City of Casa Grande, Carollo Engineers, Hunter Contracting)
2016 Agua Nueva Water Reclamation Facility Phase 2 Expansion
(Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, CH2M 2015 Tres Rios Water Reclamation Facility, Capacity and Effluent Quality Upgrade
(Pima County RWRD, CH2M, MWH Constructors)
2017 91st Avenue WWTP Digester 1 Rehabilitation
(City of Phoenix, GHD, Inc., PCL Construction, Inc.)
2018 Wickenburg Ranch WRF (Town of Wickenburg, GHD, Courier Construction)

WASTEWATER SYSTEM PROJECT
2003 OWRF / AWRF Lift Station
(City of Chandler, Wilson Engineers, Achen-Gardner Construction)
2015 Desert Dunas WRF DAF Project
(City of Yuma)
2017 Manganaro Lift Station Rehabilitation
(City of Chandler, Wilson Engineers, Archer Western)

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM
2018 City of Phoenix Water Services Department

ELECTRICIAN
2000 Jim Fitch
2001 Cindy Pepin
2002 Steve Carter
2003 James Grube
2004 Adam Davila
2006 Al Fishback
2008 Gary Noland
2009 Charles Mackey
2010 Newton Villiams
2011 Frank Gallego
2013 David Chavaria
2014 Dan Giebner
2016 Mark Kendall
2017 Lee Potacki
2018 Shaun Meesha
2018 Robert "Skip" McFadden

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
2000 Dave Pena
2001 Brian Smith
2002 Patrick Padilla
2003 Clint Jeffrey
2004 David Barger
2005 Miguel Parra
2006 Tom Voorhees
2007 Robert Mottle
2010 Gilbert Cordova
2012 David Hutchinson
2013 Joseph Herber
2014 Scott Piercy
2015 James Mainus
2016 Bill Willis
2017 Hector Perez
2017 Tim West
2018 Cory Bott
2018 Steve Woolridge

LAB-CHEMIST TECHNICIAN
2000 Matt Rexing
2002 Prabhu Acharya
2004 Cindy Bain
2005 Patricia Wokulich
2006 Elizabeth M. Atkinson
2007 Kim Caggiano
2008 Yu Chui Hu Hsu
2009 Robert Vertefeulle
2010 Mary Tyler
2011 Mary McReynolds
2012 Amy Catherine Baker
2013 Matthew Hagenswiecki
2014 Barbara Escobar
2015 Joe Hernandez
2016 Ivo Hrabovsky
2017 Brian Green
2018 Allison Shepard

CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL
2015 David Giannetto
2016 Larry Ayers
2017 Ken Slota
2018 Adam Gordon

TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL
2016 Phil Glass
2018 Richard Moore

OPERATIONS LEADER
2013 Linda Bezy-Botma
2014 Art Nunan
2015 Chris Mitchell
2017 Sarah Rogowski
2018 Jesus "Sonny" Saez

HEALTH & SAFETY PROFESSIONAL
2018 Harrison Whitman

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR
2000 Mark Stratton
2001 Albert Kin
2002 Dave Garret
2002 Beatrice Donnies
2003 Ron Stilwell
2003 Jon Schladweiler
2004 John Bowman
2005 Gene Leap
2005 Dennis Pizak
2006 Jerry Whelan
2006 Henry "Hank" C. Baer
2007 John Bowman
2008 Ted Greene
2009 George Harvey
2010 Barry Hess

Beginning in 2014 the Operator and Plant awards were revised and operators and plants were recognized for large and small systems and treatment plants and systems.

OPERATOR LARGE SYSTEM
2014 Kevin Larson, City of Surprise
2015 Keith James, City of Peoria
2016 Ronald Muselman, City of Peoria
2017 Joe Netzel, City of Scottsdale
2018 Don Baker, Tucson Water

OPERATOR SMALL SYSTEM
2014 Marc Lesquesne, Community Water of Green Valley
2015 Marshall Davis, Town of Camp Verde
2016 Ray Diaz
2017 Ramon Laborin, City of Goodyear

OPERATOR LARGE TREATMENT PLANT
2014 Scott Piercy, City of Peoria, Beardsley WRF
2015 Renaldo Aldava, City of Surprise
2016 Mark Williams, City of Peoria
2017 Donald Skinner, City of Glendale

OPERATOR SMALL TREATMENT PLANT
2014 Aaron Doughtery, City of Cottonwood
2015 Peter Shadrer, City of Yuma
2017 Michael Osborne, Marana Water
2018 Robert Hackettal, Tucson Water

LARGE SYSTEM OF THE YEAR
2014 Scottsdale Sewer Collections System
2015 City of Yuma Utility Systems
2016 City of Glendale
2017 Distribution System, City of Glendale
2018 Tucson Water

SMALL SYSTEM OF THE YEAR
2015 Sun City West, EPCOR Water
2017 Marana Water Department, Town of Marana

LARGE TREATMENT PLANT OF THE YEAR
2014 City of Glendale West Area WRF
2015 Anthem Water Campus, EPCOR Water
2016 Butler WWRF, City of Peoria
2017 Tres Rios RWRD, Pima County RWRD
2018 Agua Nueva Water Reclamation Facility, Pima County RWRD

SMALL TREATMENT PLANT OF THE YEAR
2014 Rio Verde WWTP, Rio Verde Utilities
AWARDEES UP TO 2013
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

WATER
1970  Joseph T. Varela
1971  Richard G. Kinsbury
1972  Roy E. West
1973  Roy Persitz
1974  Al Tessendorf
1975  Robert L. Hare
1976  Raymond L. Miller
1977  Harold Mowry
1978  James H. Reardon
1979  James J. Schulte
1980  Benjamin L. Forge
1981  Marcus G. McCutchan
1982  Joe Davenport
1983  John Martinez
1984  LeRoy Williams
1985  Jim Kaylor
1986  Randy Nelson
1987  Jim Norris
1988  Robert Lat Lake
1989  Jesse Mendez
1990  Jerry Hayes
1991  James Wright
1992  Jack Rathjen
1993  Charlotte Jones
1994  Tim Flannagan
1995  Tom Tackman
1996  Bradley Colby
1997  Linda Wahlstrom
1998  Jack Rathjen
1999  Lyle Orr
2000  Rich Austin
2001  Kim Remmel
2002  Robert Tingle
2003  Ken Whitson
2004  Garry D. Sims
2005  Rick Merril
2006  John Moore
2007  Clarence Marchinowski
2008  Karen Probert
2009  Chris Kincaid
2010  Maria Hinojos
2011  Brian Fayle
2012  Anita Luttringer

WASTEWATER COLLECTION
1996  Bob Rentfro
1997  John Warner
1998  Samuel Barnes
2000  Arthur “Monroe” Colter
2002  Robert Mottle
2003  Michelle Yuma
2004  Jeff Foster
2005  Daniel Allen

PLANT OF THE YEAR
1994  Mesa CAP Plant
1995  Tucson Poinson
1996  Val Vista WTP
1997  Cave Creek WTP
1998  Cholla WTP
1999  South Tempe WTP
2000  Squaw Peak WTP
2001  Morenci WTP
2002  Union Hills, COP
2003  City of Chandler
2004  APS Palo Verde NGS
2005  City of Prescott
2006  City of Phoenix
2007  OMI - Town of Prescott Valley
2008  OMI - Town of Prescott Valley
2009  City of Glendale
2010  City of Glendale
2011  City of Glendale

WATER DISTRIBUTION
1999  Todd Sroka
2000  Joel Wade
2001  Dave Petty
2002  Garry D. Sims
2003  Martin Garfaint
2004  James M. Carnough
2005  Juan Mancha
2006  Eric Buckley
2007  Jamie McCracken
2008  Mike Stevens

WASTEWATER
1975  Merle Johnson
1976  John Baca
1977  Eugene R. Etter
1978  Lino F. Vega
1979  Jack L. Muir
1980  Varlon Hutchinson
1981  Ronald L. L. Miller
1982  Charlotte Waddle
1983  David P. Wendell
1984  Jack LaMont
1985  Warren Sims
1986  David Moore
1987  Steve Winning
1988  Louis Esqueda
1989  Jim Doyle
1990  Bill Jackson
1991  Jim Tudwall
1992  James Coughnour
1993  Paul Hendricks
1994  Hector Ortiz
1995  Bryan Cooper
1996  Phillip Barnes
1997  S.E. Mesa WRF
1998  Queen Valley Sanitation District
1999  Sundog WWTP
2000  Tolleson WWTP
2001  Kyrene Reclamation Plant
2002  Northern Gila County Sanitary District
2003  SE Mesa WRF
2004  City of Phoenix, 23rd Ave. WWTP
2005  City of Phoenix, Painted Mesa WWTF
2006  City of Prescott, Airport WWRF
2007  City of Prescott Valley, Advanced WWTP
2008  City of Mesa, Northwest WWRF
2009  City of Chandler, Airport WWRF
2010  Pinetop Lakeside Sanitary District
2011  Pima County Roger Road WWTF
2012  SE Mesa WRF
2013  Sun Lakes, City of Peoria
2014  City of Peoria
2015  City of Glendale
2016  City of Glendale

WASTEWATER COLLECTION
1996  City of Prescott
1997  Pima County WWMP
1998  Prescott Valley
1999  City of Casa Grande
2000  Rio Rico Utilities - Santa Cruz County
2001  Rio Verde Utilities Co., Global Water
2002  City of Glendale
2003  City of Glendale

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Advocate for arizona's water through bold leadership, connecting professionals, providing education, and inspiring environmental stewardship

AZ WATER WILL:
• Be the state's premiere technical education and professional development organization focused on water;
• Be the authoritative resource on water in arizona;
• Advocate for the investment in water supplies and water related infrastructure; and
• Continue to be a thriving and healthy volunteer organization.

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