

NEWS RELEASE

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(Sacramento, CA) – On September 24th, 2015 a dedication ceremony will be held at the California-Nevada Section, AWWA Sacramento training center. The center will be named and dedicated for Dr. Kenneth D. Kerri a pioneering water educator, influential contributor, and mentor in the drinking water and wastewater professional communities. Dr. Kerri passed away late last year, his contributions, support and impact to operator training and certification were exemplary. He was so impactful that the CA-NV Section is honored to designate the training facility in West Sacramento the Dr. Kenneth D. Kerri Training Center. The September 24th event will be attended by the Friends of Ken Lunch Group as well as the Kerri family and Section Staff.

For nearly three decades the professional water community has been utilizing the operator training programs developed by Dr. Kerri. These programs are recognized by every operator certification agency in the United States, and in most of the Canadian Provinces. His twenty-one operator and manager training manuals have sold more than a million copies in twelve different languages. These manuals are required textbooks in over 300 colleges and universities throughout the world.

Among his many other endeavors, Dr. Kerri was immensely involved in AWWA and the California-Nevada Section of AWWA. Dr. Kerri was a member of the CA-NV Section's Water Distribution and Water Treatment Operations and Maintenance Committees, served as Small Water System Committee Chair, Education Trustee, and Education Program Administrator. He was a frequent author in Journal-AWWA and OpFlow, and gave countless presentations at conferences and workshops.

Among Dr. Kerri's many Association honors, the California-Nevada Section of AWWA awarded him the George A. Elliot Memorial Award in 1989, the Walter Weight Memorial Membership Award in 1998, and the George W. Fuller Award in 2007. In 2014, the Association presented Dr. Kerri an Honorary Life Member award.

As a mentor to generations of new operators, a role model of professional achievement and contributions to AWWA, and an icon for his invaluable series of operator training manuals for water and wastewater industry professionals, Dr. Kerri leaves a legacy second to none.

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The California - Nevada Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) is a non-profit association whose mission is to support the drinking water professionals who provide safe and reliable water to millions of people throughout California and Nevada.

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