

CA-NV Section Awards

The following are awards given by the CA-NV Section:

George A. Elliott Award

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"An award to recognize outstanding service to the Section, by presentation of the best paper, unusual contribution to committee activity, exceptional effort to improve member and public relations, outstanding innovations in the water works field."

The George A. Elliot Memorial Award is the highest CA-NV Section award. It honors the man who helped establish the Section in 1920 and who was our first section Chair from 1920-1922. It was created by the Section in 1949 to recognize outstanding volunteer achievement. It may be given to one or two individuals per year and is awarded at the fall conference. Nominations must be submitted by June.

Exemplary Operations Supervisor Award

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This award recognizes the superior performance of an operator in a supervisory position. It is awarded at the spring conference. The awardee is selected by the Operators Division. Nominations must be submitted by January to the Operators Division chair.

Operators Meritorious Service Award

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The Operators Meritorious Service Award is an Association award given at the Section level. It recognizes special performance by non-supervisory operators beyond normal expectations of duty. Because of its size, the CA-NV Section is authorized to give as many as six awards each year, if suitable candidates are identified. The Section has Operator's Meritorious Service Awards for both distribution system operators and treatment plant operators. Three awards in each category may be awarded in any year and are given at the spring conference. Awardees are selected by the Operators Division. Nominations must be submitted by January to the Operators Division chair.

Selection criteria include recognition of special performance in one or more of the following areas:

1. Continuous compliance with all public health standards in treated drinking water.
2. Consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance thereby prolonging the useful life of equipment.
3. The development of new and/or modified equipment or significant process modifications to provide for more efficient and/or effective treatment.
4. Special efforts in the training of treatment plant operators.
5. Special acts not directly related to water treatment, but which demonstrate dedication to the public beyond the normal operating responsibilities.
6. Consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines, pump stations and reservoirs.

Don Kaiser Volunteerism Award

This award honors the long, inspired contributions of Don Kaiser to the CA-NV Section. It recognizes exemplary volunteer activities with the Section during the previous year. This award is given at the fall conference. Selection is by the CA-NV Section staff.

Energy Management Award

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This award recognizes utilities for outstanding energy management in operation of their water treatment and distribution system. Nominations are scored for innovation, significance, and transferability to other utilities. Information on system energy usage and brief descriptions of energy management techniques employed by the utility are required. Awards are given to utilities in three size categories based on the number of service connections: small, medium and large. Awards are determined by the Energy Committee and are given at the fall conference. Nominations are due by June to the Section office.

Exemplary Source Water Protection Award

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This award is given at both the Section and Association level. See detail below in the AWWA Awards section.

Larry C. Larson Safety Award

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This award recognizes a utility with the commitment to make their employee's health and safety a main priority. Awards are given to utilities in four size categories: 10 or fewer employees, 10 to 100 employees, 101 to 500 employees, and over 500 employees. The award is given at the fall conference. Awards are determined by the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee. Nominations are due by June 1 to the Section office. Awardees will be considered for nomination for the AWWA Wendell LaDue Utility Safety Award (see description below in AWWA Awards section)

Walter O. Weight Membership Award

This award honors Walter O. Weight, past chair of the CA-NV Section and a tireless champion of membership recruitment. It recognizes above and beyond performance in overall recruiting and retention of AWWA members and/or demonstration of innovative methods to increase membership in the spirit of Walter O. Weight. This award is given at the fall conference. The awardee is determined by the Membership Committee. Nominations are due by June to the Section office.

Smaller Utilities Award

[Smaller Utility form](#)

This award recognizes the positive accomplishments of well-operated smaller utilities, which have to perform all the same duties and have the same responsibilities as larger agencies, but often with limited staff, funds and resources. The Section may give up to three awards per year. These awards are given at the spring conference. Awardees are determined by the Smaller Utilities Committee. Nominations are due by January to the Section office.

Chair Award

Chair form

The outgoing Chair of the CA-NV Section may give plaques to up to ten members to honor their contributions to the Chair and to the Section. These awards are given at the fall conference. Nominations are due by June to the Section office.

Host Utility Award

This award is given to each conference's host utility in recognition of the time and resources given to the CA-NV Section.

Local Arrangements Committee Chair Award

This award is given to each conference's Local Arrangements Committee Chair in recognition of the time and effort given to the CA-NV Section by the LAC volunteers.

Education Award

This award recognizes individuals 19 years old or younger who have created a water-related project of superior quality. Any student whose project has been displayed at any local or state science fair is eligible.

Academic Achievement Award - Details & Form

To encourage academic excellence and to give recognition to those graduate students who have made outstanding contributions to the field of public water supply through their work at a university. Four awards, consisting of a plaque and money, are given annually:

First Place Doctoral Dissertation Category \$3,000

Second Place Doctoral Dissertation Category \$1,500

First Place Masters Thesis Category \$3,000

Second Place Masters Thesis Category \$1,500

Recognition will also be given to the major advisor of each of the recipients of the award.

Any university graduate student working toward a Masters or Doctorate degree who has written a Masters thesis or a Doctoral dissertation of significant value to the water supply industry is eligible. The manuscript must reflect the work of a single author and be submitted during the competition year in which it was submitted for the degree.