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**WQA LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012 AT 12:00 P.M.
AT
1720 W. CAMERON AVE., SUITE 100 IN WEST COVINA, CA**

AGENDA

Committee Members: Ed Chavez, John Leung, and Bob Kuhn

Liaison Member: Dan Arrighi

- I. Discussion Regarding ACWA's Clair Hill Award [enc]
- II. Legislative Activities/Reports [enc]
 - a. State
 - b. Federal
- III. Executive Director's Report



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AGENDA SUBMITTAL

To: WQA Legislative/Public Information Committee
From: Kenneth R. Manning, Executive Director
Date: February 15, 2012
Subject: ACWA's Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence

Background and Discussion

This award recognizes exemplary programs developed by ACWA member agencies. Award recipients are selected based on demonstrated success in creatively addressing water industry issues, commitment to water use efficiency and conservation, leadership in broad water-related issues, and excellence in agency management and operations.

On January 18, 2012, the WQA Board approved the submission of a WQA entry for the 2012 Clair Hill Award. Staff has reviewed the criteria for the award and has prepared some suggestions.

Attachments:
2012 Official Entry Form

CLAIR  Hill
Water Agency Award for Excellence

2012 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Recognizing excellence in innovative programs developed by ACWA member agencies to further the achievements in water resource management.

Established in 1988

Background

To foster excellence among California water agencies and to recognize innovation in managing and protecting our state's most precious natural resource, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) established the Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence in 1988.

Funded by CH2M Hill, an engineering firm, the annual award honors Clair A. Hill, one of its founders.

The award recognizes exemplary programs developed by ACWA member agencies. Agency size is not a determining factor in evaluating potential recipients for this award. Award recipients are selected based on demonstrated success in creatively addressing water industry issues, commitment to water use efficiency and conservation, leadership in broad water-related issues, and excellence in agency management and operations.

Eligibility

- The recipient must be a public agency member of ACWA.
- The winning program must have been completed and have been in operation no longer than five years.
- Past award recipients are not eligible to compete for the award for a period of three years thereafter.
- Entries must be received in the ACWA office no later than March 1 of each year.

Criteria for Selection

Eligible projects or programs must:

- Demonstrate a commitment to excellence
- Show creativity and innovation in addressing water industry issues
- Be environmentally sensitive or beneficial
- Show clear, quantifiable evidence of success
- Make effective use of funding and show fiscal responsibility

Eligible Entries

A wide variety of projects and programs are eligible, including:

- Capital Improvements
- Water Quality Improvement
- Local Resources Development
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
- Watershed / Ecosystem Protection
- Renewable Energy
- Governance / Administration

**Public information / outreach / education programs and efforts are no longer eligible.*

Examples of Previous Winning Program Entries

- Solano Irrigation District for its Total Trihalomethane Reduction System, an innovative, low-cost solution to reducing high concentrations of disinfection by-product formed in its distribution system.
- Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for its Southern California Integrated Watershed Program, which involves water storage, groundwater cleanup, water recycling, stormwater management and other critical components.
- Orange County Water District for its Groundwater Replenishment System, which created a new, drought-proof supply of high-quality water by purifying treated effluent from the Orange County Sanitation District.

Requirements for Entries

- An agency may submit no more than one entry per year.
- Entries must be presented in a narrative description explaining the program and how it meets the criteria for selection.
- Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, and no more than three pages.
- Entries must be submitted with an Official Entry Form (back page).
- Finalists will be asked to provide 10 to 15 photos, graphics, video clips or other visuals (high resolution electronic formats preferred) that represent their entry for purposes of the awards presentation. All materials should be labeled with the agency name and a description of the subject matter. *(Note: These materials will not be returned and may be used in future promotion and publicity efforts by the association).*
- Finalists will be asked to develop a table-top exhibit to showcase their entry at the ACWA Spring Conference.

Judging

The selection committee will consist of designees from among ACWA's committee chairs. The ACWA president and vice president will confer and identify the appropriate committee designees, based on the type of entries received. The ACWA vice president will chair the selection committee.

The selection committee will assemble, review and select the outstanding entries (up to six) to be designated as finalists.

The ACWA vice president, executive director and chairs of the Water Management, Water Quality and Communications committees will select one of the finalists to be the Clair A. Hill Award winner.

Awards Presentation

At the ACWA Spring Conference, a special multimedia presentation will be featured to recognize all finalists and to announce the Clair A. Hill winner. The winner will receive a special award, furnished by CH2M Hill, and a \$5,000 scholarship in the name of Clair A. Hill, to be awarded to a deserving student the following year.

A statewide ACWA news release will be prepared and disseminated by ACWA announcing the winner and finalists.

Scholarship Award

The winning agency will screen all scholarship applicants and submit three finalists to be reviewed by the ACWA Scholarship & Awards Subcommittee.

The ACWA Scholarship & Awards Subcommittee will select one of the three finalists to be awarded the \$5,000 scholarship.

All award information and materials are available on ACWA's website at www.acwa.com.

Past Recipients:

- **1989:** Irvine Ranch WD
- **1990:** Las Virgenes MWD
- **1991:** Imperial ID
- **1992:** Modesto ID
- **1993:** Orange County WD
- **1994:** West Basin MWD/
Central Basin MWD
- **1995:** East Bay MUD
- **1996:** Calleguas MWD
- **1997:** San Diego County WA
- **1998:** Kern Water Bank
Authority
- **1999:** Western Canal WD
- **2000:** City of Sacramento
Utilities Department
(Sacramento Water Forum)
- **2001:** Eastern MWD
- **2002:** Mid-Peninsula WD
- **2003:** Santa Ana Watershed
Project Authority
- **2004:** Carmichael WD
- **2005:** City of Santa Rosa
- **2006:** South San Joaquin ID
- **2007:** Rancho California WD
- **2008:** Orange County WD
- **2009:** Solano ID
- **2010:** Alameda County WD
- **2011:** East Bay MUD

CLAIR Hill

Water Agency Award for Excellence

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Deadline:
March 1 of each year

(or the following business day
if the deadline falls on
a weekend or holiday)

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Person responsible for submitting the entry:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Explain the program, the problem or issue it addresses, and how it meets the criteria for selection. The explanation of the program must be typewritten, double-spaced and no more than three pages. See Requirements for Entries on previous page.

When was the program initiated? Month / Year: _____

When did the program become operational? Month / Year: _____

Signature of Board President (or designee) Date

Signature of Manager (or designee) Date



Return completed form to:

ACWA / Clair Hill Award
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Sacramento, California 95814-3577
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FAX: 916.554.2342

Questions?

Call ACWA's
Communications & Outreach Department
at 916.441.4545.



MEMO

DATE: February 9, 2012

TO: San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

FROM: Jackson R. Gualco, Kendra Daijogo, Patrick D. Leathers & Elaine Berghausen

RE: January 2012 State Government Relations Report

- Performed an in depth review of language proposed for submission to the Office of the Legislative Counsel to correct drafting errors in AB 467
- Developed material and language to support the need to add an urgency clause to AB 467
- Consulted with minority legislative staffers to confirm they had no issues with AB 467
- Initiated communications with representatives of the Department of Finance to determine their position on AB 467 and any issues the Administration may raise through the Finance analysis
- Ongoing and frequent communications with legislative staff of Assemblymember Eng's office regarding the amendments needed to AB 467 to ensure the necessary language was reflected in the latest version of the bill
- Met with various Members and staff of the Assembly Appropriations committee and attended Assembly Appropriations committee. Also attended Assembly Rules committee hearing regarding approval of urgency clause prior to Assembly Floor vote

- Ongoing communications with DPH legislative staff; provided them with revised AB 467 language; reviewed their comments/issues on amendments; reviewed General Obligation Bond Law and Prop 84; prepared analysis for internal use to address CDPH concerns
- Worked with staff from Assemblymember Eng's Office to prepare various materials for use when AB 467 is heard on the Assembly Floor
- Reviewed Assembly consultant's analysis of AB 467. Communicated with Speaker's Office and various members and staff regarding support for AB 467 regarding Assembly Floor vote
- Attended and worked Assembly Floor vote on AB 467. Eventually secured a 77-0 vote!
- Confirmed that the draft Project Priority List from CDPH for Prop 84 grants included all of the projects submitted for the San Gabriel Basin

MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2012

TO: The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

FROM: Sean Taylor

SUBJECT: Legislative Update...

Operations & Maintenance Authorization Increase

As the new year has begun we at The Furman Group have continued to focus on potential opportunities to expedite the passage of the O&M language this Congress. As you'll recall, Congresswoman Judy Chu introduced HR 3132 last year in the House and since that time we have focused a great deal of our efforts on working with the appropriate committees in the House to schedule a hearing on the legislation.

We have scheduled a day full of meetings on February 14th for representatives of the WQA to express the importance of this legislation with Members, staff and the Administration. A main focus of those meetings will be our efforts to further the issue in the Senate, where we are hopefully Senator Feinstein will agree to introduce a companion bill to Congresswoman Chu's legislation. This would give the O&M issue greater visibility in the Congress and further heighten the need for action.

FY 2013 Federal Appropriations:

Congress is expected to begin holding hearings on the President's Budget in the coming weeks and the process of forming appropriations bills will likely begin in late March. We will keep you apprised of the status of these bills as the process moves along.