



# San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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**WQA LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE  
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.  
AT  
1720 W. CAMERON AVE., SUITE 100 IN WEST COVINA, CA**

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## **AGENDA**

**Committee Members:** **Jorge Marquez, Valerie Munoz and Bob Kuhn**

**Liaison Member:** **Dan Arrighi**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Discussion Regarding Next Advertorial
- IV. Discussion Regarding National Groundwater Association Award [enc]
- V. Legislative Activities/Reports
  - a. State [enc]
  - b. Federal
- VI. Executive Director's Report
- VII. Adjournment



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## AGENDA SUBMITTAL

**To:** Legislative/Public Information Committee  
**From:** Kenneth R. Manning, Executive Director  
**Date:** May 15, 2019  
**Subject:** National Groundwater Association (NGWA) Award Submission

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### Discussion

The nomination period is now open to receive nominations for the 2019 NGWA Awards. The NGWA awards represent the highest quality in standards and business practices. Award recipients are recognized for outstanding contributions through service, innovation, research, safety, and outstanding projects of scientific and technological importance affecting the growth and well-being of the groundwater industry. Staff has considered submitting a nomination for the WQA/Eco Voices Summer Outreach Program. The award category that staff has considered submitting a nomination for is the Groundwater Awareness Award. This award recognizes outstanding and innovative groundwater public awareness/public relations programs, projects, and campaigns that resulted in recent significant positive change.

The deadline to submit a nomination is June 1, 2019.

### Attachments

- *NGWA Awards Brochure*
- *Award Guidelines*
- *Award Submission Form*

## NGWA Sectional Awards

### ★ John Hem Award

Presented in recognition of significant, recent (within the past five years) scientific or engineering contributions to the understanding of groundwater. The award is given for contributions to either a single publication or a body of works.

### ★ Keith E. Anderson Award

Acknowledges outstanding contributions made to NGWA. NGWA members, volunteers, or other significant groundwater notables are eligible to be nominated in this category.

### ★ Manufacturers Section Special Recognition Award

Recognizes an individual's accomplishments in the groundwater manufacturing industry including, but not limited to, industry improvements, special education contributions, patents and technology.

### ★ \*Supplier of the Year Award

The NGWA Supplier of the Year Award is given annually. Nominations are accepted from the general membership of the Suppliers Section.

Qualifications for the Supplier of the Year award include:

- Being a current member of the Suppliers Section of NGWA
- Having a minimum of 10 years membership with NGWA
- Being an active member of their respective state organization
- Being a full-time groundwater equipment supplier
- Demonstrating progressive volunteerism for NGWA
- Possessing a good attitude with leadership qualities
- The basic qualities of honesty, integrity, accountability, and dependability
- Promoting groundwater and groundwater issues to the industry and the general public.

\*NGWA membership required.

### Submission

Complete nomination package must reach NGWA headquarters no later than June 1. Nominations may be submitted via email to Erin Rodgers at [erodgers@ngwa.org](mailto:erodgers@ngwa.org), or by filling out an online nomination form and then sending all supporting documentation via email. Nominators will be contacted confirming their nomination was received and informed of any additional documentation required to complete the package. Nominators who submit incomplete nominations will have until the submissions deadline to send in missing items.

### Review of Nomination

The NGWA Awards Committee reviews all eligible nominations within 60 days after the submission deadline.

### Assistance

If you have any questions concerning the NGWA Awards Program or need assistance in preparing a nomination for submission, please contact Erin Rodgers, NGWA Awards Committee Staff Liaison, at (800) 551-7379 or (614) 898-7791, extension 1510; fax (614) 898-7786; email [erodgers@ngwa.org](mailto:erodgers@ngwa.org).



# 2019 Awards



*Who inspires you?*

NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project Awards  
NGWA Awards of Excellence and Sectional Awards

## NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project Awards

Project by project, NGWA members and industry businesses work to advance groundwater resource initiatives through imagination, creativity, and innovation.

This drive for excellence deserves to be recognized and celebrated!

Nominated projects should demonstrate:

- Originality or uniqueness on providing new insights into groundwater supply, protection, remediation, or public awareness
- Creativity and imagination in engineered or constructed solutions
- Use of solid groundwater principles.

### ★ Groundwater Supply Award

Recognizes outstanding science, engineering, and/or contractor innovation that resulted in significant positive change in the area of supplying groundwater. The project should demonstrate excellence in providing groundwater to an intended end-use. Groundwater storage, recharge, and geothermal projects may be submitted under this category.

### ★ Groundwater Remediation Award

Recognizes exceptional science, engineering, and/or contractor innovation that resulted in significant positive change in the area of groundwater remediation. Nominated projects should demonstrate excellence in restoring contaminated groundwater or over-drafted groundwater resources. Projects involving the use of contaminated groundwater for a new beneficial purpose may be submitted under this category.

### ★ Groundwater Protection Award

Presented in recognition of exceptional science, engineering, and/or contractor innovation that resulted in significant positive change in the area of protecting groundwater resources. The nominated project should be an example of excellence in protecting groundwater from either overdraft or contamination. Projects relating to saltwater intrusion, groundwater/surface water interference, and conjunctive use may be submitted under this category.

### ★ Groundwater Awareness Award

Presented in recognition of outstanding and innovative groundwater public awareness/public relations programs, projects, and campaigns. Nominated projects should demonstrate excellence in creating awareness by the public on groundwater resources and their importance and conservation. Projects involving strategic year-round communications programs, public engagement and community involvement initiatives, and crisis communication and response may be submitted under this category.

## NGWA Awards of Excellence

The NGWA Awards of Excellence represent the highest quality in standards and business practices. Recipients are recognized for outstanding contributions through service, safety, research, and innovations of scientific and technological importance that positively impact the advancement and well-being of the groundwater industry.



### \*Ross L. Oliver Award

Established in honor of Ross L Oliver by his family, this is the most prestigious award given by NGWA. It is presented to a member who has made outstanding contributions to the groundwater industry.



### M. King Hubbert Award

NGWA's highest scientific honor which is presented to a person who has made major science or engineering contributions to the knowledge of groundwater through research, technical papers, teaching, and practical applications.



### Robert Storm Intersectional Cooperation Award

Presented to a person or team who through their activities or written works strongly demonstrated and contributed to the promotion of collaboration and enhanced cooperation among all groundwater professionals.



### Technology Award

Presented to a person who has made a major contribution to the groundwater industry in the development of ideas, tools and equipment, techniques of well construction, and who has shown exemplary service in sharing these ideas and developments with their industry constituents.



### Equipment Design Award

Presented to an individual or team for excellence in the design of equipment or a product that promotes safety as well as efficiency and ease of operation. The equipment or product must have been in production for no less than one year and may or may not be eligible for a patent.



### Individual Safety Advocate Award

Recognizes an individual who has made notable contributions to promote and improve safety in daily working operations. This contribution may be evidenced by the individual's actions in response to an existing accident to reduce future incidents or the development of a product or safe working practice that could have widespread industry applications to achieve a safer work environment.



### Special Recognition Award

Recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated dedication, service, and commitment to the groundwater industry and community through achievement on a local or regional level that would not normally be known at the national level.



### \*Life Member Award

Presented to retired members, or members of retirement age, who have contributed special service to the furtherance of the groundwater industry or to NGWA. Recipients retain all privileges of NGWA membership but are exempt from membership fees.



### Honorary Member Award

Presented to persons of eminence from outside the groundwater industry who have contributed some special service to the industry or NGWA. Honorary members are exempt from membership fees.

\*NGWA membership required.



# NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project Awards Nomination Form

Submission deadline JUNE 1

**Category (select one):**

- Groundwater supply     Groundwater protection     Groundwater remediation     Groundwater awareness

Project title \_\_\_\_\_

Project date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Project budget total \_\_\_\_\_

Project client \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee firm name\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please enter the name of the firm being nominated as it should be listed on the award.

Contact representing nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Project team members \_\_\_\_\_

Team member(s) accepting award \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

NGWA membership number or member name\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*A current NGWA membership is required to submit a nomination for an NGWA award.

Nominator name \_\_\_\_\_ NGWA member number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*A current NGWA membership is required to submit a nomination for an NGWA award.

Submit this form and all supporting materials by **June 1**. Your supporting materials are important to the review process —please provide enough information for proper evaluation. A list of required supporting materials, as well as eligibility requirements, are included in this application.

Please email this form and supporting materials to:

**Erin Rodgers, NGWA Awards Committee staff liaison, [erodgers@ngwa.org](mailto:erodgers@ngwa.org)**

**Subject: NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project Awards**

## Guidelines for NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project award nominations

- All nominations **must** be submitted by NGWA members. NGWA members may nominate their own projects.
- All nominations must pertain to groundwater supply, protection, remediation, or public awareness. The project description and scope should not exceed seven double spaced typewritten pages.
- The competition is open to all membership sections of NGWA.
- Projects must be completed and fully operational—no “paper” projects or theoretical projects are eligible.
- Submitted materials become the property of the National Ground Water Association unless return is requested and an addressed and appropriately postage-prepaid envelope is provided.
- All nominations must be submitted with a general statement of costs involved; however, proprietary corporate information must NOT be provided.
- Awards will be presented at NGWA’s annual Groundwater Week. Details will follow upon award notification.
- Recipients will be requested to provide detailed graphics depicting their projects for use on a poster. Posters will be displayed at the convention center at Groundwater Week. Poster specifications will follow upon award notification.

## Nomination package requirements

An electronic version of the entire nomination package should be submitted. This package must include the following items to be considered:

- Completed award nomination form
- Project description (not to exceed seven double spaced typewritten pages)
- One or more letters of support from client/end-user
- Five or more color, high-resolution photographs or images illustrating the project
- General statement of project costs.

Nominators who submit incomplete nomination packages will have until the submissions deadline to send in missing items.

## Submissions deadline

Nominations must reach NGWA headquarters **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1**. Nominations may be submitted via email to Erin Rodgers at [erodgers@ngwa.org](mailto:erodgers@ngwa.org), or by filling out an online nomination form on the NGWA website at [NGWA.org/Awards](http://NGWA.org/Awards).

## Review

The NGWA Awards Committee reviews all eligible nominations within 60 days after the submission deadline.

Award recipients are generally announced in late August to early September, and the presentation of awards is held during the annual NGWA Groundwater Week event in December.

## NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project Award recognition

NGWA is proud to honor the award recipients through national, state, and industry media outlets, as well as in NGWA publications, on our website, and at Groundwater Week. At this venue, thousands of attendees and industry peers will have the opportunity to learn about your company’s innovations and achievements.

- Award recipients will be recognized in NGWA publications, including *Groundwater*®, *Groundwater Monitoring & Remediation*®, *Water Well Journal*®, NGWA newsletter, and on NGWA’s website.
- Awards will be presented at Groundwater Week.
- Press releases will be completed and submitted to national and industry media.
- A poster prepared in conjunction with award recipients depicting their projects will be displayed at the convention center and viewed by thousands of attendees at Groundwater Week.
- Award recipients will be listed in the Groundwater Week on-site program distributed to attendees.

## Assistance

If you have any questions concerning the NGWA Awards Program, or need assistance in preparing a nomination for submission, please contact Erin Rodgers, NGWA, 601 Dempsey Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081 USA; phone (800) 551-7379 or (614) 898-7791, extension 1510; fax (614) 898-7786; email [erodgers@ngwa.org](mailto:erodgers@ngwa.org).





# NGWA Awards Submission Guidelines and Nomination Package Requirements



## **Awards of Excellence and Sectional Awards**

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

- Nominations must be submitted by a current NGWA member
- Sitting NGWA or sectional board members are ineligible to receive any NGWA award during their tenure
- A complete nomination package must be received by NGWA on or before June 1 for consideration
- Multiple award nominations for any one person are limited to a maximum of two categories per awards cycle
- NGWA membership is required to receive the Ross L Oliver, Life, and Supplier of the Year awards.

### **Nomination Package Requirements**

An electronic or mailed version of the entire nomination package must be submitted containing the following:

- Completed award nomination form
- One or more letters of support
- Detailed explanation of why the nominee should be considered for the specified award
- One or more additional supporting documents, such as – resumes, curricula vitae, published articles, bibliographies and volunteer history.
- 1 -3 photos of the nominee – high resolution headshot or professional photo recommended.

## **Outstanding Groundwater Project Awards**

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

- Nonmember firms are eligible to be nominated and receive a project award, so long as there is at least one current NGWA member on record employed by the firm at the time of nomination submission
- A complete nomination package must be received by NGWA on or before June 1 for consideration
- Projects must be completed and fully operational – no “paper” projects or theoretical projects are eligible
- Individuals are not eligible to receive project awards.

### **Project Nomination Package Requirements**

An electronic or mailed version of the entire nomination package must be submitted containing the following:

- Completed project award nomination form
- Project description
- One or more support letters from client/end-user
- Five or more color photos or images illustrating the project
- General statement of project costs (proprietary corporate information must **NOT** be provided).

# **NGWA Fellow Designation**

## **Eligibility Guidelines**

- Nominations must be submitted by a current NGWA member
- The NGWA Fellow designation is available to volunteers, industry leaders, and members of the groundwater industry who have maintained a current membership with NGWA for at least seven consecutive years.
- Sitting NGWA or sectional board members are ineligible to be nominated for or receive Fellow designation during their tenure.
- A complete nomination package must be received by NGWA on or before June 1 for consideration
- Multiple award nominations for any one person are limited to a maximum of two categories per awards cycle.

## **Nomination Package Requirements**

An electronic or mailed version of the entire nomination package must be submitted containing the following:

- Completed NGWA Fellow nomination form
- Two or more letters of recommendation from active NGWA members that vouch for the nominee's character, professional integrity, and standing within the groundwater community
- Detailed documentation of the individual's contributions to the groundwater industry
- One or more additional supporting documents, such as – resumes, curricula vitae, published articles, bibliographies and volunteer history.
- 1 -3 photos of the nominee – high resolution headshot or professional photo recommended.

## **Additional Information**

### **Submission Deadline**

Complete nomination package must reach NGWA headquarters **no later than June 1**. Nominations may be submitted via email to Erin Rodgers at [erodgers@ngwa.org](mailto:erodgers@ngwa.org). A downloadable nomination form is available on the NGWA Award web page. Nominators will be contacted confirming their nomination was received and informed of any additional documentation required to complete the package. Nominators who submit incomplete nominations will have until the submissions deadline to send in missing items.

### **Review of Nominations**

The NGWA Awards Committee reviews all eligible nominations within 60 days after the submission deadline.

### **Assistance**

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# MEMO

**DATE:** April 29, 2019

**TO:** San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

**RE:** April State Government Relations Report

- Collaborated closely with Senator Hurtado's office in the successful introduction and movement of SB 413, the WQA-sponsored measure to update the elections and reporting requirements found in your enabling statute
- SB 413 passed its first two committee tests without discord (after negotiating amendments with committee staff) and as of the date of this writing is pending on the Senate Floor without opposition
- Provided background on SB 45 (Allen) that would provide a \$4.3B General Obligation Bond for the November 2020 ballot for climate-related investment, including \$600M in water supply and clean drinking water funding
- Closely monitoring developments in the governor's (and various legislators') clean drinking water funding options, including proposals for a water tax/fee, to ensure that any final package provides fair treatment for those already paying a local assessment
- Continuing to periodically publish "Water Whirled", an exclusive summation of key water and resources issues pending in the capital; delivered urgent advisories as merited by key developments
- Provided timely updates on issues and officials' activities

cc: Mr. Gabriel Monares