



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Public Utilities Department Awards 2006-2011

*The City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department provides safe, healthful drinking water to the 1.3 million residents of San Diego, and regional wastewater treatment and disposal services for more than 2 million residents of San Diego County. The Department strives to be the best it can be through efficiency, hard work, and responsibility. Below is a list of awards received by the Public Utilities Department for its programs and facilities over the past few years.*

**Name:** Edward L. Bernays Award of Excellence in Community Relations

**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** Public Relations Society of America

**Description:** Water Conservation Campaign, "No Time to Waste, No Water to Waste"

**Name:** E.A.R.T.H. (Environmental And Restoration That Helps) Award

**Date:** 2011

**Organization Giving Award:** San Diego EarthWorks

**Description:** Water Conservation Campaign, "No Time to Waste, No Water to Waste"

**Name:** Public Water Agency of the Year

**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** Global Water Intelligence

**Description:** Selected from an international field of candidates for leadership in managing scarce water resources in 2009 through the development of innovative projects and programs.

**Name:** Merit Award for Public Involvement/Education Programs

**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** Association of Environmental Professionals

**Description:** For the Department's "No Time to Waste, No Water to Waste" public outreach campaign for the City's Level 2 Drought Alert.

**Name:** Public Education Award

**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** Water Environment Federation

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**Name:** Gold Award – Exceptional Utility Performance

**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

**Description:** For outstanding achievement in implementing the nationally recognized attributes of an effectively managed utility.

**Name:** Recycler of the Year

**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** Environmental Services Department's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards Program Water

**Description:** Water Operations honored for its recycling plan. It diverted 9,000 tons of debris from the Miramar Landfill to Vulcan Materials Co. In addition, Water Ops recycled 7 tons of paper and cans, 181 tons of scrap iron, 15 tons of brass and 3 tons of copper. By recycling debris and diverting it from the landfill, the Branch had a cost savings of approximately \$430,000.

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**Date:** 2010

**Organization Giving Award:** National Association of Clean Water Agencies

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**Name:** Peak Performance Platinum Award – Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant

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**Name:** Directors Award of Recognition

**Date:** 2009

**Organization Giving Award:** American Water Works Association's Partnership for Safe Water

**Description:** Otay Water Treatment Plant received award for providing drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards.

**Name:** Public Communications Achievement Award

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**Name:** Director's Recycling Award

**Date:** 2008

**Organization Giving Award:** Environmental Services Department's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards and the Climate Protection Champion Awards

**Description:** Water Operations received award for excellent waste reduction and diversion efforts.

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**Name:** Education and Leadership in Energy Efficiency

**Date:** 2006

**Organization Giving Award:** Flex Your Power

**Description:** Each year, the Flex Your Power Awards go to those companies, governmental entities and other organizations that have demonstrated leadership and results in saving energy. Saving water saves energy.

**Name:** Edward L. Bernays Mark of Merit

**Date:** 2006

**Organization Giving Award:** Public Relations Society of America

**Description:** Award for the "Taking Care of You & Your Water" campaign

**Name:** Golden Watchdog Award

**Date:** 2006

**Organization Giving Award:** San Diego County Taxpayer's Association

**Description:** Golden Watchdog Awards honor programs that exemplify good government practices and efficient use of tax dollars. Wastewater Operations was honored for its innovative program to inspect hundreds of miles of aging sewer pipes via closed circuit television.

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**Name:** Energy Star Award

**Date:** 2006

**Organization Giving Award:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Department of Energy

**Description:** Wastewater Operations was honored for making an outstanding contribution to protecting the environment through energy efficiency at its MOC I and MOC III facilities.