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Environmental Need	Was a significant and pressing water quality issue addressed? Was an emerging or long-standing water quality issue tackled?	15
Initiative	What was the impetus and driving force for the activity? Was the activity unprecedented or did it follow/expand upon another endeavor?	10
Innovation	Was a unique paradigm or approach employed? Were resources used in a distinctly efficient or creative manner?	15
Scope of Impact	Was a narrow or broad range of water quality benefits sought? Was the geographic focus narrowly or broadly defined? What was accomplished?	15
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Water Quality Benefits	How has water quality and the environment been helped by the activity?	25
Total		100

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Environmental Need	Was a significant and pressing water quality issue addressed? Was an emerging or long-standing water quality issue tackled?	10
Initiative	What was the impetus and driving force for the activity? Was the activity unprecedented or did it follow/expand upon another endeavor?	10
Innovation	Was a unique paradigm or approach employed? Were resources used in a distinctly efficient or creative manner?	10
Immediacy	Were immediate, near future or distant environmental benefits sought?	10
Scope of Impact	Was a narrow or broad range of water quality benefits sought? Was the geographic focus narrowly or broadly defined? What was accomplished?	20
Water Quality Benefits	How has water quality and the environment been helped by the activity?	25
Sustainability	How long can the activity continue? How long will the water quality benefits last?	15
Total		100

▪ **Water Quality Restoration**

Description: This award acknowledges a singular activity or series of activities that has resulted in the restoration of surface or groundwater in a watershed or restoration of a brownfields in Los Angeles County or Ventura County.

Criteria	General Focus	Max. Points
Environmental Need	Was a significant and pressing water quality issue addressed? Was an emerging or long-standing water quality issue tackled?	10
Initiative	What was the impetus and driving force for the activity? Was the activity unprecedented or did it follow/expand upon another endeavor?	10
Innovation	Was a unique paradigm or approach employed? Were resources used in a distinctly efficient or creative manner?	10
Immediacy	Were immediate, near future or distant environmental benefits sought?	10
Scope of Impact	Was a narrow or broad range of water quality benefits sought? Was the geographic focus narrowly or broadly defined? What was accomplished?	20
Water Quality Benefits	How has water quality and the environment been helped by the activity?	25
Sustainability	How long can the activity continue? How long will the water quality benefits last?	15
Total		100

▪ **Water Quality Excellence**

Description: This award acknowledges an individual, community or neighborhood group, environmental or philanthropic organization, business interest or government body that has demonstrated significant initiative, commitment, leadership and accomplishment in developing or implementing an activity or program that has resulted in substantive and long-term water quality benefits or advances in environmental justice.

Criteria	General Focus	Max. Points
Initiative	What was the impetus and driving force for the activity? Was the activity unprecedented or did it follow/expand upon another endeavor	10
Commitment	How long has this activity be going on? Is this activity linked to earlier and other environmental activities?	10
Innovation	Was a unique paradigm or approach employed? Were resources used in a distinctly efficient or creative manner?	10
Leadership	Did the activity foster awareness of and interest in water quality issues? Did the activity provide meaningful opportunities to participate in protecting or restoring water quality?	15
Scope of Impact	Was a narrow or board range of water quality benefits sought? Was the geographic focus narrowly or broadly defined? Were immediate, near future or distant environmental benefits sought? What was accomplished?	15
Water Quality Benefits	How has water quality and the environment been helped by the activity?	25
Sustainability	How long can the activity continue? How long will the water quality benefits last?	15
Total		100

2001 Water Quality Award Recipients

City of Santa Monica
Innovation in Water Quality Protection

Topanga Creek Watershed Committee
Water Body Restoration

City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation
Most Improved Permittee

Ventura County Flood Control District
Water Quality Conservation

Think Earth
Public Education in Water Quality

Heal the Bay
Water Quality Stewardship

California State Senator Byron Sher
Water Quality Leadership

Dorothy Green
Water Quality Excellence Award

2002 Water Quality Award Recipients

Dr. Michael Stenstrom, UCLA
Innovation in Water Quality Protection

Santa Monica BayKeeper
Water Body Restoration

Port of Long Beach
Most Improved Permittee

TreePeople
Water Quality Conservation

County of Los Angeles and Heal the Bay
Public Education in Water Quality

Jessica Altstatt, Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper
Water Quality Stewardship

California Assemblymember Fran Pavley
Water Quality Leadership

Ray Millette, Palisades Charter High School
Water Quality Educator

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
Water Quality Research

Felicia Marcus
Water Quality Excellence Award

2003 Water Quality Award Recipients

City of Glendale
Permittee Commendation

“The Grease Avenger,” a.k.a. Adel Hagekhalil
Water Quality Educator

Campbell and Campbell
Architectural and Landscape Design

The Watershed Cleanup Project
Waterbody Conservation

Steering Committee for the Santa Clara River Nitrogen TMDL
Waterbody Restoration

Angie Bera, Santa Monica BayKeeper Program Director
Water Quality Stewardship

The Aquarium of the Pacific
Public Education in Water *Θυαλιτυ*

Algalita Marine Research Foundation
Water Quality Research

Natural Resources Defense Council
Water Quality Advocacy

Judith Wilson, Director, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Innovation in Water Quality Protection

Los Angeles City Council
Water Quality Leadership

2004 Water Quality Award Recipients

Cardinal Industrial Finishes
Permittee Commendation

Pacoima Beautiful
Water Quality Educator

Natural Resources Defense Council
"Robert Redford Building"
Water Quality Architectural and Landscape Design

Phyllis Currie, Pasadena Water and Power
Waterbody Conservation and Restoration

Rocky J. Delgadillo, Los Angeles City Attorney
Environmental Justice Division, Criminal Branch
Water Quality Environmental Justice

City of Santa Clarita , Environmental Services Division
Water Quality Stewardship

Tracy Egoscue , Santa Monica BayKeeper
Water Quality Advocacy

Leslie Mintz , Heal the Bay
Public Education in Water Quality

The Pew Charitable Trusts/Pew Oceans Commission
"America's Living Oceans"
Water Quality Research

Shahram Kharaghani, Los Angeles Watershed Protection Division
Water Quality Leadership

Assemblymember Cindy Montanez
Water Quality Excellence

2005 Water Quality Award Recipients

“Southern California Environmental Report Card”

University of California, Los Angeles

Institute of the Environment

Mary Nichols, Executive Director

“Alternative Approaches to Stormwater Quality Control”

University of Southern California

Dr. Joseph Devinny, and Dr. Sheldon Kamieniecki

University of California, Los Angeles

Dr. Michael Stenstrom

Water Quality Research

Headwaters Corner

City of Calabasas

Mountains Restoration Trust

Bridgeport Lake

Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering

Stormwater Management

ADOBE LA

Anahauk Soccer Group

California Coastal Conservancy

California State Parks

Center for Law in the Public Interest

Chatten–Brown Associates

Chinatown Business Improvement District

City of Los Angeles

County of Los Angeles, Watershed Management Division

Friends of the Los Angeles River

Latino Urban Forum

Los Angeles/San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

Los Angeles Conservation Corps

National Park Service, Western Region

Natural Resources Defense Council

Northeast Trees

Rails to Trails Conservancy

Solano Canyon Community Association

The River Project

The Trust for Public Land

Tree People

U.S. EPA, Region IX

Water Quality Restoration



H. David Nahai Water Quality Awards Overview

Awards Overview

The H. David Nahai Water Quality Awards recognize extraordinary efforts to safeguard or restore water quality in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The awards are given annually by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Award recipients are selected from nominations submitted by state and local governments, the business community, professional and trade associations, environmental and philanthropic organizations, community and neighborhood groups and individuals concerned about water quality. The 2006 Water Quality Awards will acknowledge accomplishments in water quality education/research, protection, restoration and excellence.

The awards are named in honor of Mr. H. David Nahai, the senior member and current Chair of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mr. Nahai was first appointed to the Board in 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson. He was re-appointed in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis and in 2004 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Mr. Nahai has served an unprecedented four terms as Board Chair, notably in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2006.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board is a component of the California Environmental Protection Agency, sets regional water quality standards and enforces both federal and state clean water statutes. The Board is comprised of nine individuals, each of whom is appointed by the Governor, and a small professional staff, comprised mostly of scientists, engineers and geologists. The Board's geographic jurisdiction covers all of Los Angeles County and Ventura County and includes more than 11 million residents.

How the Water Quality Awards Program Works

The Regional Board requests award nominations from all interested parties, including state and local governments, the business community, professional and trade associations, environmental and philanthropic organizations, community and neighborhood groups and individuals concerned about water quality. Nominations submitted by the application deadline are reviewed and evaluated by an awards panel comprised of the Regional Board Chair, selected board members and senior staff. The awards panel ranks each nominee based on the relevant award criteria. In each award category, the nominee with the highest ranking is named the award recipient. Regional Board staff notifies all award recipients and individuals submitting nominations of the award panel's decision.

As the Regional Board's guest, each award recipient is invited to attend and be recognized during the annual Water Quality Awards Banquet. This year the banquet will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the New Otani Hotel, located in downtown Los Angeles. Those who wish to join the Regional Board in honoring the award recipients are invited and encouraged to purchase event tickets.

How to Apply for a Water Quality Award

An award application is attached to this document. An electronic version of the application can be viewed and downloaded at the Regional Board's web site:

www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/

Step 1: Review Award Categories and Evaluation Criteria

- Applications should be submitted only for individuals, community or neighborhood groups, environmental or philanthropic organizations, business interests, government bodies or projects that reflect the award focus and evaluation criteria.
- An individual, group, organization, business interest, agency or project can be nominated for more than one award. However, a separate application must be submitted for each award.

Step 2: Complete a Nomination Application

- You may nominate yourself or anyone who wishes to be recognized for their work protecting or restoring water quality.
- Activity descriptions should reflect award focus and evaluation criteria.
- Activity descriptions cannot exceed 600 words.
- Typed, double-spaced activity descriptions are recommended.
- Applicants may submit photographs, videos, newspaper articles and other support materials to supplement the activity descriptions. Support material is not subject to the 600-word limit.

Step 3: Submit a Nomination Application

- Only complete applications submitted by the application deadline will be considered.
- Applications can be submitted electronically to:
lgallardo@waterboards.ca.gov
- Applications can be mailed or hand delivered to:

2006 Water Quality Awards
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, #200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Nomination Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting complete nomination applications is **August 31, 2006**. Applications sent electronically or hand delivered to the Regional Board or postmarked by this date will be accepted. No nomination applications will be returned.



H. David Nahai Water Quality Awards

2006 Nomination Application

This is a voluntary awards program. Award nominations should be submitted only for those who wish to be recognized for their efforts to protect or restore water quality. Award nominations are considered public documents and may be subject to public review. Participation in the awards program is immaterial to any current or pending decision before the Regional Water Board.

NOMINATION APPLICATION SECTIONS

- Nomination Deadline and Submittal Instructions
- Nomination Questions/Assistance
- Award Categories and Criteria
- Nominee/Nominator Contact Information
- Award Designation
- Activity Description

I. NOMINATION DEADLINE AND SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

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2006 Water Quality Awards
c/o Ms. Laura Gallardo
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West Fourth Street, #200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

II. NOMINATION QUESTIONS/ASSISTANCE

For additional information about the awards and nomination process, please contact

Ms. Laura Gallardo
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

320 West Fourth Street, #200
 Los Angeles, CA 90013
 Phone: 213.576.6613
 Email: lgallardo@waterboards.ca.gov

III. AWARD CATEGORIES and EVALUATION CRITERIA

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IV. NOMINEE/NOMINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are nominating yourself or another individual, please provide the appropriate contact information. If you are nominating a group, organization, business, agency or project, please supply the contact information for the primary representative (e.g. president, program sponsor or project manager).

Nominee's Name: _____

Mail Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____

If you are not nominating yourself or are not the primary representative, please supply your contact information.

Nominator's Name: _____
Mail Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____

V. AWARD DESIGNATION

You may nominate yourself, another individual, community or neighborhood group, environmental or philanthropic organization, business interest, government body or a project for more than one award. However, a separate application must be submitted for each award. Please designate below the award you wish to have your nominee receive.

- Water Quality Education/Research
- Water Quality Protection
- Water Quality Restoration
- Water Quality Excellence

VI. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

In 600 words or less, please describe why your nominee should receive the designated water quality award. Please keep in mind award focus and evaluation criteria. Please use the space below or one 8 ½ x 11-inch sheet of paper to write you justification. It would be appreciated if your justification was typed and double-spaced.

Please check here if you are including with your application photographs, videos, newspaper articles or other support materials. Support material is not subject to the 600-word limit.