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Novato Sanitary District is Pleased to Report on Numerous Recent Awards for Service Excellence

This year, Novato Sanitary District received numerous awards for excellence in the areas of treatment plant performance, financial reporting, wastewater collection system performance, and laboratory testing quality.

Earns Rare Platinum Peak Performance Award – Again! The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) awarded NSD’s Wastewater Treatment Plant the Platinum6 Peak Performance Award, which is given for perfect permit performance records over six consecutive years. This is the second year in a row that the District has earned this recognition. Each year, only about 125 treatment facilities earn the exceptional “Platinum” honor out of more than 16,000 plants nationwide.

NACWA's Peak Performance Awards program recognizes NACWA-member agency facilities for excellence in wastewater treatment as measured by compliance with their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Novato’s permits list nearly 1,000 specific requirements, including annual, monthly, weekly, and daily water quality limits established to protect the Bay and public health.

The Novato Treatment Plant performs exceptionally well, routinely meeting and exceeding targets set by regulatory requirements, is extremely energy efficient, and is operated through an innovative public/private partnership that provides exceptional value for its ratepayers.

Award for Reporting How We Use Ratepayers’ Money. For the seventh year in a row, NSD received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This certificate is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. The award recognizes the District’s commitment to transparency in how it uses ratepayers’ money to provide quality services, and its successful track record of clearly communicating its financial information to the public at large.

The CAFR is available on the District’s website and provides a complete picture of the District’s financial investment and income records from all sources, allowing interested members of the public to assess the financial health of the District. Special thanks and congratulations to Laura Creamer, CPA, who was also recognized by GFOA for her role in preparing the award winning financial report!

Award for Outstanding Sewer Collection System. The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) recognized NSD for Outstanding Professional Accomplishment among small Collection Systems statewide with a Second-Place award. In November 2017, the District achieved a first-place award in this category from the local Redwood Empire Section of CWEA, which qualified the District for the statewide award.

The District's wastewater collection system, worth over \$200 million in replacement value, consists of 39 pump stations, over 250 miles of sewer pipelines, and over 6,000 manholes. The District maintains the system with many advanced tools and proactive techniques.

Our Laboratory Earns Certificate of Excellence for Proficiency in Water Testing. The District's laboratory was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by a national accreditation entity (ERA-QC), for its achievement of 100% acceptable proficiency testing data from among 1,004 participating laboratories nationwide. This is the third year in a row that the District has received this award under the guidance of Liz Falejczyk, Environmental Services Director for Veolia Water at the District. Congratulations to Liz and her team!

For more information about the District, its services, and how it protects the environment, check out our website at www.novatosan.com, email us at info@novatosan.com, or call (415) 892-1694.