



Olivenhain Municipal Water District and Its Technician Dominic Brunozi Recognized in Statewide Awards Program

Encinitas, Calif. — Olivenhain Municipal Water District's Pump/Motor Technician Dominic "Bruno" Brunozi has been named California Water Environment Association's "Mechanical Technician of the Year." Mr. Brunozi was recognized for his dedication to public service and mechanical expertise prior to CWEA's virtual annual conference that began today.

In addition to the honors as California's technician of the year, Mr. Brunozi received the same designation at the local level earlier this year from CWEA's San Diego Section.

"We are thrilled that Bruno has been recognized as Mechanical Technician of the Year for the third time in five years," said OMWD Board Vice President Bob Topolovac. "He is not only committed to maintaining equipment that is essential to providing vital services for our ratepayers, he also sets an example for employees by training operators on the safe use of equipment."

In addition to Mr. Brunozi's award, OMWD received third-place recognition statewide in the "Community Engagement & Outreach Program of the Year" category, an honor it also received from CWEA's San Diego Section. OMWD's outreach program focuses on such topics as the high quality of the recycled water produced at OMWD's 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, the need to invest in recycled water infrastructure, and what not to flush.

Outreach efforts include engagement with legislators and regulatory officials, classroom visits, presentations to community groups, newsletters, social media posts, community events, and tours of OMWD's 4S WRF.

OMWD serves approximately 14 percent of its overall demand from recycled water. Its 4S WRF can produce up to two million gallons of high-quality recycled water each day, providing drought-resilient irrigation at properties such as schools, parks, golf courses, streetscapes, and homeowner association common areas.

Founded in 1927, the California Water Environment Association is a not-for-profit association of 9,000-plus professionals in the wastewater industry. The association trains and certifies wastewater professionals, disseminates technical information, and promotes sound policies to benefit society through protection and enhancement of the water environment. By recognizing achievements in the wastewater industry, CWEA's award program raises public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the environment.

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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