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City of San José to Receive 2016 "WuHoo" Pollution Prevention Award

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OAKLAND – The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, at its September 14 meeting, will present the City of San José with the Water Board's 2016 "WuHoo" Award. The WuHoo Award will recognize San José's innovative pollution prevention efforts carried out through its many partnerships.

San José has partnered with the San Jose Earthquakes major league soccer team to encourage keeping pollutants out of our water; launched a Fats, Oils, and Grease Art Project with the San José Public Art Program; and expanded a "Living Wetlands" education and outreach program at the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge Education Center. San José has also participated in groundbreaking wastewater studies to help prioritize new pollution prevention efforts and influence legislative decisions to keep contaminants out of San Francisco Bay and local creeks.

Kerrie Romanow, director of San José's Environmental Services Department, will accept the 2016 WuHoo Award for the City. "This prestigious award recognizes the strong partnerships that San José has developed to help keep our creeks and Bay clean; we'll continue to grow our efforts and keep up the momentum by looking for new ways to protect the environment and serve our community," Romanow said,

The Water Board presents the "WuHoo" Award annually in memory of former Water Board employee, Dr. Teng-chung Wu, an early advocate for pollution prevention. Dr. Wu believed the best way to keep Bay Area water clean was to keep pollutants from getting into wastewater in the first place, instead of constructing expensive treatment works to remove them.

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