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**STATE WATER BOARD RECOGNIZES FORMER EMPLOYEE**  
**FOR WINNING INTERNATIONAL WATER PRIZE**

**SACRAMENTO** – The State Water Resources Control Board will recognize at its June 6, 2001 workshop Professor Takashi Asano on receiving the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize for the year 2000. Professor Asano worked as a water reclamation specialist for the State Water Board from 1978 through 1992.

“He was a vital part of our agency’s efforts to promote wastewater reclamation and reuse in a state where many areas lack sufficient water resources,” said Richard Mills, a long-time friend and water resource control engineer with the State Water Board. “I’m very proud to have nominated him for this international award,” he added.

“We are indebted to his untiring efforts to advance the proper use of reclaimed water,” said Arthur G. Baggett, chairman of the State Water Board.

During the last 20 years, Professor Asano, currently an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California at Davis, has been the world's foremost expert on the safe and beneficial use of recycled water.

Water recycling means reusing treated wastewater -- instead of drinking-quality water -- for purposes such as agricultural and landscape irrigation, industrial processes, toilet flushing, environmental enhancement, and replenishing of depleted groundwater aquifers.

The State Water Board will formally recognize Professor Asano’s achievement by presenting him with a special resolution from the Board. Former board member John Brown, a long-time friend of Asano’s, is being made an honorary board member and will make the presentation.

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