

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (James Parrish)
MEETING DATE: September 14, 2016

ITEM: 3A

SUBJECT: 2016 Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award –
Presentation of Award to the City of San Jose for Leadership in Innovative
Pollution Prevention

CHRONOLOGY: See Appendix A

DISCUSSION: The item is the presentation of the 2016 Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution
Prevention Award to the City of San Jose in recognition of its innovative
pollution prevention efforts.

The City has actively forged partnerships to keep its pollution prevention
programs creative and effective. Among the City's innovative activities
include broadcasting pollution prevention messages with the San Jose
Earthquakes major league soccer team; launching a Fats, Oils, and Grease
Pilot Art Project with the San Jose Public Art Program; and expanding the
"Living Wetlands" education and outreach program with the U.S. Fish &
Wildlife Service's Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge Education
Center. The City has also partnered with the San Francisco Estuary Institute
and the California Department of Pesticides Regulation to participate in
groundbreaking wastewater studies and pilot programs to prioritize new
efforts to keep emerging contaminants out of the Bay.

The Board established the Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award
in 2007 to honor the legacy of Dr. Wu, who worked for many years at the
Board and was a pollution prevention advocate long before it became
popular. He believed the best way to keep the Bay clean was to keep
pollutants from getting into wastewater, instead of constructing expensive
treatment works to remove them. The annual award in his name,
affectionately called the "WuHoo Award," recognizes innovation,
effectiveness, and collaboration in pollution prevention.

**RECOMMEN-
DATION:** No action is necessary.

APPENDIX A: Past WuHoo Award Recipients

Appendix A

Year	Recipient	Achievement
2007	Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group	Mercury reduction education
	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Collaboration with local groups
2008	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	Fats, oils, and grease to fuel program
2009	Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group	“No Drugs Down the Drain” campaign
2010	Wastewater Treatment Agencies of Marin County	Collaborative public education program
2011	Millbrae Water Pollution Prevention Program	Outstanding public outreach
2012	Alameda County	Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance
	Thomas Barron	Lifetime achievement in pollution prevention
2013	City of Palo Alto	Research and outreach efforts on contaminants of emerging concern
2014	Phil Bobel	Lifetime achievement in pollution prevention
2015	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	Leading a campaign against flushing disposable wipes