

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Debbie Phan)
MEETING DATE: September 12, 2018

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: 2018 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award –
Presentation of Award to Ann Joseph for Leadership in Pollution Prevention

CHRONOLOGY: See Appendix A

DISCUSSION: This item is the presentation of the 2018 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award to Ann Joseph in recognition of her leadership in pollution prevention in the Bay Area.

For the past 15 years, Ann has enthusiastically worked with the Our Water, Our World (OWOW) program to promote less-toxic alternatives to conventional pesticides. OWOW was created in 1997 to raise awareness of the connection between pesticide use and water quality. OWOW's goal is to educate consumers on integrated pest management and provide less-toxic alternatives at the point-of-purchase. Ann brought 30 years of nursery industry experience to OWOW, where she applied her retail background to forge and strengthen relationships with retailers and distributors, convincing them of the benefits of participating in OWOW. Thanks to Ann's exceptional know-how and enthusiasm, OWOW has expanded from local nurseries to big box retailers throughout California, including Orchard Supply Hardware and Home Depot. Ann exemplifies how one can apply one's own specific abilities and experience to uniquely contribute to protecting water quality.

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 recognizes innovation, effectiveness, and collaboration in pollution prevention.

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

APPENDIX A: Past Pollution Prevention 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
2016	City of San Jose	Innovative outreach campaigns
2017	Melody LaBella and Karin North	Various projects to reduce wastewater pollution