

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Debbie Phan)
MEETING DATE: December 11, 2019

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: **2019 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award –**
Presentation of Award to Geoff Brosseau for Leadership in Pollution Prevention

CHRONOLOGY: See Appendix A

DISCUSSION: This item is the presentation of the 2019 Dr. Teng-Chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award to Geoff Brosseau in recognition of his leadership in pollution prevention in the Bay Area.

Geoff has spent his career championing pollution prevention, and developing partnerships with regulators, corporations, and scientists to address stormwater issues with multi-faceted approaches. He recognized early on that the most economical and effective stormwater management opportunities for water quality are based on “true source control,” which focuses on the original source of a pollutant rather than trying to remove it from runoff. Geoff was a major force in the effort to remove copper from brake pads, the source of more than 50 percent of copper in urban runoff. This work culminated in Senate Bill 346, a major environmental triumph that phased out copper in brake pad material. He has also been a long-term champion of urban pesticides pollution prevention and played a key role in the development and ongoing implementation of the Our Water, Our World, program which advises consumers on the least toxic pest controls at the point of sale. Today, he continues to lead efforts to foster collaboration and partnerships to improve water quality throughout the State as well as our Region. Geoff is the Executive Director of the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) and the Executive Director of the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA).

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

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Past Pollution Prevention Award Recipients

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	Numerous projects to reduce wastewater pollution
2018	Ann Joseph	Promoting integrated pest management in retail