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DISCUSSION

This item is the presentation of the 2024 Dr. Teng-chung Wu Pollution Prevention Award to NapaSan in recognition of its exemplary pollution prevention public outreach and education program. NapaSan's program includes an innovative and funny podcast called "Going with the Flow," an annual open house at its Soscolum Water Recycling Facility, and a multi-day citizens' academy, which educates adult community members about wastewater treatment and pollution prevention. In recent years, following the cancellation of in-person events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NapaSan has been proactive about bringing back a full schedule of in-person plant tours for school groups and the community. Pollution prevention messaging and education is a core component of NapaSan's tours and educational events. Stephanie Turnipseed, NapaSan's Public Information and Outreach Specialist and an active participant in the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group, leads this creative outreach strategy.

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 an early visionary in pollution prevention. He believed the best way to keep the Bay clean was to keep pollutants from entering wastewater, rather than constructing expensive treatment works to remove them. The spirit of Dr. Wu's belief remains critical today as we face incentives to reuse wastewater and biosolids, which is contingent on the pollutants that are in them. The annual award in his name recognizes innovation, effectiveness, and collaboration in pollution prevention.

APPENDIX

A. Past Pollution Prevention Award Recipients

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Year	Recipient	Achievement
2023	Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group Pesticides Subcommittee (Stephanie Hughes, Kelly Moran, and Tammy Qualls accepting on behalf of the committee)	Pesticide source control via advocacy and outreach
2022	San Francisco Department of the Environment	Polyfluoroalkyl and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) reduction efforts
2021	California Association of Sanitation Agencies	Advocacy of AB 818: "Do Not Flush" labeling on disposable wipes
2020	City of Berkeley	Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance
2019	Geoff Brosseau	Reducing stormwater pollution throughout California
2018	Ann Joseph	Promoting integrated pest management in retail
2017	Melody LaBella and Karin North	Numerous projects to reduce wastewater pollution
2016	City of San Jose	Innovative outreach campaigns
2015	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	Leading a campaign against flushing disposable wipes
2014	Phil Bobel	Lifetime achievement in pollution prevention
2013	City of Palo Alto	Research and outreach efforts on contaminants of emerging concern
2012	Alameda County	Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance
2012	Thomas Barron	Lifetime achievement in pollution prevention
2011	Millbrae Water Pollution Prevention Program	Outstanding public outreach
2010	Wastewater Treatment Agencies of Marin County	Collaborative public education program
2009	Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group	"No Drugs Down the Drain" campaign
2008	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	"Fats, Oils, and Grease to Fuel" program
2007	Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group	Mercury reduction education
2007	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Collaboration with local groups