

- OCSD was awarded a **Communicator Silver Award** in the month of May for the **2014-2015 Annual Report**. The Communicator Award is the leading international awards program recognizing big ideas in marketing and communications. Way to go!

- OCSD's **annual report won the Graphic Design USA 2016 American In-house Design Award**- competing with nearly 6,000 entries from all over the country! Only 15 percent of the entries are recognized with a Design of Excellence Award.

- Newport Beach Construction Project wins Golden Hub Award

OCSD was one of the recipients who received the **Golden Hub Award** for the "Newport Beach Outreach Program," from the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC). This initiative garnered community support for the ongoing project to rehabilitate the sewer system in the city of Newport Beach. Congratulations to all who were involved with this project!

- OCSD was awarded three **American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists Honor Awards** for exemplifying today's best practices in using appropriate technologies, and designing, planning and implementing solutions that meet both project and societal needs.

- **Orange County Groundwater Replenishment System Initial Expansion. Presented to Black & Veatch, OCSD and OCWD in the design category.**

- **Critical Assessment of Process Odorants. Presented to OCSD in the research category.**

- **OCSD Central Generation Emissions Control J-111. Presented to OCSD in the environmental sustainability category.**

-OCSD was recognized on June 23 by the **American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)** as being **Client of the Year**. Nominations were made for those clients who have made a commitment to public-private partnerships, consideration of the qualifications of consulting engineers and land surveyors in their selection and having contributed significantly to our engineering and surveying community. Over 30 longstanding clients of ACEC California Orange County member firms were considered.

-OCSD Wins **Gold Peak Performance Award** for Plant No. 1 and Plant No. 2. The **National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Awards** recognizes NACWA member agencies for excellence in permit compliance. OCSD was awarded the Gold Peak Performance Award which was presented to facilities with no ocean discharge permit violations for the entire calendar year. This is the fourth consecutive year that OCSD has won this award. One more year and we go Platinum.

-OCSD was honored as a **Utility of the Future Today** by several national water sector organizations through the **Utility of the Future Recognition Program**. This program highlights the progress and exceptional performance of wastewater utilities. The recognition program is a collaborative effort that includes the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation, the WaterReuse Association with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Sixty-one public and private utilities from across the U.S., Canada, and Europe were selected for recognition based upon the adoption of water reuse, watershed stewardship, beneficial biosolids reuse,

community partnering & engagement, energy efficiency, energy generation and recovery, and nutrient and materials recovery as the “Organizational Culture of the Future”.

-OCSD received the **Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2016**. The **National Procurement Institute** recognizes organizational excellence in procurement by measuring innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. We are one of only 49 agencies to receive this award and one of only 28 special districts in the United States and Canada to receive the award. We’ve received this award for 15 consecutive years now.

-OCSD was presented the **Excellence Award from the Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC)**. MISAC presents this award to recognize outstanding practices in Information Technology that have met or surpassed local government standards in the areas of: Strategic Planning and Budget, Purchasing, Operations, Customer Satisfaction, Internet, Project Management, Training, Disaster Preparation and Recovery, Policies and Procedures and Geographic Information Systems. MISAC members represent 232 cities, 58 special districts and water agencies, and 22 fire, police and transportation organizations. In 2016, only 17 of these agencies obtained the Excellence in IT Practices Award.

-During OCSD’s recent debt issuance, **Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor’s reaffirmed OCSD’s ‘AAA’ credit rating**. This is the highest rating given to a company and demonstrates their confidence that OCSD will maintain its exceptional degree of creditworthiness and ability to meet its financial commitments. In addition to strong financial management, they noted our well-run operations and capital planning. OCSD’s ‘AAA’ rating allows it to secure very attractive financing for infrastructure improvements, reducing our costs and allowing us to continue our low fees.

-Congratulations to Christopher Stacklin, Resource Protection, who was presented with two leadership awards at the Water Environment Federation TEC 2016 Conference last month. The two awards were the: Water Reuse Roadmap, the second commitment of the 2016 White House Water Summit; and Wastewater Worker Safety for High Consequence Pathogens, a White House priority to explore innovative strategies for preventing healthcare-associated transmission of Ebola and/or infectious pathogens. Stacklin has been a member of Water Environment Federation (WEF) for 14 years and has served on numerous committees.

-Congratulations to George Rivera for receiving a certificate from **The California Emergency Services Association- Southern Chapter** for his outstanding service in the Emergency Management field.