2015 SECTION AND ASSOCIATION AWARDS

SERVICE AWARDS

GEORGE WARREN FULLER AWARD
Given annually for distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership that characterized the life of George Warren Fuller. (AWWA award given on behalf of Section)

Joe Cowan

LYLE D. HERMAN AWARD
Given in recognition of contributions of time and talent to RMSAWWA

Bud Spillman

WALT A. WEERS JOINT SERVICE AWARD (RMSAWWA/RMWA)
Presented to individuals who have demonstrated continued, long-term dedication and service to the members of RMSAWWA and RMWEA

Greg Woodward

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD
Presented to a young professional for efforts in promoting the water/wastewater industry, advocating the transfer of knowledge from more experienced professionals to young professional, and supporting the mission of RMSAWWA/RMWEA

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OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR AWARD
Presented to recognize an outstanding committee chair for their efforts on behalf of the Section

Eddie Hernandez & Dave Hoagland, Action Now

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

RALPH M. LEIDHOLDT PLANT OPERATOR
Given in recognition of an outstanding water treatment plant operator for exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork.

Jerry Nicholson, City of Boulder

OUTSTANDING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR
Given to recognize an outstanding water distribution system operator for exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork.

Jesus Gonzalez, CH2M Eldorado

OUTSTANDING WATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE
Given in recognition of an outstanding water treatment plant maintenance professional for exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork.

Mark Steele, Aurora Water

ALICE DARILEK WATER CONSERVATION
Given to recognize an outstanding performance and commitment to water conservation. Named in honor of Alic Darilek, whose dedicated work in New Mexico helped water conservation efforts throughout the region.

Ruth Quade, City of Greeley

OUTSTANDING WATER TREATMENT PLANT
Given to an outstanding water treatment plant in recognition of exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork.

McCullough/Pine Valley Complex, Colorado Springs Utilities
### OUTSTANDING WATER LABORATORY
Give to recognize an outstanding water laboratory staff for exceptional performance, dedication, and teamwork.

CH2M Farmington Environmental Laboratory

### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**DANA KEPNER AWARD**
Given to the RMSAWWA member that recruited the most new AWWA members. Prior to 1977, this award was called the Snoopy Award

- **Richard Kuchenrither**

**MEMBERSHIP AWARD**
A traveling trophy given annually to the state with the greatest percentage increase in membership

- **New Mexico**

### AWWA AWARDS

**2015 AWWA Water Taste Test**
Albuquerque Benalillo County Water Authority, 3rd Place

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Colorado Springs Utilities

**SERVICE TO THE WATER INDUSTRY – 50-YEAR AWARD**
St. Charles Mesa Water District

**PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE WATER**
Fort Collins WTP – 15-Year Director’s Award Treatment Program
Fort Collins Utilities – Director’s Award Distribution Program

### SILVER WATER DROP AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP
The Silver Water Drop is presented to individuals who have been members for 30 years or more. Life Membership is presented to individuals who have been members for 30 years or more and are 65 years or older.

- **Bill Bellamy**
- **Tom Platzer**
- **Robert Scarpa**
- **Jack Bryck**
- **Kerwin Rakness**
- **David Stone**
- **C.W. Corssmit**
- **Tom Ries**
- **Joseph Vumbac**
- **Ashok Khera**
- **Douglas Sayre**
- **Ronald Weisshaar**
- **Mark Klee**

### GOLD WATER DROP
The Gold Water Drop is presented to individuals who have been members for 50 years or more.

- **Ron McLaughlin**
- **Edward Bailey**

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**JAMES B. WARNER**
Given to encourage young professionals to seek higher education in a water-related field in honor of James B. Warner. Give to students who are at least a junior in college pursuing a water related field.

- **Johanna Philips, University of New Mexico**

**SMALL SYSTEM MANAGEMENT**
Given to an outstanding operator for a small system to provide opportunity to attend a management development course

- **Jacob Lenihan, Clifton Water District**