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Leucadia Wastewater District Wins Statewide Public Outreach Award

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies, the major statewide organization of sanitation organizations, has honored Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) with its Public Outreach/Educational Award.



EL Camino Creek Elementary School developed a garden with a drip irrigation system.

The award, presented at the association's Annual Conference in San Diego on August 13th, was created to recognize the achievements of publicly-owned wastewater treatment agencies.

LWD was recognized for its innovative Teacher Grant Program. According to Program Coordinator Trisha Hill, "This award winning program assists teachers that work at schools located in the District to help to educate students on sustainable practices associated with wastewater, water recycling, or water management."

"We are proud of this award because the program has reached out to over 5,700 students in our services area during the three years the program has been running," said Hill. In the last several years, school districts have been operating under very lean budgets, leaving teachers with fewer resources. In particular, funding for science and environmental projects is minimal. LWD's Teacher Grant Program is a cost-effective public outreach program that provides welcomed financial assistance while encouraging

education efforts that support the District's goal of protecting the environment. If you want more information about LWD's Teacher Grant Program, please contact the District at (760) 753-0155.

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Background: Leucadia Wastewater District was formed in 1959 to collect, transport, treat, and dispose of wastewater. The District provides service to about 60,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area that includes La Costa, Leucadia, and the Village Park area of Encinitas. The District disposes of about 4 million gallons of treated wastewater daily.

The District's operations feature the use of advanced technology. Pipelines are regularly video-inspected to assure that they are secure and leak free. Computer mapping systems and mathematical modeling are used to design and maintain facilities so that they work under all conditions, at all times.

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