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AR-6.7 Innovation Award

6.7.1 Description

The Association's Excellence in Innovation Award honors innovative public water agency programs, projects, technologies and practices. The award focuses on "innovation" as any unique, outstanding and best-in-class practice by member agencies. A variety of innovative practices are eligible, including short- and long-term projects, collaborations and partnerships, technologies and more.

6.7.2 Criteria

- Open to public water agency members of the Association;
- Submissions that include multiple agencies or entities must include at least one ACWA member agency in the lead role;
- Projects are not eligible if they have been completed for more than two years;
- Multi-year, multi-phase projects do not have to be completed but must have quantifiable results to be considered;
- An agency may submit no more than one entry for this award per year and a winning submission is not eligible to win multiple ACWA awards; and
- A member agency that wins the award is not eligible to submit again for three years.

6.7.3 Selection/Presentation

The Innovation Award Selection Committee includes at least two ACWA Committee Chairs (or their designee) and at least two Region Board Chairs (or their designee) with a minimum of five judges. If a judge is affiliated with a member agency that applied for the award, they will be recused, and an alternate will be chosen. The award will be presented at an ACWA Conference & Expo.

References:

N/A

See Administrative Procedure: *To be determined.*

Revision History:

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