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CASQA Recognizes Boeing Company for its Santa Susana Biofilter

Awards ceremony to acknowledge excellence in Stormwater Quality Management

LAKE TAHOE, Calif. – September 09, 2013 — The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) will present an award to Boeing for its Santa Susana biofilter at the ninth annual CASQA Stormwater Conference awards luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe.

Boeing will receive the Outstanding Stormwater BMP Implementation Award for its Santa Susana biofilter, which is designed to harness natural processes to treat stormwater runoff while promoting habitats that encourage pollination. The system uses plants, soils and filter media to capture sediment and pollutants before releasing cleaner water back into the watershed. The biofilter also serves as an educational tool for students and the community, as its surrounding ADA-compliant walking paths are lined with educational signage and benches where visitors can observe its top layer of native vegetation.

“The Santa Susana biofilter is a reflection of the project team’s expertise, valuable public input and strong regulatory oversight by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Working with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Pollinator Partnership and the Wildlife Habitat Council provided the spark to design the biofilter as an educational tool for students and the community,” said Paul Costa, Boeing’s Environmental Operations and Compliance Manager at Santa Susana. “This award validates the hard work of a dynamic team, who — under the leadership of a panel of stormwater experts — developed an innovative natural stormwater solution that is effective, educational, beautiful and replicable. The Santa Susana biofilter represents Boeing’s commitment to responsible environmental leadership in Ventura County and beyond.”

“The CASQA Awards Committee evaluated the creativity and innovation of organizations as they addressed stormwater and environmental challenges in their communities,” said Gerhardt Hubner, Awards Committee Chair. “Boeing’s biofilter is an exceptional, multi-use stormwater project in a number of important ways. The company merits recognition for its groundbreaking research and the biofilter’s effectiveness in reducing the amount of polluted runoff that enters storm drains, streams and the ocean. CASQA values Boeing and the project team’s success, innovation and dedication to the improvement of stormwater quality in California.”

Three other CASQA stormwater management awards will be given this year:

- The Outstanding Sustainable Stormwater Project award, presented to Placer County for its Low Impact Development (LID) Guidebook
- Outstanding Stormwater News, Information, Outreach and Media Award, presented to the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Water Agency’s Creek Stewardship Program
- The Leadership Award, presented to Scott Taylor, PE, D.WRE for outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the stormwater quality management profession throughout the State of California



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About CASQA

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Excellence in Water Management Applauded at Annual Stormwater Conference
CASQA Recognizes Excellence in Stormwater Quality Management

San Diego, Calif. – September XX, 2013 — The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) will present four awards at its ninth annual CASQA Stormwater Conference awards luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe. CASQA’s annual conference is held each year for experts in the stormwater field and includes an awards program recognizing creative approaches, outstanding projects, best practices and exemplary accomplishments in the field of stormwater quality management.

“The CASQA Awards Committee evaluated the creativity and innovation of organizations as they addressed stormwater and environmental challenges in their communities,” said Gerhardt Hubner, Awards Committee chair. “These award recipients embody creativity and sustainability in stormwater management. CASQA wishes to recognize their success, innovation and dedication to the improvement of stormwater quality in California.”

This year’s award recipients will receive recognition for excellence in the following categories:

- **Outstanding Stormwater BMP Implementation Award – Boeing Company- *Santa Susana Biofilter***
The Santa Susana biofilter is designed to harness natural processes to treat stormwater runoff while promoting pollinator habitats. The system uses plants, soils and filter media to capture sediment and pollutants before releasing cleaner water back into the watershed. The biofilter also serves as an educational tool for students and the community, as its surrounding ADA-compliant walking paths are lined with educational signage and benches where visitors can observe its top layer of native vegetation.
- **Outstanding Sustainable Stormwater Project Award–Placer County – *Placer County Low Impact Development (LID) Guidebook***
The Placer County Low Impact Development Guidebook was developed to provide much-needed tools and guidance on the use and implementation of LID techniques to protect and enhance the water quality of Placer County in the Yuba, Truckee and American River watersheds through the promotion of sustainable, innovative and cost effective stormwater management techniques in the higher elevations. The guidebook’s thorough fact sheets and other tools are also valuable to many other stormwater practitioners throughout California, as the resource was produced with the intention to also benefit those of varying geographic and topographic locations.

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- **Outstanding Stormwater News, Information, Outreach and Media Award – City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Water Agency – Creek Stewardship Program**
The City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Water Agency designed the Creek Stewardship Program to empower citizens to help improve the water quality within their local creeks, with strong support from the City and Water Agency’s stormwater management programs. The City and the Water Agency accomplished their three goals for the program: to educate the community about the importance of the creek through distributing materials and outreach events; to give people the opportunity to directly help the creek by becoming Creek Stewards; and to respond thoroughly and efficiently to citizen concerns through interagency operations. These outreach efforts, in conjunction with the City and the Water Agency’s renewed commitment to be stewards of the public infrastructure and environment for the benefit of their citizens, have steadily improved the water quality in Santa Rosa’s urban creeks.
- **CASQA Leadership Award – Scott Taylor, PE, D.WRE**
This year's recipient, Scott Taylor, PE, D.WRE has more than 28 years of extensive, specialized expertise in stormwater quality, flood control and stormwater management. Taylor is an active member of CASQA and has previously served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. In those capacities, Taylor led CASQA in various statewide efforts to develop pragmatic and sustainable policies and stormwater management programs. Taylor has also represented CASQA at the federal, state, and local levels.

CASQA’s ninth annual Stormwater Conference will be held Sept. 9-11 at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe. This year’s conference, Taking Stormwater Management to New Heights, will offer training workshops, presentations, and exhibits designed to benefit those working with municipal, industrial and construction NPDES stormwater permits. In addition, this year will also include a special track on the Clean Water Act to help commemorate its 40th anniversary.

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CASQA Recognizes Placer County for its Low Impact Development Guidebook
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Placer County will receive the Outstanding Sustainable Stormwater Project Award for its Low Impact Development (LID) Guidebook. The guidebook was developed to provide much-needed tools and guidance on the use and implementation of LID techniques to protect and enhance the water quality of Placer County in the Yuba, Truckee and American River watersheds through the promotion of sustainable, innovative and cost effective stormwater management techniques in the higher elevations. The guidebook's thorough fact sheets and other tools are also valuable to many other stormwater practitioners throughout California, as the resource was produced with the intention to also benefit those of varying geographic and topographic locations.

“It’s a great honor,” said Edmund Sullivan, project owner and Senior Planner for the Placer County Planning Department. “The guidebook was a labor of love for all involved. From the beginning, it was a collaborative effort driven by the desire to have a document that serves the needs of a broadly defined user group. The team had a vision of what kind of guidebook we all wanted to produce. One that focused on snow country, was user friendly, had case studies, told a story and had great graphics. The dedication of both the stakeholder Technical Advisory Committee and the consultant team to produce an outstanding document on a tight budget was second to none.”

“The CASQA Awards Committee evaluated the creativity and innovation of projects as they addressed stormwater and environmental challenges in their communities,” said Gerhardt Hubner, CASQA Awards Committee chair. “The Placer Low Impact Development Guidebook is a terrific resource for protecting and enhancing water quality not just in Placer County but everywhere, by designing and retrofitting landscapes using low-impact development features and eco-friendly landscaping, especially in high elevation environments. CASQA acknowledges Placer County and the project team's success, innovation and dedication to the improvement of stormwater quality in California.”

Three other CASQA stormwater management awards will be given this year:

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The City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Water Agency will receive the Outstanding Stormwater News, Information, Outreach and Media Award for their Creek Stewardship Program. The program was designed to empower citizens to help improve the water quality within their local creeks with strong support from the city and water agency's stormwater management programs. The city accomplished its three goals for the program: to educate the community about the importance of the creek through distributing materials and outreach events; to give people the opportunity to directly help the creek by becoming Creek Stewards; and to respond thoroughly and efficiently to citizen concerns through interagency operations. These outreach efforts, in conjunction with the city's renewed commitment to be a steward of the public infrastructure and environment for the benefit of its citizens, have steadily improved the water quality in Santa Rosa's urban creeks.

“The Creek Stewardship Program is designed to empower citizens to help improve the water quality within their local creeks in conjunction with strong support from the City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Water Agency's stormwater management programs,” said Sean McNeil, Environmental Specialist for the City of Santa Rosa's Utilities Department. “The Creek Stewardship Program is honored to be recognized as the recipient of CASQA's Outstanding Stormwater News, Information, Outreach and Media Award. So often our attention is focused on the negative impacts, but the creek stewardship program tries to accentuate the positive impacts that we can have on our creeks.”

“The CASQA Awards Committee evaluated the creativity and innovation of organizations as they addressed stormwater and environmental challenges in their communities,” said Gerhardt Hubner, Awards Committee chair. “The City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Water Agency do a tremendous job in educating their citizens about their neighborhood creeks and encouraging them to take an active role in improving their creeks' water quality. CASQA values the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Water Agency's success, innovation and dedication to the improvement of stormwater quality in California.”

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CASQA Recognizes Scott Taylor with Top Award at Ninth Annual Stormwater Conference Awards Ceremony

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San Diego, Calif. – September XX, 2013 — The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) will present its Leadership Award to Scott Taylor, PE, D.WRE at the ninth annual CASQA Stormwater Conference awards luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe.

The Leadership Award is the top honor given to an individual CASQA member who has shown outstanding leadership and has made exceptional contributions to the stormwater quality management profession throughout the State of California over a significant period of time. Taylor has more than 28 years of extensive, specialized expertise in stormwater quality, flood control and stormwater management, and is an active member of CASQA, previously serving as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. In those capacities, Taylor led CASQA in various statewide efforts to develop pragmatic and sustainable policies and stormwater management programs. Taylor has also represented CASQA at the federal, state and local levels.

"Receiving this award is extremely gratifying for me," said Taylor. "To be recognized by your peers as providing a contribution to the profession is very rewarding and I sincerely appreciate the recognition by CASQA. It also makes me realize that I have had the privilege to work with exceptional people. Becoming the Chair of CASQA was a highlight. CASQA is a unique organization, fueled by volunteers, a very flat organization, but it accomplishes great things and adds great value. It was an honor to be part of the leadership of the organization and help stormwater programs evolve."

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