



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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### CRWD Watershed Steward Awards Program Guidelines

The Watershed Steward Awards Program honors individuals and organizations that exemplify watershed stewardship through activities or projects that demonstrate a commitment to CRWD's mission to "protect, manage and improve water resources of Capitol Region Watershed District."

The awards are given annually through an open nomination process each fall. Nominees may be anyone who lives or works within CRWD's boundaries. Award recipients are selected by a committee comprised of CRWD Board Managers, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members, and staff. Final recommendations are approved by the CAC and shared with the Board in December. The Awards Ceremony is held in January or February each year.

Award categories include:

- **Watershed Community Member Award:** Given to an individual who has demonstrated a personal commitment to engagement, project initiation or exceptional leadership that supports CRWD's mission.
- **Watershed Partner Award:** Given to an organization that has demonstrated through its policies, practices or projects a commitment to CRWD's mission by consistently implementing innovative stormwater management solutions.
- **Watershed Outreach Program Award:** Given to an organization that has demonstrated through its policies, practices or projects a commitment to CRWD's mission by connecting residents to clean water practices through education, art and other means.
- **Young Watershed Steward Award:** Given to a young person or group of young people who have undertaken projects that exemplify a commitment to CRWD's mission.
- **Watershed Project Award:** Given to an organization, group or individual for a project that demonstrates an innovative and effective solution for protecting, managing and improving water resources of CRWD.
- **Environmental Leadership in Construction Award:** Given to an individual or organization who has demonstrated excellence and a commitment to CRWD's mission by implementing exemplary stormwater protection measures throughout the duration of a project.
- **Lifetime Stewardship Award:** Given to an individual who has, during their lifetime, played a significant leadership role in the stewardship of CRWD's water resources.

The following guidelines apply:

1. Generally, no more than one award will be given annually in each category.
2. Generally, no more than one award will be given to an organization each year.
3. Awards will only be granted when eligible nominations are received.
4. Awards will not be given to nominees that are simply complying with CRWD requirements, unless an innovative technology or practice is demonstrated.
5. Current members of the CAC, Board or staff are not eligible to receive awards.
6. Award winners will receive an award that includes their name, CRWD's logo and the award category.

The Award's Committee will consider the following criteria when reviewing nominations. These criteria may not be applicable in every award category.

- Reaches new or underserved audiences
- Reaches unusually large groups
- Represents a new kind of business or organization
- Connects residents with CRWD in new and creative ways
- Develops or expands relationships with partners and the public
- Treats a large amount of stormwater runoff
- Leverages resources
- Uses resources and the budget efficiently
- Proactively partners with CRWD
- Demonstrates innovative practices or technologies
- Furthers the mission of CRWD in new or innovative ways