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COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT WINS STATE AWARD FOR BEST WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

(Costa Mesa, CA) – On Friday, April 19, 2013, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) was named recipient of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) 2012 Collection System of the Year award. Collection System of the Year is one of the highest honors bestowed by CWEA, a not-for-profit association of over 9,000 professionals in the wastewater industry that recognizes an agency's significant accomplishments, effective maintenance program, and proven safety culture, along with a comprehensive training program.

In 2012, CMSD lead the way for its use of innovative trenchless technologies for sewer pipe replacements such as pipe bursting, HDPE slip lining, cured-in-place pipe, top hats, and fold and form pipe liner, which saved the District nearly \$2 million in construction costs. CMSD was also the first wastewater agency in California to use a unique patented technology to detect cracks, leaks, and pipe thinning to prevent what may have resulted in pipe failure and sanitary sewer overflows. The technology uses electromagnetic sensors that do not require the sensors to be in contact with the pipe wall inside the pipe. This technology led to the immediate rehabilitation of 1,500 feet of sewer force mains at a cost of \$753,391.

CMSD has had zero work related injuries in the last five years and demonstrated to CWEA that written standard operating procedures are in place for responding to sanitary sewer overflows. Earlier this year, CMSD won the same award from the Santa Ana River Basin Section (SARBS), which is one of seventeen geographical local sections of CWEA. Before being considered Collection System of the Year by CWEA, CMSD had to win at the local regional sections before moving on to the state level. CMSD's proactive approach and use of innovative technologies continues to exemplify its mission of protecting the community's health and the environment by providing solid waste and sewer collection services.

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