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NSD President Receives Environmental Stewardship Award For Work on Open Space, Trails and Wastewater Recycling

Novato Sanitary District (NSD) Board President Bill Long has been selected by the North Bay Leadership Council for their Environmental Stewardship Award in recognition of his work for the Bay Area Ridge and Bay Trails, Open Space and Recycled Water. The annual award recognizes, "Leaders of the North Bay", several individuals and organizations from the region that have been a positive catalyst for change.

Bill Long, a Novato resident and retired engineering executive, is a dedicated leader in environmental stewardship. Long has twice served on the Board of Novato Sanitary District and chairs the North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA), a Program aimed to put recycled water to its broadest most beneficial use, as well as habitat enhancement. Novato Sanitary District is a Member Agency of NBWRA.

"Bill Long is dedicated and hands-on when it comes to his work reducing the amount of solid waste that goes to landfills, improving water quality, and water reuse", said District Manager Beverly James. "Among his many achievements, Bill was a leader in the planning and construction of the new wastewater treatment facility. His leadership and vision were instrumental in accomplishing a \$100 million project on time and budget. The new plant is more than meeting water quality requirements and is a facility that will benefit the Novato community and the bay environment for decades. We are extremely grateful."

Bill is also involved with the District improving solid waste handling and led the effort to obtain the first Solid Waste Franchise Agreement in Marin County that sets Zero Waste goals with incentives for diversion of waste from the landfill, all at no additional cost to the customers. In the 1980s, as a Novato Sanitary Director, Bill successfully helped develop the first curbside recycling program in Marin County.

"Bill's leadership on water recycling will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come" stated NBWRA Program Manager Chuck Weir.

Mr. Long also serves on: Chair, Marin Open Space Trust; Commissioner, Marin County Parks & Open Space Commission; Chair, Bay Area Ridge Trail Board of Directors; and Director, San Francisco Bay Trail.

There are four other honorees for the Leaders of the North Bay awards. Bill Long and the other recipients will be honored at an October 28 luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park. Go to www.northbaycouncil.org for more information.

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