

| WWTP Award  | Categories & Criteria  | Issuing Agency Type | Award Level |
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| <p><b>California Water Environment Association (CWEA)</b></p> <p><b>Plant of the Year</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one CWEA member at agency</li> <li>• Scoring based on 5 categories with subsections               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Application and Questionnaire                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General info</li> <li>• CWEA Participation</li> <li>• Certification</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Summary Award Justification                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility Accomplishments</li> </ul> </li> <li>III. Operations and Facility Description                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit Compliance</li> <li>• Benchmarking</li> <li>• Process Control</li> <li>• Pretreatment Strategy</li> <li>• Biosolids Processes</li> <li>• Financial Condition</li> <li>• Training and Safety</li> <li>• Public Relations</li> </ul> </li> <li>IV. Operation and Maintenance                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Conservation</li> <li>• Inventory Control</li> <li>• Innovations and Control</li> <li>• Maintenance Strategy</li> <li>• Maintenance Efficiency</li> <li>• Trades</li> </ul> </li> <li>V. Other                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required Documents: Schematics, Photographs, Brochures, Organization Chart, Current monitoring report</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Score totals for each Category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I-14</li> <li>• II-12</li> <li>• III-44</li> <li>• IV-24</li> <li>• V-6</li> <li>• Category Totals-100</li> </ul> | Professional        | State       |

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| <p><i>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</i></p> <p><b>National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under redesign in 2009</li> <li>Past Criteria<br/>5 Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations and maintenance</li> <li>• Biosolids Management</li> <li>• Pretreatment</li> <li>• Stormwater Management</li> <li>• Combined Sewer Overflow</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total compliance with water quality requirements under the Clean Water Act</li> <li>• Nominated to award by EPA regions or by the State</li> <li>• Written documentation of projects that have been shown to provide environmental benefits, cost savings, public acceptance</li> </ul> | Government          | National         |
| <p><i>National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)</i></p> <p><b>Peak Performance Awards</b></p>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peak Performance Awards</li> <li>• Platinum Awards<br/>100% compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit over 5 consecutive years</li> <li>• Gold Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% compliance with NPDES permits over 1 year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Professional        | Individual plant |

Source: CEWA, NACWA, EPA, 2009

**Table 2.7. Wastewater treatment plant awards with high participation levels in California.**