

2006 CSRMA Loss Control Program of the Year Award Winners!

The CSRMA Executive Board is proud to announce the results of the 2006 CSRMA Loss Control Program of the Year Award! All applications submitted detailed workers' compensation and general liability loss control efforts that were both innovative and aggressive.

After judging the applicants, it was apparent to the Executive Board that the top two applicants had loss control programs that deserved the special recognition of being dubbed, "2006 CSRMA Loss Control Program of the Year". Each winning agency will receive an engraved plaque and lobby banner proudly proclaiming their Agency to have a CSRMA Loss Control Program of the Year and each Agency employee will receive a jacket embroidered with the CSRMA logo and words "2006 CSRMA Loss Control Program of the Year"

The Winners this Year Include:

Agency Name: **Dublin-San Ramon Services District (DSRSD)**

Operations Performed: Wastewater collection, treatment and disposal Number of Employees: 104

General Manager: Bert Michalczyk

Safety Officer: Curt Strommen

CSRMA Risk Control Observations: DSRSD's risk control program has undergone a complete overhaul in the past few years – *no easy task!* In addition to updating and improving their existing core programs, DSRSD has looked well beyond compliance and has taken a comprehensive approach to loss control. Program elements that deserve special recognition include:

- In anticipation of a potential pandemic, DSRSD has taken proactive steps to ensure the continued reliable operation of the District by developing a Pandemic Business Continuity Plan.
- Recognizing staff are the District's most valuable asset and are vital to the District's mission, DSRSD provided Personal Disaster Preparedness training for all staff to make certain they and their families are prepared during times of emergency.
- To help better protect staff and District property, DSRSD has designed and are deploying a comprehensive security system for staffed and un-staffed facilities.
- The risks surrounding the use of outside contractors have increased to levels never seen before in California. To help ensure the District is doing all they can to manage these new risks, DSRSD has adopted many of the CSRMA-recommended Contractor Risk Management Practices.

Agency Name: **Central Marin Sanitation Agency**

Operations Performed: Wastewater treatment and disposal

Number of Employees: 35

General Manager: Jason Dow

Safety Officer: Ed Vittorio/ Elayne Haller

CSRMA Risk Control Observations: The culture at CMSA has always been one of safety. CMSA has been awarded the CSRMA Workers' Compensation Award numerous times over the years for its record of few or no claims. Special highlights of their loss control program include:

- CMSA participates with four other Marin County wastewater districts to share a full-time safety manager. This has resulted in an efficient and standardized safety program amongst agencies that often must work together.
- CMSA was a leader in helping craft the original CSRMA Contractor Safety Manual. Their leadership in the area of managing contractor safety has served as an example to many other CSRMA members who adopted CMSA's contractor safety practices.
- CMSA's safety incentive program rewards all employees with 8 hours off for every six months the Agency experiences no lost time accidents.
- CMSA has been eager over the years to participate in the development of programs and training material for the CSRMA membership. From participating and starring in the CSRMA Wastewater Ergonomics training video to sponsoring the atmospheric testing of typical respiratory hazards in a wastewater treatment plant for the CSRMA Model Respiratory Protection Program, CSRMA knows it can count on CMSA to lend a helping hand!

HONORABLE MENTION TO ALL APPLICANTS:

Agency Name: Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District

Operations Performed: Wastewater treatment and disposal
General Manager: Kathy Hopkins/Rich Luthy

Number of Employees: 23
Safety Officer: Rich Sponholtz

CSRMA Risk Control Observations: Responsible for overseeing a contract plant operator and running a District, FSSD faces many unique risks and challenges. Over the past few years, FSSD has aggressively worked with their contract operator to pursue innovative approaches to managing these risks in a practical and effective manner. CSRMA looks forward to learning and benefiting from the state-of-the-art loss control programs currently in development in FSSD.

Agency Name: Leucadia Wastewater District

Operations Performed: Wastewater collection
General Manager: Paul Bushee

Number of Employees: 18
Safety Officer: Leo Schempp

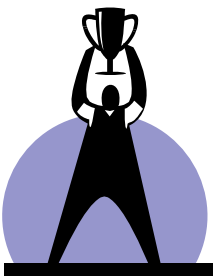
CSRMA Risk Control Observations: Despite being a small agency with fewer resources than larger organizations, LCW has been a leader in adopting and customizing programs and practices CSRMA has developed to help control risk. The result is a loss control program more comprehensive and sophisticated than those of organizations many times their size.

Agency Name: Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside

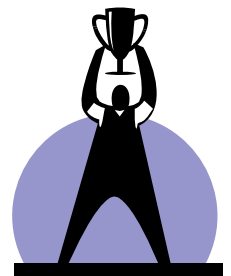
Operations Performed: Wastewater treatment, collections and disposal
General Manager: Jack Foley

Number of Employees: 11
Safety Officer: Tony Pullin

CSRMA Risk Control Observations: One fact alone sums up SAMC's commitment to worker safety –*they have not had a workers' compensation claim in 8 years!*



**On Behalf of the CSRMA Executive Board,
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



Look for the 2007 CSRMA Loss Control Program of the Year Application Announcement This Summer!

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