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## **ETWD Supervisor Honored by the California Water Environment Association**

### **Ralph Palomares Receives the Richard D. Pomeroy Collection System Award**

**Lake Forest, CA** – After working in the wastewater collection industry for 30 years, Ralph Palomares' resume includes an extensive list of achievements, accomplishments and involvement in professional associations and conferences. That impressive list of credentials is one of the reasons that Palomares was recently selected by the California Water Environment Association as the recipient of the Richard D. Pomeroy Collection System Award.

The Richard D. Pomeroy Collection System Award is presented for long standing contributions which expands the knowledge, improves methods and stipulates new techniques enhancing the professional development of wastewater collection systems personnel.

Palomares has shared his industry knowledge and commitment to excellence with the El Toro Water District Board of Directors, staff and customers since 1980. Today Palomares serves as the Sewer Collections Supervisor and Industrial Waste Inspector for the District's 142 mile collection system that spans across five communities.

"Ralph is a wonderful employee and a valuable asset to El Toro Water District," shares Bob Hill, General Manager of El Toro Water District. "I am very pleased that Ralph has been recognized for his achievements and dedication to the industry. This honor is well deserved."

The award is presented by the California Water Environment Association (CWEA), a not-for-profit association of more than 9,000 wastewater industry professionals committed to keeping California's water clean. CWEA trains and certifies wastewater professionals, disseminates technical information, and promotes sound policies to benefit society through protection and enhancement of our water environment.

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