

Outstanding Achievement Award Winners



HIGHLANDS RANCH
Metro District



From left to right: General Manager Terry Nolan and Dirk Ambrose. Dirk had a stellar year in leading the parks section. His many leadership accomplishments included: providing assistance to other sections in the remediation of very significant winter-kill turf areas; directing the snow removal program; handling resident calls and reporting results; directing the remarkable mow crew that provides great service with only two full-time employees and excellent temporary employees; outstanding maintenance of Civic Green Park and the Mansion grounds; and as one of the project leaders, providing excellent landscaping for the Paul's Pond Memorial project.



From left to right: General Manager Terry Nolan, Rich Cuellar, Will Dykstra and Scott Nelson. The open space teammates had a banner year maintaining their high quality services throughout 2,300 acres of open space and completing several significant projects including improvements to four dog parks, adding shade structures, water stations, trees and more; creation of recreational opportunities at Spring Gulch Pond by adding parking, trails, shade structure, accessible floating docks, fish habitat, benches and more; and expansion of the Foothills Park Community Garden. Their efforts saved the Metro District thousands of dollars.



CENTENNIAL
WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT



From left to right: Debbie McWilliams, Greg Canada, Pat Esparza, Bert Perry and General Manager John Hendrick. Not pictured: Troy Bauman, Manual Freyre, Brandon Tracy and Greg Ego. The Centennial wastewater plant operator team deserves special recognition for meeting extra challenges over the past year. They ran the plant successfully and met all permit requirements during a time of change in leadership and processes in addition to handling several complicated operational changes, water plant solids, digester performance, and evaluations of prospective plant modifications.

Also not pictured: Curtis Richards

Improvements at the Zone 5 pump station included thorough planning, purchasing and installing the new 150 horsepower pump, the pipe stand, control valve and custom component connections. This work created a gain of 2.7 million gallons per day of capacity, eliminated the need to operate a diesel pump, and also saved the cost of hiring an independent contractor.