

CWEA Membership

What's in it for your employer?



Better compliance

Ok, no guarantees, but employers will have an edge with the SSO WDR training we offer through a Memo of Agreement with the State Water Board. That MOA gave the industry extra time to comply.

Fewer accidents

All right, we can't guarantee that either but it makes sense that better trained staffs are less likely to have accidents. CWEA offers hundreds of hours of affordable training every year throughout the state designed specifically for wastewater treatment professionals.

Bigger workforce

You've heard the expression "Two heads are better than one." How about 9,000 heads? CWEA members learn and share solutions when they link with fellow CWEA members who offer the power of their experience when you're trying to solve a problem or figure out a new situation.

Human Resources Support

Staff retiring? New positions opening up? Our Jobs Available postings help employers reach a target audience of certified, capable, committed professionals.

Supplier contacts

CWEA members include equipment manufacturers, consulting engineers, and other key partners.

Training department

CWEA serves as a training department for employers, offering training workshops, seminars, and conferences every year throughout the state. Programs are designed and delivered by subject matter experts who know what your folks need to know to be even more effective on the job.

Certified competent staff

CWEA certifies competence in six wastewater vocations so employers...and the public...can be assured that they keep themselves, the public, and the environment safe.

A voice with regulators and the public

CWEA works with other wastewater associations to connect with regulators to provide wastewater expertise as new regulations are being developed. And, we get the word out to the world by funding and promoting Sewer Science, No Drugs Down the Drain, Kids in the Creek, the PBS documentary - Liquid Assets: The Story Behind Our Water Infrastructure, World Water Monitoring Day, and our new Wastewater Utility Branding Manual (free online for CWEA members only).

Saving money

Employers save \$\$ with the technical tips, tools, and processes CWEA members pick up from award winning wastewater treatment plants, CWEA training, CWEA publications, and fellow members.

CWEA does collectively what individual employers just can't do all alone...All this for 36 cents a day for CWEA membership!

Ready to join?

Contact us to help you get to the most out CWEA or just to let us know how you're doing...and how we're doing.

California Water Environment Association



www.cwea.org

CWEA...a nonprofit public benefit corporation supported by members like you!

CWEA Membership

What's in it for you?



Reduce SSOs

Ok, no guarantees, but you'll have a running start with our SSO WDR training that we offer as part of our Memo of Agreement with the State Water Board. That's the MOA that gave the industry extra time to comply.

Improve your safety record

All right, we can't guarantee that either but you've got to admit it makes sense that the better trained you are the less likely you are to have accidents. CWEA offers hundreds of hours of training every year throughout the state designed just for you. That's good for you and your employer.

Make your brain 9,000 times bigger

You've heard the expression "Two heads are better than one." How about 9,000 heads? You can learn and share solutions when you link with fellow CWEA members who give you the power of their experience when you're trying to solve a problem or figure out a new situation.

Visit the North Coast Section Website

<http://northcoast.cwea.org>

See the North Coast Program Calendar

<http://northcoast.cwea.org/program-calendar/>



Save beaucoup bucks

Save \$\$ with the technical tips, tools, and processes you can pick up from award winning wastewater treatment plants. And, the average member saves more than \$500 with CWEA member discounts on certification and training...available only to members.

Be a rock star

Get certified by CWEA in one or more of 6 wastewater vocations. And, get recognized for your good work with free entry in 20 award categories.

Get good stuff for free

Only members get free 24/7 access to our 20 certification study guides on our website. Only members get free access to our new Wastewater Utility Branding Manual on our website to help your agency generate powerful, consistent messages about the good work you do.

Save the environment and have fun

CWEA folks know how to work hard, be professional, save the environment...and have fun, too.



picnics, barbeques, golf tournaments, banquets, and more to spice up their regular training calendar.

Show the world how cool you are

What's could be cooler than saving the environment? CWEA gets the word out to the world by funding and promoting Sewer Science, No Drugs Down the Drain, Kids in the Creek, the PBS documentary Liquid Assets: The Story Behind Our Water Infrastructure, World Water Monitoring Day, and our new Wastewater Utility

Who is CWEA?

Dedicated to educating professionals...

The California Water Environment Association is a non-profit education and technical organization for people involved in the water/wastewater industry. The purpose is to enhance the education and effectiveness of California's wastewater professionals through training, certification, dissemination of technical information and promotion of sound policies to benefit society through protection and enhancement of the water environment

Providing opportunities for professional growth and recognition...

Through its voluntary Technical Certification Program, CWEA provides opportunities for professional growth.



Voluntary tests are written by vocational specialists, and administered twice yearly in six different disciplines:

Collection System Maintenance;
Laboratory Analysis;
Mechanical Technology;

Electrical & Instrumentation;
Environmental Compliance Inspection;
and
Industrial Waste Treatment Operation.

CWEA and its local sections hold trainings and conferences throughout the year all across the state. From the multi-day Annual Conference in April each year to the one day Specialty Conferences and Local Section Dinner Meetings, CWEA has something for everyone. The sessions include timely and informative technical programs. Also, vendor and equipment exhibits offer members a unique opportunity to make contact with the providers of goods and services, and review new products and services developed for utilization in the wastewater industry. Professional accomplishment is recognized through an awards program that presents more than 300 awards annually. Awards are given for distinguished service, significant contributions to the field, and for leadership in the promotion of issues affecting wastewater. CWEA also has a scholarship program that annually awards money to students interested in wastewater careers.



CWEA's objectives:

1. Enhance the education and effectiveness of wastewater professionals through training and certification.



2. Develop and implement effective delivery mechanisms to rapidly disseminate knowledge concerning the water environment.
3. Advance the knowledge and technology in the planning, design, construction, operation and management of wastewater treatment systems and facilities.
4. Improve the professional status of all personnel working in the wastewater industry and related fields.
5. Encourage sound policy in matters relating to the water quality control field.
6. Advance the knowledge and understanding of the water environment and its interaction with other aspects of the environment.
7. Stimulate public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment.

Value of Membership

CWEA provides value to its wastewater professionals. Over 9,000 members are currently benefiting from the following services provided by CWEA.

• Opportunities for professional growth:

Through the Technical Certification Program (TCP), wastewater professionals receive certification in any (or all) of six disciplines: Collections System Maintenance; Laboratory Analysis; Mechanical Technology; Electrical & Instrumentation; Environmental Compliance Inspection; and Industrial Waste Treatment Operation.

• **Education & Training:** To assist in advancing and fine-tuning the knowledge and skills wastewater professionals need, CWEA offers



numerous outstanding educational events across the State as well as at the regional and Local Section levels.

• **Networking:** Through specialty conferences, Board meetings, and certification trainings, wastewater professionals can connect with one another and keep updated about all aspects of the industry.

• Publications – *E-bulletin* & *Wastewater Professional*:

- The monthly electronic *E-Bulletin* is filled with news and information about CWEA and its members. It is emailed to all members and is available 365 days a year from any internet connection.
- The *Wastewater Professional* prints quarterly and is a noted resource for a variety of articles relevant to the wastewater treatment industry, including technical articles to keep you in-the-know about current research.

• **Discounts on Printed Publications:** Members are now able to access handbooks and study guides free.

• **Opportunities for Recognition (Awards Program):** Professional accomplishments can be recognized at the Local Section and State levels.

• **Professionalism:** CWEA membership demonstrates commitment and dedication to the wastewater treatment industry and professional growth.