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## Central San honored for 20 years of perfect compliance

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The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, which collects, treats and disposes wastewater for each Lamorinda community, has been recognized for continued success in its efforts to protect public health and the environment with a Platinum Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. The award recognizes Central San for 20 years of 100 percent compliance. Since 1998, Central San has cleaned and returned over 296 billion gallons of water to Suisun Bay; meeting all federal, state, and regional water quality standards.

Central San is one of only 23 wastewater treatment agencies across the nation maintaining a compliance streak of at least 20 years. "Central San is an innovative industry leader in operational excellence and pollution prevention programs," stated Central San General Manager Roger Bailey. "However," he added, "we will never cross the finish line. We are always looking for new technologies and efficiency measures to provide the highest level of service to our customers."

Central San's mission is to protect public health and the environment through safe and effective collection, treatment, and disposal of an average 33 million gallons of wastewater every day. It also operates a household hazardous waste collection facility, provides recycled water for landscape irrigation, and promotes pollution prevention through various educational, informational and inspection programs. With 270 employees and a five-member elected board of directors, Central San serves approximately 484,200 residents and 3,000 businesses in the central Contra Costa County area.

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