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### **Regional San Recognized Internationally as a “Utility of the Future Today”**

*Honor denotes innovative and sustainable utility management practices*

A partnership of noted water sector organizations—the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation, and the WateReuse Association—with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—have selected Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District as a recipient of the inaugural “Utility of the Future (UOTF) Today” recognition. The recognition program celebrates the exceptional performance of wastewater utilities while supporting the adoption of the innovative UOTF business model.

Sixty-one public and private utilities from across the U.S., Canada, and Denmark were selected from an impressive number of first year entries by a peer committee of utility leaders.

“We’re honored to be recognized alongside other exceptional utilities who strive every day to be excellent stewards of the environment and employ sustainable business practices,” said Prabhakar Somavarapu, District Engineer for Regional San. “As the largest wastewater treatment agency in Northern California, Regional San takes pride in not only performing our core mission but also in developing our Bufferlands into an exceptional wildlife habitat and advancing green programs such as water recycling, biogas reuse, biosolids recycling, and solar energy, to name a few. Yet, we also focus on supporting the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of our community — an area that sets ‘Utility of the Future Today’ designees apart.”

The UOTF concept was established to guide utilities of all sizes toward smarter, more efficient operations and a progression to full resource recovery with enhanced productivity, sustainability, and resiliency. “Many utilities optimize their operations, consistently meet or exceed their regulatory requirements, and engage their employees and communities in meaningful and productive ways,” said WEF Executive Director Eileen O’Neill. “We are excited about this new opportunity to recognize the achievements of small, medium and large forward-thinking utilities that are providing sustainable, efficient, and value-added service to their communities.”

To learn more about Regional San’s environmental and sustainability programs, visit [www.regionalsan.com/sustainability-innovation](http://www.regionalsan.com/sustainability-innovation). To learn more about the Utility of the Future Today Program, visit [www.wefnet.org/utilityrecognition](http://www.wefnet.org/utilityrecognition).

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