



# North Bay Water Reuse Authority

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## **NBWRA Chair Recognized for Environmental Stewardship For Dedication to Water Recycling, Open Space and Trails**

The North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA) Chair Bill Long was chosen by the North Bay Leadership Council to receive their Environmental Stewardship Award in recognition of his work for the Bay Area Ridge and Bay Trails, Open Space and Recycled Water. The annual award recognizes "Leaders of the North Bay" who have been a positive catalyst for change.

Mr. Long has been committed to expanding the use of recycled water, as it benefits the entire region by bringing an environmentally sound, cost-effective and drought-proof water supply for irrigating agriculture and large landscapes, so potable supplies can be conserved. This clean, reliable water supply is also needed to continue the restoration of tidal wetlands in the San Pablo Bay. Additionally, recycled water has a lower carbon footprint and costs less than most potable supplies.

### **4,500 Jobs for the North Bay Region**

"Bill has been a major asset to the North Bay Water Reuse Authority," said NBWRA Program Manager Chuck Weir. "Under his leadership, the NBWRA plans to continue progress on current projects, seek additional funding, and ultimately construct \$100,000,000 in public works projects over the next five years that will supply recycled water across the region. These projects are estimated to bring over 4,500 jobs to the local economy."

In addition to his commitment to wastewater recycling and water quality, Mr. Long is devoted to preserving open space and trails, and reducing the amount of solid waste that goes to landfills. He works tirelessly for these causes as President of the Novato Sanitary District, Chair of Marin Open Space Trust, Commissioner on Marin County Parks & Open Space Commission, Chair of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Board of Directors, and Director of the San Francisco Bay Trail.

There are four other honorees for the Leaders of the North Bay awards. Bill Long and the other award recipients will be honored at an October 28 luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park. Go to [www.northbaycouncil.org](http://www.northbaycouncil.org) for more information.

NBWRA is a regional group consisting of seven public agencies in Napa, Marin and Sonoma Counties, with a goal of expanding use of recycled water to meet urban, environmental and agricultural needs in the North Bay. More information on the North Bay Water Reuse Program can be found by visiting [www.nbwra.org](http://www.nbwra.org), e-mailing [info@nbwra.org](mailto:info@nbwra.org), or calling 707-547-1923.

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