The 2016 recipient of the Innovative Water Management Award is the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC). The Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, covering approximately 480,000 acres, are various irrigation districts, reclamation districts, mutual water companies, partnerships, corporations, and individuals that divert water from the Sacramento River under water rights that were vested before the construction of the Central Valley Project (CVP) began. The SRSC manage water for various beneficial purposes in the Sacramento Valley, including farms, birds and the Pacific Flyway, cities and rural communities and fisheries. For the past several dry years, the SRSC have been challenged by the operations of the CVP and the increased requirements to manage for temperature control in the Sacramento River. This has led to innovative water management and teamwork by the SRSC and their efforts to serve water for multiple beneficial purposes during challenging times.

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Previous Recipients

2015  Max Sakato
2014  Walter Cotter
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2012  Joseph Scalmanini