

INNOVATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT AWARD

2025

Barry O'Regan

The recipient of the 2025 Innovative Water Management Award is a gentleman that embodies humility and principled, but result-oriented action through almost 40 years of California water experience and leadership. This year, we are honored to recognize Mr. Barry O'Regan.

As a principal at Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc., Barry has provided outstanding leadership across the Central Valley to water stakeholders by refocusing complex efforts on creative solution-oriented actions. He provides a calm, knowledgeable, and respectful voice in an often emotionally charged room leading groups to commonality and beneficial outcomes.

Barry is a respected resource and confidante to water leaders across Northern California, respected not only for his technical expertise and experience in flood control, water resources, and habitat restoration, but also for his discretion, honesty, and integrity. He brings humility with him into each conversation and action, so much humility, he feels that this award is undeserved. But we are here to confirm that this award is truly deserved.

We would be hard pressed to review his resume quickly, it being one spanning flood management and water resources, construction management, municipal engineering, habitat restoration, and land use planning. We would be hard pressed to review the breadth and

depth of experience he brings to the study, planning, permitting, and financing of major flood control system improvements and water projects. And while all that is impressive and part of why we are here to honor him today, the real magic with Barry O'Regan is how his technical expertise rolls up to support a principle of service to people, our communities, and the landscape we all cherish.

The Sacramento Valley has benefited immensely from Barry's dedication, experience, and ability to adapt within a changing landscape. From the Mid and Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Management Plan, to Floodplains Forward and Reimagined, to numerous flood protection and habitat projects, Barry has been a consequential leader for Northern California as we navigate a rapidly changing environment of water supply, flood protection, and regulation.

The Northern California Water Association is pleased to honor Barry O'Regan with the 2025 Innovative Water Management Award.



THE INNOVATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT AWARD

is given by the NCWA President to an individual (or organization) who has demonstrated innovation and creativity in advancing water management in the Sacramento Valley.

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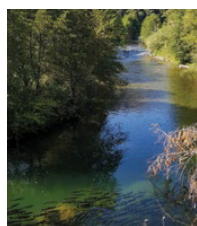
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Kevin O'Brien,
Esq.



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Marc Van Camp



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Curt Aikens



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Water Users



2019
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Farms



2018
Grant Davids



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Paul Bartkiewicz



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Sacramento River
Settlement
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Max Sakato



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Walter Cotter



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Fran Borcalli



2012
Joe Scalmanini



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