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City of Weatherford receives Texas Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year award

The award is classified as a Category No. 2 for plants with flow rates of 1-15 MGD who have exhibited outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty.

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas – The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) is awarding the City of Weatherford Water/Wastewater Department the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Award. The award is presented to a municipal wastewater treatment plant in Texas that has consistently exhibited outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty.

“We are honored to receive this award for the City of Weatherford and to be recognized for outstanding performance,” said Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities Rick Shaffer. “The award is a direct reflection on our dedicated staff and city leaders that consistently provide quality service to our citizens.”

The award is a category No. 2 for plants with flow rates of 1-15 MGD. Applications are evaluated based on performance criteria and compliance violations, staff training and certifications, safety record and program, and several other criteria. Weatherford met or exceeded all performance criteria with zero violations and zero loss-time injuries. It should also be noted that all plant staff are certified operators.

“Receiving this award from WEAT places the City of Weatherford at the top of the list for wastewater management in the state of Texas,” said City Manager Sharon Hayes. “This award further proves the City is exceeding all safety and operational standards for the wastewater treatment plant, which is a great benefit for our community. Our goal is to continue to provide exceptional treatment service for our customers and our environment as our city continues to grow and expand.”

WEAT is an open association of water environment professionals, practitioners, operations specialists and public officials with a broad range of expertise from all across the state of Texas.



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The WEAT North Texas Section (WEAT-NTS) alone consists of over 500 members from the North Texas area.

City officials will accept the award April 21 during the upcoming Texas Water 2016 Conference at the Fort Worth Convention Center. For questions, please contact Rick Shaffer, Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities, at 817-598-4473 or rshaffer@weatherfordtx.gov.

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More information on the City of Weatherford: www.weatherfordtx.gov

More information on Weatherford Water/Wastewater Utility: www.weatherfordtx.gov/waterwastewater

****City of Weatherford****

Weatherford, Texas is a service oriented, yet still "small town" community that upgrades its infrastructure, celebrates and shares its rich history, and fosters quality economic growth – in a fiscally-responsible, even revenue-generating fashion.