

## Costa, Hertzberg, and Kelley Receive ACWA Awards

At their annual fall conference in Anaheim, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) presented several awards to California legislators. Then-Senator Jim Costa (D-Fresno) was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for his accomplishments in his 24 years in the Legislature and his dedication to water issues. During his tenure as chair of the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee, he is credited with forging landmark agreements that led to Proposition 204 of 1996 and Proposition 13 of 2000. The two bond measures provided nearly \$3 billion in funding for water supply reliability projects, water quality improvements, and other critical programs. Costa authored legislation requiring local agencies to give greater consideration to water availability before approving major new development. In addition, he crafted important legislation on groundwater management, water transfers, and governance of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Costa retired from the Senate at the end of his term.

Assembly Speaker Emeritus Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) was awarded ACWA's 2002 Legislative Leadership Award for his efforts to broker a landmark agreement on a proposed water transfer between Imperial Irrigation District and San Diego County Water Authority. Hertzberg has been an active player on water issues since his election to the Assembly in 1996. He chairs a select committee on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, and was the chief architect of the Legislature's response to the energy crisis.

Assemblyman Dave Kelley (R-80) was awarded a special President's Recognition Award by ACWA for his many years of distinguished service in the Legislature, particularly his efforts to address key water issues and his

effective representation of his constituents. First elected to the Assembly in 1978, Kelley served eight years in the Senate before returning to the Assembly. He left the Legislature at the end of 2002 having authored key measures on water conservation, local government organization, water rights, and agricultural land preservation. He also has been active in efforts to resolve Colorado River issues.

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## Pender New President of NGWA

Ernest Pender, President of Pender Water Wells in Texarkana, Texas, became the new President of the National Ground Water Association at the 2002 Ground Water Expo, which was held in Las Vegas in December.

Pender is an NGWA-certified Master Ground Water Contractor and has been an active member of NGWA for many years. He has held many positions with NGWA, including Secretary of the Board of Directors, Chairman for the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Rural Water Subcommittee, and member of the Government Affairs Committee. He also has served four terms as President of the Arkansas Water Well Association.

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## Birman and Todd Receive Life Membership Awards from NGWA

At the 2002 Ground Water Expo of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA), Life Membership Awards were presented to six active members of NGWA who have retired or are of retirement age and have contributed special service in the furtherance of the ground water industry or to NGWA. Joseph H. Birman, Ph.D., CEG, of South Pasadena, California and David Keith Todd, president of Todd Engineers in Emeryville, California, were among the

recipients from the Southwest.

Birman was a professor at Occidental College from 1950 to 1984. He pioneered the design and application of instrumentation to evaluate shallow groundwater temperatures for groundwater assessment, water resources exploration, and development. Founder and president of Geothermal Surveys, Inc., Birman has performed groundwater exploration and development throughout most of the western United States, Mexico, South America, and the Middle East.

Todd has devoted his career to advancing groundwater technology and educating others about groundwater. His classic text, *Groundwater Hydrology*, has been used by more than 50 U.S. universities and has been translated into six languages. In addition, Todd has made basic hydrologic information more accessible through six other books and more than 120 publications. He is currently a Professor Emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley. Todd's practice continues to address the occurrence, movement, development, and quality of groundwater, primarily in alluvial and some consolidated aquifer systems. His work has been centered in California, but he has consulted in all parts of the world, including Africa, Central and South America, and the Far East.

Life Membership Awards were also presented to Fletcher G. Driscoll, author of the second edition of *Groundwater and Wells*; John Dufford, President of Dufford Drilling Company; Carl Mason of Baroid Industrial Drilling Products; and Joseph Proch, retired owner of Book and Proch Well Drilling.

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