

**MWEA & MSAWWA**  
**Robert Todd Teegarden Excellence in Leadership & Community Advocacy Award**



February 27, 1964 – June 30, 2017

The Montana Water Environment Association (MWEA) and Montana Section of the American Water Works Association (MSAWWA) have so named this award to honor Todd Teegarden for his many years of dedicated service and support to community water and wastewater systems throughout Montana. Todd's leadership and mentoring skills along with his innate ability to advocate on behalf of water and wastewater systems to boards, councils, organizations, agencies, legislatures, and his peers fostered many partnerships. Countless Montana communities benefitted from Todd's skills, abilities, attributes, and dedication with new, updated or improved infrastructure, equipment, training and personnel to protect the environment and provide clean drinking water for many years to come.

Todd graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming. After short stints in the private sector, working for HKM Engineering in Billings, MT and Crazan Engineering in California, Todd began a career with the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality where he was employed at the time of his death on June 30, 2017 as the Engineering Bureau Chief of the Water Quality Division. He served on the MWEA Board from 2000 to 2005, was a member of the MWEA Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers, and posthumously received the MSAWWA-MWEA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

Todd was a selfless, wonderful, caring, and talented gentleman with a great smile and cheerful attitude. He brought humor to the workplace, was proud of his employees' accomplishments, and stood by them. For as much as he was dedicated to his family, friends, peers, coworkers and the whole Montana community he was equally admired and respected. One can tell the greatness of a person by the impact they have on others. We should all strive to live up to Todd's "high example" of the truly fine individual he was.



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**Nomination Form**

1. **Nominee's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Eligibility/Justification:** Please provide (in 250 words or less) details of the nominee's "distinguished service related to leadership and community advocacy" in the wastewater and water fields which qualify him/her for this award. (please attach or insert verbiage to this form).

3. **Biographical Information:** Please complete the following:

a. Brief employment history:

b. Leadership attributes/skills:

c. Examples of advocacy for communities, organizations or other:

d. Professional accomplishments/memberships:

e. Year joined MWEA \_\_\_\_\_ and/or MSAWWA \_\_\_\_\_ and offices held (indicate whether state or national):  
(Need not be a member of either organization)

4. Submitted

by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Add attachments as necessary to complete required information)

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