

About the Program

The CMUA Impact Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of our members and the individuals who make them possible. Over the years, CMUA's awards program has recognized hundreds of innovative projects, exceptional service, and leadership excellence across California's power, water and wastewater utilities.

Submission Deadline: February 1, 2027

Awards Recognition: Award recipients will be formally recognized during the CMUA Annual Conference on April 13, 2027, in Anaheim.

Application Guidelines

- Maximum 3 applications per organization
- One application per category
- Programs/achievements must have occurred within the past 3 years
- Complete all required fields
- Submit the application as PDF to mwilliams@cmua.org

Award Categories (Select One)

- **Innovative Projects & Programs**
Groundbreaking projects and programs that advance utility operations, such as tech or infrastructure (*excluding customer service and customer programs –see following categories*)
- **Communications Achievement**
Creative and effective communications initiatives and campaigns, either public or internal communications

- **Customer Service Excellence**
Efforts delivering outstanding and innovative services to utility customers
- **Legislative & Regulatory Leadership**
Successful advocacy, policy development or regulatory engagement

How to Submit an Application

Please provide the following:

1. **Category & Basic Information**
 - Award category
 - Organization name
 - Contact information
 - Project/achievement title
2. **Description** (250 words max) What was accomplished and when?
3. **Impact** (250 words max) What were the measurable results and benefits?
4. **Innovation** (250 words max) What made this unique or creative?
5. **Supporting Materials** (Optional) Attach up to 3 supporting documents (photos, metrics, testimonials, etc.)

Selection

Applications are judged by an outside panel with expertise in the energy and water industry. First-place awards will be given to small-, medium-, and large-sized utilities for each award category.

Questions?

Email CMUA Communications Director Matt Williams at mwilliams@cmua.org