

Press Release



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Edwin James, CWSD General Manager

Awarded CA/NV/HI Floodplain Manager of the Year

Carson City, NV - Edwin James, the Carson Water Subconservancy District General Manager, is the **2020 California, Nevada, and Hawaii Floodplain Management Association's Floodplain Manager of the Year!** This award recognizes Mr. James for his outstanding efforts and contributions to floodplain management in the Carson River Watershed. The **Floodplain Manager of the Year Award** is designed to honor an individual or team responsible for the development or implementation of a distinguished local program or activity. This award is given by the Association to individuals or teams who are highly instrumental in carrying forward the goals and objectives of floodplain management. Mr. James' effort to balance the municipal, economic, and environmental needs within the watershed has earned him this respected award. Over the past 20-plus years, his work with the counties and Carson River Coalition members in the Carson River Watershed resulted in reduced flood risks to our watershed community.

Under Mr. James' leadership and working with our partners CWSD:

- developed, adopted, and updated the Carson River Watershed Regional Floodplain Management Plan,
- became an active Cooperative Technical Partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and
- continues to leverage CWSD funding to help counties implement floodplain management projects and elevate flood awareness throughout the watershed.

Mr. James stated, *"It is a great honor to receive this award but the recognition should not only go to me but to all the entities and people who have worked to reduce the flood risk in the Carson River Watershed. This award represents the effort and leadership of the Carson Water Subconservancy District's Board and staff, the Carson River Coalition, including Alpine County, Douglas County, Carson City, Storey County, Lyon County, and Churchill County, as well as state and federal agencies, and non-government entity partners (NGOs). These combined efforts have helped protect floodplain lands and provide information on ways that communities can reduce their flood risk."*

Mr. James will receive the award this September at the Annual FMA Conference.

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