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Napa Sanitation District Board Agenda Letter

TO: Honorable Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Receive Presentation on Utility of the Future Today Award

RECOMMENDATION

Receive presentation from staff on Utility of the Future Today recognition.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 19, 2021, at the 2021 WEFTEC conference in Chicago, NapaSan was awarded the distinction of Utility of the Future Today.

The Utility of the Future Today recognition celebrates the achievements of forward-thinking, innovative water and wastewater utilities that are providing resilient value-added service to communities, particularly in community engagement, watershed stewardship, and recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients. The Utility of the Future framework provides a model for utilities of all sizes to achieve more efficient operations, enhanced productivity, and long-term sustainability. The recognition program was launched in 2016 by four water sector organizations—the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF) and WaterReuse, with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

NapaSan was one of 39 agencies recognized in 2021 with this designation. NapaSan was specifically recognized for its efforts in energy generation and recovery, one of only five agencies this year recognized in that category, and only one of two agencies in California. As part of the designation, NapaSan was evaluated for its energy generation and recovery success as well as its organizational culture supporting excellence and innovation, and its commitment to the Effective Utility Management principles.

NapaSan now stands as one of only 194 utilities throughout the world with this designation.

