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McCarty Wins Stockholm Prize

In March, Perry L. McCarty, a pioneer in the understanding of biological and chemical processes for the safe supply and treatment of water, was named the 2007 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate. McCarty's work has led to more efficient biological treatment processes, in particular anaerobic treatment systems for municipal and industrial wastewaters, biological nutrient removal, and the development and use of biofilm reactors.

A professor of environmental engineering at Stanford University since 1962, McCarty has combined knowledge of physical, chemical, biological, and microbiological processes into the basis for design and operation of wastewater treatment systems. In addition, he has identified mechanisms for biodegradation and the fate of hazardous and anthropogenic trace chemicals as well as appropriate engineering for water quality improvement of groundwater, surface water, and soils.

McCarty has published more than 300 technical papers as well as two textbooks on treatment systems for municipal and industrial wastewater.

The \$150,000 Stockholm Water Prize is a global award founded in 1990 and

presented annually by the Stockholm Water Foundation to an individual, organization, or institution for outstanding water-related activities. The activities can be within the fields of education and awareness-raising, human and international relations, research, water management, or water-related aid.

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Plato, Suriano Join Clear Creek

Paul Plato and Tom Suriano recently joined Clear Creek Associates, a 40-person consulting firm with offices in Phoenix and Tucson. Plato has more than 18 years of experience in hydrogeology, specializing in groundwater modeling and GIS database management. With more than 20 years of experience managing large-scale groundwater remediation projects, Suriano brings a strong understanding of state and federal requirements and processes for such activities.

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Trusler Transfers to Phoenix

CH2M Hill recently announced that Scott Trusler, a senior water project

manager, transferred to the company's Phoenix office from Seattle. Active in the company's Water Business Group, Trusler has 24 years of experience, specializing in water supply, treatment plants, and distribution systems.

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Melcher Retires from USGS

Nick Melcher, director of the Arizona Water Science Center of the U.S. Geological Survey, retired from the agency on July 1. Melcher was with the USGS for 34 years, including 13 in Arizona in his most recent position. After some time off, he plans to continue to work in hydrology and would like to focus on local issues.

Melcher said the biggest change he saw in the agency during his tenure was the transition from analyses done completely by slide rule and hand-plotted-graphics to the present information technology system. The best parts were working with staff and cooperators to do relevant science, and using new and innovative techniques to help solve problems.

John Hoffman, formerly the associate director, filled Melcher's position.

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