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LRWA Annual Awards Nomination

Form Deadline to Apply is March 7, 2025

Award Categories (place "X" next to award category of your choice)	System Awards
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water System North
Individual Awards	Wastewater System
H.M. "Skeeter" Vickers Award	Energy Conservation System
Outstanding Office Person	Source Water Protection System
Water System Operations Specialist (<i>Operator</i>)	Private System
Wastewater System Operations Specialist (<i>Operator</i>)	Water Conservation & Re-use

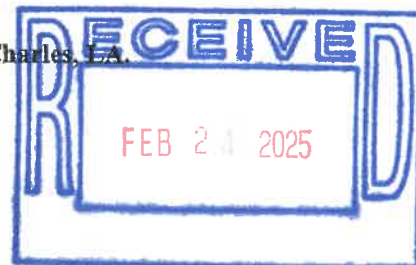
Note: Complete and submit ALL required information. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

1. **Select** the award above that you are nominating for (complete a separate form for each award)
2. **Complete** required information below
3. **Attach** a separate sheet stating what you believe entitles this system/individual to receive this award AND a brief background on the system/individual being nominated.
4. **Submit** completed form and background by email to mardoin@lrwa.org, by fax to 337-738-5620, or by mail to Louisiana Rural Water Association; Attn: Conference Awards; PO Box 180; Kinder, LA. 70648.

Complete for ALL Awards Nominations		
System Name: <u>Buckeye Water District No. 50, Inc.</u>		
System mailing address: <u>P.O. Box 6</u>		
City: <u>Deville</u>	State: <u>LA</u>	Zip: <u>71328</u>
Physical address: <u>654 Hwy 1207</u>		
Phone number: <u>(318) 466-5746</u>	Email: <u>buckeye50@bellsouth.net</u>	
Name & title of person submitting nomination:		
Complete for SYSTEM Awards Nominations		
Name of system being nominated: <u>Buckeye Water District No. 50, Inc.</u>		
How long has system been in operation? <u>54 years</u>		
# of employees? <u>8</u>	How many customers are served by the system? <u>12,198 as of January 2025</u>	
Has system ever been out of compliance? If yes, when and for what reason? <u>No</u>		
Complete for INDIVIDUAL Awards Nominations		
Name of individual being nominated:		
Title/Position with system:		
How long has nominee worked in water/wastewater industry?		
What level and type of Operator Certification does nominee hold?		

To ensure your nomination is considered for an award, submit ALL required information by the deadline.

Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, July 16th in Lake Charles, LA.



Buckeye Water District No. 50, Inc.

Buckeye Water District No. 50, Inc. was established May 25, 1971. Our system will be 54 years old this year.

The original residential base water rate was \$5.50 for 2,000 gallons of water and served 750 active meters. The current residential base water rate is \$14.25. That is only a \$8.75 increase in 54 years. We are proud that we have kept these rates at a minimum, especially with the cost of materials and things it takes to operate a water system. Our pledge is to continue to deliver a quality water service in a dependable and cost-efficient manner. We give credit to good management practices of our eight (8) member Board of Directors, a dedicated and qualified staff and also to an awesome community that reports leaks and concerns to our staff. We have 5 full time field employees and 3 full time office workers.

We have 5 water wells, 2 elevated water storage tanks and 2 ground storage tanks and over 155 miles of main water lines to maintain. Buckeye Water District produced a total of 297,954,808 gallons of water in 2024. Our average sales to production ratio are 92.66%. 173 new services have been installed since 2021. As of December 2024, we had 4,063 active meters and a total membership of 4,813 meters. The area we serve continues to grow. We are excited to grow with our community and continue to provide clean, safe and cost-efficient water. We have generators at all sites to keep water flowing to our customers in times of emergencies.

Buckeye Water District applied for and was approved for the La. Dept. of Health and Hospital Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$4.75 million dollars. We will use these funds to make improvements - a new well, a new storage tank and new water lines to keep up with the demand of water within the system. We also applied for another loan from the DWRLF in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars; waiting on approval. These funds will be used to replace a 10" transite water line from Wiggins Road to Hazmuka Road. We will continue to upgrade the system.

We believe in working safe. We have an active safety program where safety meetings and good discussions are held. Our operators take advantage of all certification classes and seminars available to help stay on top of new rules / regulations and also any new parts / merchandise that could help our System. We are proud to say we have good communication with the LaDHH and also with LRWA.

We are proud of our 2022 Grade Rule of a B and more proud of our 2023 Grade Rule of an A. Again, we give credit to our Board of Directors, our employees and our customers. It takes a good team to keep a system going and we feel like we have a good team!

Buckeye Water District's website has been an awesome tool for us to post news, notices, and send alerts such as boil advisories and scheduled outages. Our customers can make online payments through our website. Our office personnel can also take phone payments.

Buckeye Water District has an active non-pay disconnect policy. This is not a happy day around our office but we feel it is necessary and a policy we have to be consistent with. The cutoff dates are put on the monthly bills. We also have a policy vigorously pursuing any theft of water from our System. These policies have become necessary in order for Buckeye Water District to continue to provide our customers with clean, safe and cost-efficient water.

We believe we have an outstanding System and we appreciate the opportunity to apply for and nominate Buckeye Water District for the 2025 Water System Award.

Person Submitting Nomination:

Timmy Lemoine

Highlight the award category below:

System Awards List
Energy Conservation System of the Year, North
Energy Conservation System of the Year, South
Private System of the Year
Source Water Protection System of the Year
Wastewater System of the Year, North
Wastewater System of the Year, South
Water System of the Year, North
Water System of the Year, South

Individual Awards List
H. M. "Skeeter" Vickers
Office Person of the Year, North
Office Person of the Year, South
Prosper Toups Trainer Award
Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year, North
Wastewater System Operations Specialist of the Year, South
Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, North
Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, South

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **SYSTEM** that you wish to nominate:

System Award Nominee:	
System Name:	North Franklin Waterworks, Inc
Member #:	640 ACT
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 87
City:	Crowville
Zip:	71230
Phone #:	318-722-3589
Any Violations?:	B = 86%

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **INDIVIDUAL** that you wish to nominate:

Individual Award Nominee:	
Nominee:	
Title:	
System Name:	
Member #:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	
Zip:	
Phone #:	
Categories and Levels of Certifications Held:	
Years as an Operator:	

Write a narrative here as to why you feel the above nominee is worthy of the award:

Simply type the information below, the text will wrap as you type. It is NOT necessary to try to put into paragraphs.

North Franklin began serving approximately 700 customers in 1972. Currently the system has grown to just over 2700 customers. Over the years the system has struggled with water color complaints due to iron and manganese. North Franklin has just completed an over 4.6 million dollar project to upgrade the filtration treatment plant, refurbish and paint four elevated towers, upgrades to distribution, and radio read meters. Customers are now enjoying crystal clear water due to the upgrades.

Person Submitting Nomination: Tony Anderson

Place an X in the box next to the category in which you are making the nomination:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy Conservation System of the Year, North
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Water System of the Year, South

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Water System Operations Specialist of the Year, South

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **SYSTEM** that you wish to nominate:

System Award Nominee:			
System Name:	Pollock Area Water System Inc.		
Member #:	1108	ACT	
Mailing Address:	PO Box 459		
City:	Pollock		
Zip:	71467		
Phone #:	318-641-1601		
Any Violations?:	A corrected CCR violation in 2024		
WS Letter Grade:	B	% Grade:	80

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **INDIVIDUAL** that you wish to nominate:

Individual Award Nominee:			
Nominee:			
Title:			
System Name:			
Member #:			
Mailing Address:			
City:			
Zip:			
Phone #:			
Categories and Levels of Certifications Held			
Years as an Operator:			
WS Letter Grade:		% Grade:	

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Write a narrative here as to why you feel the above nominee is worthy of the award:

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I have visited the water system a few times, and the operator and other staff work well together. The water system had its sanitary survey last month and they only had 1 minor violation. This is a great ran water system.

Person Submitting Nomination: Ted Barnes

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Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **SYSTEM** that you wish to nominate:

System Award Nominee:	
System Name:	Tensas Water Distribution Association, Inc.
Member #:	164 ACT
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 828
City:	St Joseph
Zip:	71366
Phone #:	318-766-3285
Any Violations?:	
WS Letter Grade:	A % Grade: 90%

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Individual Award Nominee:	
Nominee:	
Title:	
System Name:	
Member #:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	
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Phone #:	
Categories and Levels of Certifications Held:	
Years as an Operator:	
WS Letter Grade:	% Grade:

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