

## WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

### RONALD B. SIEGER BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT AWARD

...to recognize a WEAT member(s), an engineering firm, a specific project, a municipality, or a specific municipal or industrial facility that has made significant accomplishments in the field of biosolids technology and management practices within the boundaries of the State of Texas.

#### Sebastian “Buster” Fichera

Mr. Fichera, “Buster” to most of the population, began his career after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in biology. In 1976, he was hired as a pretreatment inspector for the Galveston County Health Department, responsible for the petrochemical industries located in the Texas City area.

In 1980, Buster moved to Clearwater, Florida, where from 1982 to 1992, he was employed by the Pinellas County Sewer System as the environmental laboratory manager and later as the water quality management manager.

For the last 21 years, Buster has been employed by the city of Fort Worth Water Department, first as the pretreatment services manager and for the past nine years as the assistant director over the Water Reclamation and Reuse Division. This division is responsible for the 166-MGD Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility, as well as the reuse, biosolids, pretreatment, backflow and cross connection programs for the water department.

His experiences include extensive environmental laboratory development, water reuse by deep well injection, wetlands polishing and land irrigation, plus energy sustainability using renewable biogas.



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