

# 2025 Pacific Water Conference Photo Contest Criteria and Rules

The 2025 Pacific Water Conference Contest is held to promote awareness of water and wastewater issues and environment through compelling and artistic imagery.

## Criteria

Photos shall be submitted by AWWA-HI Section members and/or HWEA members.

The categories for entries are:

(1) "Treatment" – All forms of water undergo treatment. Drinking, waste and storm water all have implementations to treat the water before consumption or discharge into the environment. Photos for this theme will showcase the facilities and structures designed to treat the various forms of water in our lives.

(2) "People of the Industry" – Every person in every aspect of our water community is responsible for providing clean water to ourselves and to our environment. The many people that make up our industry are as diverse as they are skilled. Photos of these hardworking individuals will be spotlighted in this theme.

Photos shall be submitted digitally in either .JPG or .TIF format. Entries in each category will be judged by the Conference Committee based on the following criteria (equally weighted):

- Creativity
- Composition
- Conformance with Category theme

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers will be determined for each category.

During the conference, attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photo in each category. The photo which receives the most votes will be the People's Choice winner.

Photo entries will be displayed online during the conference along with the photographer's description provided on the entry form. The description should provide the photographer's perspective on how the photo meets the category theme.

Photos will be subject to screening prior to judging.

## Prizes

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in each category. Winners will be announced on the final day of the conference Thursday, February 06, 2025.

**1<sup>st</sup> place: \$150**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$100**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$75**  
**People's Choice: \$50**

## Contest Rules

1. A maximum of two (2) photo entries are allowed per person per category. Each photo is eligible for entering only one (1) contest category.
2. The photo must be shot in Hawaii or the Pacific Islands (Guam, American Samoa, etc).
3. The photo must be the photographer's original work.
4. The photo must not have been previously published.
5. The photo must not have won any previous photocontest.
6. The photo must be an original image unaltered by computer software.
7. The photo must not infringe on any copyright, statutory, common law, or other rights of any person, firm or corporation, agency, or other entity.
8. All entries must be a minimum of 900 x 720 pixels.
9. The photo contest committee reserves the right to eliminate photos deemed to contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.
10. If the photos are of a facility or other agency's assets, then such agencies may screen and deny the entry. Please obtain the agency's written permission prior to submittal and attach it to the Photo Contest Entry Form. The photo contest committee will be confirming that permission was granted.
11. A maximum of 10 entries per category will be displayed at the conference for the People's Choice vote.
12. The Pacific Water Conference has the right to use and publish the photos.
13. All entries must be received at [eleung@aquaengineers.com](mailto:eleung@aquaengineers.com) no later than 11:59 pm (HST), Friday , January 31, 2024.