

Tehama County Counsel receives statewide awards

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Anaheim >> Tehama County Counsel Arthur Wylene received his second statewide honor of the year recently at the California State Association of Counties' Annual Meeting.

Wylene was presented with the Circle of Service Award.

Earlier this year Wylene received the inaugural President's Award from the Rural County Representatives of California.

The Circle of Service Award is a way for the organization to recognize county officials whose service to the public and the county has been substantially above and beyond the normal.

"That description certainly fits Mr. Wylene," CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate said in an email to the Daily News. "(Wylene) has offered his technical assistance and expertise on issues ranging from groundwater to medical marijuana. His insights have been invaluable to CSAC staff as we work with other counties and the California Legislature to craft workable policies on these and other complex issues."

Wylene said the real honor for him was being able to work with the two groups that represent the interest of county governments at the state level.

"They're really out there representing local interests," he said.

Tehama County Supervisor Bob Williams said he could think of no one else more deserving of the awards than Wylene.

"He gives selflessly of his time and energy to help not only Tehama County, but all California counties in areas of statewide importance. Tehama County is lucky to have him as our County Counsel," Williams said.

Wylene has served as Tehama County Counsel since 2012. He's worked for the county since 2003.

"In the past 10 years this has become my home," said Wylene, whose wife and children have grown up in Tehama County.

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Wylene said people often forget that small counties have all the same responsibilities as large counties.

He said of his work on state legislative issues, he follows the belief it is better for Tehama County to choose its battles and fight them in Sacramento, so they don't have to be fought in Red Bluff.

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