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LONG BEACH WATER ACHIEVES HIGHEST LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER

Long Beach Water is among an elite group to reach this superior level of performance

LONG BEACH, CA – June 15, 2015 – The Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) is one of the first utilities to receive the prestigious Presidents Award for Distribution System Operation from the Partnership for Safe Water.

The *Partnership* is a drinking water optimization program sponsored by AWWA, the USEPA and other water organizations, to recognize water suppliers that continuously provide drinking water quality that surpasses regulatory requirements through treatment plant and distribution system optimization.

The Long Beach Water Department has been participating in the *Partnership's* distribution system optimization program since 2010 and is also a subscriber of the treatment plant optimization program. Long Beach Water Department received the Directors Award for the Distribution System Optimization Program in 2013.

“The *Partnership's* Presidents Award recognizes utilities that meet the program’s highly stringent goals for water quality,” said Harry Saltzgaver, President of the Board of Water Commissioners. “We understand that LBWD is one of the first utilities in California to achieve this prestigious level of performance.”

“Reaching Presidents Award status is a very significant achievement in our ongoing work to optimize the distribution system,” said Tai Tseng, Director of Operations of the Long Beach Water Department. “Our goal is to always improve the quality of our water delivered to customers. The President’s Award is an important milestone as we seek to continuously improve distribution system performance and operations.”

The Partnership for Safe Water is a self-assessment program for water treatment plant and distribution system optimization. More than 250 utility subscribers, collectively serving more than 100 million people, commit to the *Partnership's* goals of providing safe, high-quality drinking water by achieving operational excellence in water treatment or distribution. *Partnership* utility subscribers participate in a rigorous self-assessment and peer review process, developed by industry experts, and achieve recognition for their commitment to the delivery of safe water for their community.

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The Partnership for Safe Water is an alliance of the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation.

Long Beach Water is an urban, Southern California retail water supply agency, and the standard in water conservation and environmental stewardship.