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## **Long Beach Water GM Receives Highest Industry Award for Competitiveness Achievement Today**

WASHINGTON DC Kevin L. Wattier, General Manager of the Long Beach Water Department, has been presented the Gold Award for Competitiveness Achievement today at the annual meeting of the [Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies \(AMWA\)](#), held in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Gold Award for Competitiveness Achievement recognizes large public drinking water systems whose management practices chart innovative and sound financial courses, seek new business opportunities and meet the ever-important array of customer service needs and expectations. Based in Washington D.C., AMWA is a national organization of the largest publicly owned drinking water systems in the United States, whose membership serves more than 120 million Americans with drinking water from Alaska to Puerto Rico.

“High-quality management practices are key to meeting the range of competitive challenges facing the industry. To recognize the achievement of top water utility managers, AMWA annually presents Gold Awards for Competitiveness Achievement,” according to a statement on AMWA’s website. “Benchmarking, competitiveness strategy and competitiveness improvement initiatives are among the factors assessed in the awards process. In addition to the distinctive trophies presented to winners, the awards provide both peer recognition and acknowledgement in local and industry media for significant management accomplishments.”

“Each year, Long Beach Water Department prepares a ten-year strategic plan detailing cost versus revenue and a five-year capital improvement program detailing projected spending on projects. Its asset management system is used for field operations and maintenance functions, water mains replacement prioritizing, capital improvement planning and budgeting. Benefits include increased productivity, improved decision-making capabilities and better records management,” according to a press statement issued by AMWA.

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