

## Awards

### **10 Time Medal Winner, Including Best Tasting Municipal Water in the World!**

Each February, samples are carefully drawn and sent to the International Water Tasting Competition in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. There the water stands up to international competitors in attributes of appearance, odor, flavor, mouthfeel, aftertaste, and overall impression.

MSWD is the only water agency in the world to have won all three medals - gold, silver, and bronze. MSWD won the Gold Medal in 2020, 2004, and 1999, the Silver Medal in 2011, 2008, 2001, and 1997, and the Bronze Medal in 2022, 2018, and 2003.

Further, MSWD was honored by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in 2010 for having won more medals than any other municipal water purveyor in the world. Since MSWD started competing in 1997, it has medaled an unprecedented 10 times.

Get more information about the [Berkeley Springs Water Tasting Competition](#).



### **So how do we get our water to Berkeley Springs anyway?**

1. First, we buy two empty gallon bottles. Contest rules specify a particular type of bottle. Since many plastic bottles can leave an undesired taste residue in the water, just before we draw the sample, the bottle is emptied and then vigorously rinsed with our own water three times. We then carefully fill the bottles from our "lucky" well (we've used the same well every time we've won), being careful not to touch the rim of the water bottle to anything.

2. The water must undergo various tests, including testing for the PH and chlorine balance levels.
3. Lastly, we clearly label our entry, pack it snugly, and ship the water to Berkeley Springs. We draw the water sample as close to the date of the competition as possible in order to preserve its natural, delicious taste.

**We are proud of our award-winning water and are guided by our mission to provide, protect and preserve our most precious resource . . . Water!**

## **Here's What We've Won So Far:**

<b><i>Award</i></b>	<b><i>Year</i></b>
Bronze Medal	2022
Gold Medal	2020
Bronze Medal	2018
Silver Medal	2011
Silver Medal	2008
Gold Medal	2004
Bronze Medal	2003
Silver Medal	2001
Gold Medal	1999
Silver Medal	1997

**Mission Springs Water District has also been recognized with these additional awards:**

<b><i>Award</i></b>	<b><i>Year</i></b>
CORBS CWEA Collection System Person of the Year - Joseph McElrone	2023
CORBS CWEA Community Engagement and Outreach Campaign of the Year <5.0 MGD	2023
CORBS CWEA Small Plant of the Year - Alan L. Horton Wastewater Treatment Facility <5.0 MGD	2023
DHS Parade of Lights - Best Decoration	2023
GCVCC State of the City Volunteer Award - Marion Champion	2023
Miracle Award from Team Mom Charities	2023

Big Heart Awards Person of the Year - Mike Platt	2022
CWEA State Community Engagement and Outreach Campaign of the Year <5.0 MGD	2022
CORBS CWEA Community Engagement and Outreach Campaign of the Year <5.0 MGD	2022
CORBS CWEA Small Plant of the Year - Alan L. Horton Wastewater Treatment Facility <5.0 MGD	2022
CORBS CWEA Plant Supervisor of the Year - Lee Boyer <5.0 MGD	2022
CORBS CWEA Laboratory Person of the Year - Andy Grunnet	2021
CORBS CWEA Operator of the Year - Andy Grunnet	2021
DHS Parade of Lights - Best Overall	2021
ACWA/JPIA Awards in the Liability and Worker's Compensation Categories	2021
Big Heart Awards Person of the Year - Dori Petee	2021
CORBS CWEA Collection System of the Year <249 miles	2020
CORBS CWEA Collection Person of the Year - David Weaver	2020
Big Heart Awards Person of the Year - Mark Vermeer	2020
Big Heart Awards Person of the Year - Chris Jacobson	2019
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2018
Big Heart Awards Person of the Year - Carol Morin	2018
Big Heart Awards for Large Business	2017
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2017
CORBS CWEA Operator of the Year - Chris Jacobson	2016
United Way Silver Award "for outstanding service to the people of our community"	2016
CORBS CWEA Collection System of the Year <249 miles	2015
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2014
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2013
County of Riverside - Large Business of the Year Star Award	2013
California Legislature Assembly Large Business of the Year Award	2013
Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D. Desert Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year	2013
United Way Silver Award "for outstanding service to the people of our community"	2013
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2011
CORBS CWEA Collection System of the Year <249 miles	2011
United Way Gold Award "for outstanding service to the people of our community"	2010
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2010
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2009
CORBS CWEA Past President - Lee Boyer	2009
Tri-State Seminar - Employer Appreciation	2009

CORBS CWEA - Outstanding Agency Support Award	2008
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2008
CORBS CWEA Collection System of the Year <249 miles	2008
Palm Springs Unified School District - Presented Shiny Apple Award to Groundwater Guardians - "For helping Palm Springs Unified School District Shine!"	2008
CORBS CWEA Plant Operator of the Year - Chris Jacobson	2007
Palm Springs Unified School District - Presented Shiny Apple Award to MSWD - "For helping Palm Springs Unified School District Shine!"	2007
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2006
CORBS CWEA Collection System of the Year <249 miles	2006
CORBS CWEA Operator of the Year - Lee Boyer	2006
CORBS CWEA Collection Person of the Year - Lee Boyer	2006
CORBS CWEA Past President - Lee Boyer	2006
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	2004
CORBS CWEA Operator of the Year - Lee Boyer	2001
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	1996
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	1992
CORBS CWEA Collection System of the Year <249 miles	1992
CWEA Plant Safety	1992
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	1991
CORBS CWEA Plant of the Year <5.0 MGD	1989





[View Slideshow](#)