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### **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION WINS AWARD FOR BEST TASTING WATER**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. June 16, 2023** – The City of Grand Junction was among the top three winners of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Best of the Best Water Taste Test at their annual international conference held this year in Toronto, Canada.

The City of Miramichi in New Brunswick, Canada, won the Best of the Best Water Taste Test. Second place went to the City of Grand Junction in Grand Junction, Colorado, and third place went to Raleigh Water - Dempsey E. Benton Water Treatment Plant in Raleigh, North Carolina.

“We were thrilled to be chosen best tasting water in the Rocky Mountain Region this past fall and now to be selected as the second best tasting water at our international conference, well that is truly something about which our community can be very proud,” stated Randi Kim Utilities director. “We are fortunate to have a very pristine water source with the Kannah Creek watershed; however, I also give a great deal of credit for the quality of our water to our hard working teams who manage our reservoir and water supply pipelines, operate our water treatment plant, and maintain our distribution system to deliver great tasting water to our customers every day. I am thrilled to be receiving this award on behalf of all of them.”

The Best of the Best Water Taste Test is determined by a panel of judges that included trained water flavor profilers. The People’s Choice Taste Test is determined by the more than 10,000 attendees at the AWWA conference. The events included regional winners from water tasting competitions and was held at AWWA’s Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE23) in Toronto.

ACE23 is the longest-running water conference in the world, having convened for the first time in 1881. The event features more than 440 expert presentations and an exposition featuring more than 450 exhibitors.

*American Water Works Association was established in 1881 and is the largest nonprofit, scientific and educational association dedicated to managing and treating water, the world’s most vital resource. With approximately 50,000 members, AWWA provides solutions to improve public health, protect the environment, strengthen the economy, and enhance quality of life.*

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