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City of San Diego Receives Prestigious Global Water Award

Pure Water San Diego takes 'Water Reuse Project of the Year' at the Global Water Summit.

ABU DHABI, UAE – The City of San Diego's Pure Water Program won Water Reuse Project of the Year at the 2016 Global Water Summit held on April 19 in Abu Dhabi. The award recognizes the project that "represents the most significant advancement in terms of water reuse," according to the Global Water Summit.

"San Diego continues to lead the way in innovation and sustainability and we're proud that our push to create an independent, drought-proof local water supply is winning international acclaim," said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. "We're working hard to build a better and cleaner San Diego with our Pure Water recycling program and our landmark Climate Action Plan. There's no more precious resource than our environment and San Diegans have wholeheartedly embraced these groundbreaking initiatives."

Pure Water San Diego was selected among water reuse projects competing for the honor from around the globe, including projects in Jordan, Dubai and Orange County, California.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for this prestigious award. Pure Water San Diego is an industry-leading program that will deliver safe, reliable, drought-resistant water for all San Diegans and provide more local control for our water supply," said San Diego Public Utilities Director Halla Razak.

San Diego's Pure Water Program is the City's phased, multi-year program to use proven water purification technology to clean recycled water to produce a safe and sustainable high-quality water supply that is locally controlled and drought resistant. An initial 30-million-gallon-per-day water purification facility is scheduled to be operational by 2021. The long-term goal of producing one-third of San Diego's drinking water supply – about 83 million gallons a day – will be reached in 2035. Find more information about Pure Water San Diego by visiting PureWaterSD.org.

The Climate Action Plan is a package of policies that will benefit San Diego's environment and economy. It will help create new jobs in the renewable energy industry, improve public health and air quality, conserve water, more efficiently use existing resources, increase clean energy production, improve quality of life and save taxpayer money. Find out more about the City of San Diego's [Climate Action Plan](#).

The Global Water Summit, produced by Global Water Intelligence, publisher of periodicals for the international water industry, is an annual gathering for water leaders from all over the world to discuss and share a wide range of ideas and initiatives that seek to better water industries and municipalities. This year's theme was "Water 2050: The Future is Now" and is predicated upon the idea that water will be a fundamental factor shaping economic growth in the decades up to 2050.

