

# PureNews

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Welcome to Pure News, a new sletter about Pure Water San Diego, the City of San Diego's multiyear program to address the need for a safe, secure and sustainable local water supply. The Pure Water Program made great strides in research, stakeholder engagement and pre-construction activities over the past year. Read on to learn more about the Program's accomplishments in 2019.

## Program Milestones

**January 2019** – Nearly 150 people attended the Pure Water San Diego Contractor EXPO to learn how to bid on Phase 1 contracts.

**February 2019** – The City of San Diego received a \$9 million grant from the Bureau of Reclamation.

**June 2019** – Pre-construction activities started at the North City Water Reclamation Plant and future North City Pure Water Facility site. [View photos of the early site work on our Facebook page.](#)

**June 2019** – More than 350 community members attended the third Pure Water Day Open House. Attendees toured the Pure Water Demonstration Facility (PWDF), tasted the purified water, planted succulents, asked questions about upcoming construction, and more! [View photos from the Open House.](#)

**July 2019** – The Pure Water team conducted a tracer study at Miramar Reservoir to validate a hydrodynamic model that shows how water moves and mixes through the reservoir. The model is used to demonstrate regulatory compliance and public health protection and has also informed the design of the Phase 1 projects. [View photos from the tracer study.](#)

**July 2019** – The City of San Diego received a letter of approval from the Division of Drinking Water confirming that Pure Water can be used as a source for drinking water supply.

**September 2019** – Bird Rock Coffee Roasters served coffee brewed with Pure Water at the WaterReuse Symposium in San Diego. [View photos from the partnership.](#)

**September 2019** – Ten homebrewers participated in the second "Pure Brew San Diego" competition at the Maritime Museum. Attendees sampled beers brewed with Pure Water and voted for their favorites. [View photos from the competition.](#)

**September 2019** – The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department was recognized as a "Utility of the Future Today" for Pure Water's public outreach efforts. [Read the news release.](#)

**November 2019** – The Pure Water Program received an Award of Excellence in Community Relations from the Public Relations Society of America San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter. The Pure Water team was recognized for community working groups developed to gather input on how to avoid or minimize future construction impacts.



**December 2019** – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California board voted to provide up to \$285.6 million in incentives to the Pure Water Program. The funding will come from the Local Resources Program to help San Diego secure a more sustainable water future. [Read the news release.](#)



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## Seeing is Believing

In 2019, the Pure Water team conducted more than 100 PWDF tours. More than 18,500 people have toured the facility to date.

Youth and educational programs including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, elementary through college classes and STEAM/STEM clubs learned about Pure Water's advanced water purification process through tailored presentations and hands-on activities.

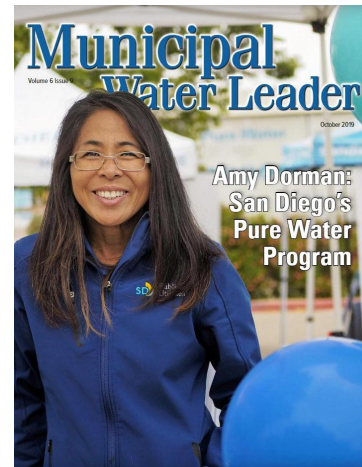


National water industry organizations (U.S. EPA, WaterReuse Association, American Water Works Association), water agencies (Santa Rosa Water, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Jacksonville JEA) and international groups (P.U.R.A., Moroccan Minister of Water, an international press delegation) have found value in touring the PWDF. David Ross, Chief of Water at the U.S. EPA, visited the PWDF prior to announcing the [National Water Reuse Action Plan](#). Other agencies and municipalities have spoken with our subject matter experts about the future of San Diego's local water supply and how they may utilize similar programs to combat the water challenges they face at home.

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## Pure Water in the Media

Pure Water has been showcased by local, national and international media outlets this year for innovative work in potable reuse. Amy Dorman, Deputy Director of Pure Water Operations, made the front cover of [Municipal Water Leader](#) discussing her career working on Pure Water and what the future holds for the Program.



On a trip organized by the State Department to discuss tactics needed for a more water-secure future, a journalist from Pakistan visited our PWDF and wrote an article "[Stressed Out](#)" about water challenges in his country that may be addressed with programs similar to Pure Water.

In April, the City was featured in the [California Water Environment Association E-bulletin](#) for a partnership with Trussell Technologies designing and implementing a training program for current drinking water and wastewater operators to become certified in Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) for future potable reuse projects.

See all of our media coverage by visiting our [newsroom](#).

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## Happy Holidays!



Happy holidays from the Pure Water team!

### Quick Links

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### Get Involved

Now is a great time to learn about Pure Water San Diego through educational tours and community events!

Check out our [Pure Water Calendar](#) to keep up with events and tours.



[www.purewatersd.org](http://www.purewatersd.org)

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