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City's Otay Water Treatment Plant Receives Special Award for High Performance

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego's Otay Water Treatment Plant has received special recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water for maintaining Directors Award status for five years. The Five-Year Directors Award is bestowed to plants in good standing that have maintained a high level of performance for five years. Otay has received these awards while treating more challenging source water quality from local reservoirs and is recognition of outstanding performance by the plant staff team. The City received the award at American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition, which was held June 9-13, 2013, in Denver, Colo.

The Alvarado, Miramar and Otay water treatment plants are managed by the City's Public Utilities Department. In addition to Otay's accomplishment, the Miramar Water Treatment Plant received the Director's Award of Recognition in 2012 for its efforts related to its first year of Partnership for Safe Water participation; and the City's Alvarado Water Treatment Plant began its first year of active participation in fiscal year 2013 and has already implemented several optimizing projects.

Also, the City's Potable Water Distribution System began active participation with the Partnership in fiscal year 2011 and continues working towards improving water quality through optimized and customized performance improvements.

"We are very excited to receive these awards and we are proud of our continuing efforts to improve our water quality," said Roger Bailey, Director of Public Utilities. "These achievements are indicators of our staff's commitment to excellence in treating safe drinking water and distributing it to our customers."

The Partnership for Safe Water is a unique cooperative effort between EPA, American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, National Association of Water Companies, and Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. The Partnership's mission is to improve the quality of drinking water delivered to customers of public water supplies by optimizing system operations. The Partnership encourages and assists U.S. water suppliers to voluntarily enhance their water systems performance.

The City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department provides safe, healthful drinking water to the 1.3 million residents of San Diego; and regional wastewater treatment and disposal services for more than 2 million residents of San Diego County.

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