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“Tahoe Tap” Member Glenbrook Water Cooperative wins “Best Tasting Water in the USA” Competition sponsored by the National Rural Water Association.

Washington, D.C / Lake Tahoe, Nevada. – With a cheer of celebration, Cameron McKay, from the Glenbrook Water Cooperative in Glenbrook, Nevada walked to the stage to accept the Gold Medal Award at the Great American Water Taste Test. Glenbrook was selected by a panel of judges, at the GAWTT finals at noon on Feb. 10, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Judges rated each water based on its clarity, bouquet and taste.

Glenbrook Water Cooperative, located on the east shore of Lake Tahoe, is a founding member of the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association (TWSA), which encourages residents and visitors to go without bottled water, and instead, DRINK TAHOE TAP®. The Glenbrook Water Cooperative holds a rare filtration exemption drinking water treatment status from the US EPA. It holds one of only 60 exemptions in the nation, attesting to the high quality and purity of Lake Tahoe’s source water. Glenbrook utilizes state of the art ozone and ultraviolet disinfection to provide exceptional drinking waters to its residents. Small systems like Glenbrook and tens of thousands of others around the country must meet all of the same water quality standards as those systems serving millions of people.

The Great American Water Taste Test is held annually at the National Rural Water Association’s annual Water Rally. Thirty-seven states competed at the national level this year, from thousands of entries in the individual states. Glenbrook Water Cooperative won the Nevada Rural Water Association Best Tasting Water competition in 2015, and this win was a first for Nevada in the national contest.

The Consolidated Rural Water and Sewer District #1 of Jefferson County from Hastings, Oklahoma won the Silver Award, with the City of Emporia, Kansas earning Bronze. The Northwest Dyersburg Utility District in Dyersburg, Tennessee and the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska completed the top five.

A panel of preliminary judges selected the five finalists from entries submitted from across the nation. Rural Utility Service Administrator, Brandon McBride, Assistant Administrator for Water and Environmental Programs, Jacki Ponti-Lazaruk, RUS Senior Advisor Titilayo Ogunyale, Director for Rural Development’s Water Programs Division, Kent Evans, and USDA Engineering and Environmental Staff Director, Kelli Kubena served as the final judges.

You can watch a recording of the entire Taste Test at <http://nrwa.org/2016/02/glenbrook-nev-named-best-tasting-water-in-the-country>.



Cameron McKay (image left), Glenbrook Water Cooperative District Manager, accepts the Gold Award for “Best Drinking Water in the USA” at the 2016 National Rural Water Association’s “Great American Water Taste Test” .

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