

MWD's water among the best

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Water from Southern California's Metropolitan Water District took second place over the weekend in the municipal category in a contest involving drinking water from around the world.

The public water in Montpelier, Ohio, was tapped as the world's best by judges who tasted samples from as far away as Bosnia.

Eight countries, 23 states and the District of Columbia were represented at the 13th annual Berkeley Springs International Water Taste in West Virginia, which honored winners in five categories Saturday.

Montpelier, Ohio, won in the municipal category, followed by the Los Angeles-based MWD; Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; Canora, Canada; and Kinross Charter Township in Kincheole, Mich.

The bottled-water prize went to Mountain Valley Spring Water of Hot Springs, Ark. The best carbonated water came from Harrogate Spa Water of Harrogate, Britain. Clear Creek Water Co. of Farmington, N.M., won for purified drinking water, and StoneClear Springs of Vanleer, Tenn., won for package design.

Each sample was judged on six points: appearance, odor, flavor, mouth feel, aftertaste and overall impression. The ideal water is colorless, clear and odor-free, with a balanced mouth feel and no single overpowering taste or aftertaste.

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