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Headline: Utah County Water is Best of Show

For the second year in a row, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District's newest drinking water sources have won the Intermountain Section of the American Water Works Association's Best of Show at the 2016 Water Taste Test. Last week water professionals from Utah and Southeastern Idaho gathered in St. George for their annual conference and to select the best tasting water within the Section.

"We are excited that we are providing the best water possible to our customers, not only in safety but in taste also," said Bill Peatross, manager of District's Central Water Project which won the award.

In 2005 the District purchased water rights and facilities from the Geneva Steel facility located in Vineyard, Utah. Since that time, two wells have been redeveloped to produce water which is sold to Vineyard, Lehi, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. Last year, Well #11 won the contest. This year it was Well #12's turn to take the spotlight.

Both wells are pumped from deep within the confined aquifers. "With a depth of around 1600 feet, these wells are some of the deepest in the State," said Peatross. "We went this deep to get the best water possible; looks like we succeeded."

In addition to being the best tasting, these wells produce an incredible amount of water. They are able to pump 6,000 gallons per minute. So, in one minute this well would produce enough water to meet the average usage of a family of four for a week.

The District is always looking towards the long term growth in Utah. The 14 wells being developed in Vineyard represent that commitment. "The future of Utah depends on having a safe reliable water supply. These wells are important components of a water system that will help contribute to that for our children and grandchildren," said David Pitcher, Assistant General Manager.

The District will represent Utah at the National AWWA Taste Test held in June 2017 in Philadelphia, PA.

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