



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

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## **City of Yakima Wins Best Tasting Water Contest**

In this month of March Madness, it's on to the next round for the City of Yakima after winning the 2023 Central Washington Best Tasting Water contest.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) Central Washington Subsection competition was held March 14<sup>th</sup>. Entries for Best Tasting Water were submitted by the cities of Yakima, Walla Walla, Richland, Pasco as well as the Nob Hill Water Association.

“Every entry had incredible clearness, quality, taste and smell which made judging very difficult,” Yakima County Commissioner Amanda McKinney said in a social media post. “Thank you to all of the folks who work hard every day to ensure these municipal supplies are consistently healthy for their residents.”

The City of Yakima's water quality now advances to the AWWA Section contest in May, which will be held in Kennewick.

“This was a great job by all our dedicated employees,” said Interim Water/Irrigation Manager Mike Shane. “They work hard to make sure we are providing safe, high-quality and great tasting drinking water to our customers.”

This is not the first award for City of Yakima drinking water. The city's Water Treatment Plant has received the Gold Certificate of Achievement, presented by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Office of Drinking Water for meeting the high standards of DOH's Treatment Optimization Program for 10 continuous years.

Click [Water Treatment & Water Quality | Water and Irrigation \(yakimawa.gov\)](https://www.yakimawa.gov) for more about the City of Yakima's water system.



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