



American Water Works Association
Pacific Northwest Section
South Sound Subsection

**PNWS – AWWA SOUTH SOUND SUBSECTION PRESENTS
BEST TASTING WATER 2023**

Is your water the best tasting? Put it to the challenge!

The South Sound Subsection announces its 13th Annual Best Tasting Water event. All Utilities in the South Sound area are encouraged to participate. The winning water in this competition will have the honor of competing for the title of “Best in the Northwest” at the 2023 PNWS-AWWA conference in Kennewick, WA.

South Sound Subsection Contest Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Water samples must be submitted in advance. See attached for sample collection & handling requirements.

Place: IAFF Local 31 Firefighters Hall, 1109 S. 50th St. Tacoma, WA 98408. Please come and cheer on your favorite utility.

Dinner and Beverages: Will be provided by the South Sound Subsection and our sponsors.

Contact: Jolene Gibson at 253.396.3046 or email jgibson2@cityoftacoma.org for further information.

Registration Deadline: Contestants must be registered by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2023 to be considered eligible.

The South Sound contest is open to all South Sound utilities that have no state or federal regulatory violations within the last year. All members are encouraged to participate or merely attend to cheer on your favorites and partake in the festivities. Come and enjoy this opportunity to introduce your friends and family to your peers.

Judging will be based on three categories: scent, flavor, and aftertaste. Each category will be scored on a 10-point scale from low (1) to high (10), the highest possible total score being 30 points.



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Sample Collection / Handling Requirements:

- ❖ Personal attendance is required for the competition. A representative from each competing purveyor will be present.
- ❖ **Samples must be collected at minimum, the day before the competition.** Samples shall be collected at the end of all treatment facilities so as to most accurately represent water at your customer's taps.
- ❖ Participants should keep samples on ice or refrigerated @ 4 degrees Celsius. Samples will be served at room temperature to help judges more fairly judge each sample.
- ❖ Two samples must be submitted, each in a 1-liter glass container. 0.946-liter bottles, or equal are recommended preferably Boston round narrow mouth bottles. Bottles should be washed, rinsed with sample, then filled and capped leaving no headspace. **Each sample should be clearly identified with the name of the water system using removable tags around the neck or removable tape. Please do not use permanent markers to label bottles.**
- ❖ Once the samples have been taken, they will need to be dropped off at one of 3 drop off locations the **day before the competition by 4pm**. Samples will be refrigerated until the day of competition. (Contact Jolene Gibson to coordinate drop off location.)
- ❖ **Samples should be taken out of cold storage the day of the competition and brought to the competition at room temperature.**