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## 2020 American Water Works Association Exemplary Source Water Protection Awards: Beaver Water District Named Large Source Water System Winner

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The American Water Works Association (“AWWA”) announced the three winners of its 2020 Exemplary Source Water Protection Award.

The Beaver Water District (“BWD”) in Arkansas was named the Large Source Water System winner.

A large source water system serves 501,000 persons or more.

BWD, a wholesale drinking water provider, serves customers in Benton and Washington counties in northwest Arkansas. The system’s sole water source is Beaver Lake, a large reservoir on the White River.

AWWA describes its Exemplary Source Water Protection Award recipients as demonstrating:

... the highest level of vision, goals, action plan, innovation, implementation and evaluation in the categories of small, medium, and large water systems.

In describing BWD’s award, it noted in part regarding BWD that the water system:

... partnered with the Northwest Arkansas Council to develop a Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy, which became a key element in BWD’s 2012 Source Water Protection Plan. The District regularly revises and updates the plan as new data becomes available. In 2016, BWD’s Board of Directors voted to dedicate four cents per every 1,000 gallons sold to a Source Water Protection Fund. This funding ensures ongoing implementation of source water protection activities.

AWWA describes itself as:

An international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water.

A link to the AWWA announcement can be found [here](#).