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## **GLENDALE TAKES TOP NATIONAL HONOR FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE**

**GLENDALE, ARIZ.**— The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) honored Glendale Water Services with the Sustainable Water Utility Management Award at its 2017 Executive Management Conference held today in St. Simons, GA.

Glendale Water Services, one of six utilities to receive the national award, was recognized for its proactive water management strategy focused on policy, planning, conservation and technology. "Sustainability for Glendale means protecting public health by producing clean, safe water from renewable resources while meeting daily standards," said Glendale Director of Water Services Craig Johnson, P.E.

The Sustainable Water Utility Management Award recognizes water service utilities that have made a notable commitment to management that achieves a balance of innovative and successful efforts in areas of economic, social and environmental endeavors.

"As people more and more recognize how vital adequate, reliable supplies of safe, clean drinking water are to public health and community sustainability, AMWA is pleased to spotlight the impressive achievements of public drinking water utilities that are leading the nation in their efforts toward sustainability through innovative management practices, executive leadership and employee engagement," said AMWA President Scott Potter, Director of Nashville Metro Water Services. "Our 2017 management award winners are a credit to their communities, and we salute their formidable accomplishments."

Glendale was commended on receiving high marks in all areas, according to national benchmarking surveys conducted by AMWA. The city's Water Services Department was distinguished for leading the city's sustainability efforts, which include assuring a

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100-year water supply for its customers, the successful promotion of energy and water conservation efforts among its business and residential customers, implementing proactive measures that protect the city's watershed and safeguarding the community from environmental hazards.

"Glendale Water Services has made significant commitment and progress toward long-term viability through innovation, gains in operational efficiency and a commitment to continuous process improvement principles," said Johnson. "The city's water utilities are invaluable assets to our customers and community. Sustainable communities cannot exist without sustainable water systems."

The 2017 AMWA Sustainable Water Utility Management Award winners are Atlanta Department of Watershed Management (Georgia), Fairfax Water (Virginia), Glendale Water Services Department (Arizona), Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (California), Onondaga County Water Authority (New York) and Orange County Utilities (Florida).

In 2010, AMWA named Glendale Water Services as recipient of the AMWA Platinum Award for Utility Excellence. Glendale was also recognized earlier this year by the AZ Water Association as the recipient of its Large Water System of the Year award during the 90th Annual 2017 AZ Water Conference and Exhibition award ceremony held in May. The city has previously taken this same top statewide award in 2011. Glendale's wastewater collection system also took top state honors previously in 2012, 2013 and 2016.

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*The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies is an organization of the largest publicly-owned drinking water suppliers in the United States.*

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