



## 2018 Best Tasting Membrane Water

Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, Texas  
Annual Conference

### Submission Instructions

#### **Who can participate?**

Any utility in the SCMA region (Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas) that uses membrane treatment in the production of its drinking water is invited to submit a sample for judging. Facilities that do not use membranes in some stage of drinking water production are not eligible to enter.

#### **How to enter:**

Please submit the attached completed entry form to SCMA by **August 13, 2018** to sign up to participate in the contest. You can either drop off your sample on the day of the contest, or have your sample shipped to the hotel ahead of time. If you plan to drop off your sample, please submit your entry to the SCMA Staff at conference registration **no later than 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 (no exceptions)**. If you wish to ship your sample, please contact SCMA staff for instructions at [custsrv@scmembrane.org](mailto:custsrv@scmembrane.org) or 512-617-6529.

#### **Instructions for sample:**

Please follow the instruction below when preparing your water sample:

- Collect sample from water system no more than 48 hours prior to the competition on 8/23/18
- Place sample in a sealed 1-quart glass container
- Store and maintain sample at a temperature between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit
- Do not chill the water sample or the sample will be disqualified
- Do not label the sample with your utility name or any other identifying marks

**Only samples submitted in the correct sealed 1 quart glass container will be considered – no exceptions.** SCMA staff will track samples as they are turned in and assign anonymous labels to each sample. The public water system must comply with all Maximum Contaminant Levels and Treatment Technique requirements, and must not have any potable water quality violations from a regulatory agency in 2017 or 2018, or be under regulatory consent decree or order for its potable water quality.

#### **Judging:**

For each entry, individual samples will be prepared. Each judge will be given one sample of each entry. The judges will evaluate the sample on the following scale:

- Taste 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
- Odor 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
- Color 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
- Clarity 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
- Mouthfeel 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
- Aftertaste 1-5 (1 being poor and 5 being best)
- Following Submission Instructions (1 being poor and 5 being best)

The sample with the highest cumulative score will be given the title of "2018 Best Tasting Membrane Water" The runner up will also be recognized.

Questions? Contact SCMA at 512-617-6529.



# Best Tasting Membrane Water Competition Submission Form

Please provide the following information and email to [support@scmembrane.org](mailto:support@scmembrane.org). Submit this form on or before Monday, August 13, 2018. Your water sample must be submitted to SCMA Staff at Registration by Wednesday, August 22, 2018, by 2:30 p.m. – NO EXCEPTIONS. Ship to arrive early to avoid late arrival.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e.: Ph.D., P.E., Jr.)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Plant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Utility Description (please provide one paragraph – 150 words or less)*

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What year was the utility formed? \_\_\_\_\_

State PWS ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the approximate population served? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the source of the raw water?

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What treatment is provided/specific membranes used?

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