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## County Wide Utility District Wins TAUD Region 8 Best Tasting Water Competition

**UNION CITY** – The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) held the Region Eight Best Tasting Water Contest at Discovery Park in Union City on Tuesday, June 30 where County Wide Utility District of Crockett County was awarded Best Tasting Water in the region.

TAUD Region Eight consists of Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, and Weakley counties.

Dyersburg Water System, Dyer Public Works, Rutherford Water Department, and Union City Water & Wastewater also participated in the contest where each utility's water sample was judged on the quality of taste, clarity and bouquet.

Joel Howard of USDA Rural Development, Scott Williams, President and CEO of Discovery Park, and TAUD Board President Pat Riley served as judges for the contest.

This summer, TAUD will conduct the Best Tasting Water in Tennessee Contest in each of our eleven regions. Each regional winner will compete at the Association's 2020 Business Conference at the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Thursday, August 13th. The statewide winner represents TAUD at the Great American Taste Test held in conjunction with the National Rurally Water Association Rally in Washington DC in February of 2021.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts is the state's best source for training, technical assistance, and advocacy for our over 400 water, wastewater, and natural gas utility members. For more information about TAUD please visit our website at <a href="https://www.taud.org">www.taud.org</a> or follow us on facebook (Tennessee Association of Utility Districts) and Instagram at taudwater.

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Pictured left to right: Scott Williams, Pat Riley, Michael Johnson, GM of County Wide Utility District, Joel Howard