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CAMBRIA, CA – The Cambria Community Services District today announced that its Emergency Water Supply (EWS) project has been nominated for a 2015 Global Water Award in the category of “Desalination Plant of the Year.”

The EWS was shortlisted along with three other projects from around the world. The award winner will be announced next month in Athens, Greece, at the Global Water Summit, the major business conference for the water industry worldwide.

The Global Water Awards (<http://www.globalwaterawards.com>) recognize the most important achievements in the international water industry within several categories. The Desalination Plant of the Year category goes to the plant, commissioned during 2014, “that represents the most impressive technical or ecologically sustainable development in the industry.”

CCSD Jerry Gruber said the nomination testifies to the innovative nature of the EWS and to the achievement of state and local agencies in bringing it online quickly: “We are pleased to see a prestigious worldwide industry award program recognize the distinctive nature of this project, including its combination of water reuse and brackish-water treatment as well as its successful completion less than a year after the first round of funding was authorized.”

Shortlist nominees were announced by Global Water Intelligence (GWI), a leading provider of news and market analysis on the international water industry. In nominating the Cambria EWS, GWI said the fast-tracked construction of the project “sets a new benchmark for what is achievable in the face of severe water stress.” It also notes the project’s “unique mix of groundwater, brackish water and secondary treated effluent,” adding, “The high level of acceptance from local residents for what is ultimately an indirect potable reuse project conclusively demonstrates that Californians are willing to retain their pioneering spirit when faced with long odds.”

The Cambria EWS is the only brackish-water plant nominated the desalination category. The other three projects nominated in this category are all seawater reverse-osmosis (SWRO) plants, located in Capiapo, Chile, Mactaa, Algeria, and Ras Al-Khair, Saudi Arabia.

Voting for the 2015 awards will end April 6 and is open to GWI subscribers, Water Desalination Report (WDR) subscribers and International Desalination Association (IDA) members. The awards will be presented by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (2004-2014) and Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-2004) on the evening of the April 27 at the Nasioutzik Museum in Athens.

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