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San Diego International Airport Collaborates with East Village Brewing and Water Works, Inc. to Release Beers Made from Purified Condensate

SAN DIEGO – September 15, 2023 – [San Diego International Airport](#) (SAN), [Water Works, Inc.](#), and [The East Village Brewing Company](#) celebrate the production of beers made with purified condensate collected through the airport's water stewardship program. Initially released in December 2022, **Hoppy Travels IPA** is a West Coast IPA with flavors of grapefruit and guava. A new seasonal release, **Cruising Ale-titude** is a honey ale with flavors of floral, honey, and cracker. The beers are currently on tap at The East Village Brewing Company and are also available at concessions in Terminal 2.

The water used in the beers is condensate that drips from the bottom of air conditioning units attached to jet bridges at SAN. Water Works, Inc. captures and purifies the condensate using ozone disinfection before transporting it to The East Village Brewing Company. The condensate water has a pure water profile with little mineral content, making the reclaimed water an ideal base for brewers. In addition to making beer, the water is used to clean equipment and vehicles at SAN as well as in the cooling towers that control the temperature in the terminals.

"We first partnered with the brewers of The East Village Brewing Company in 2019 when they brewed a beer called SAN Test Pilot and then again in 2022 when they produced an IPA and a Pilsner using the condensate," said Kimberly Becker, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority President & CEO. "Both batches from 2019 and 2022 were very successful, selling out almost immediately, and since then we've been interested in collaborating again. The East Village Brewing Company's and Water Works' focus on sustainability aligns with our efforts at the airport and we are happy to have the opportunity to showcase this reclaimed water innovatively with their help. Cheers to another successful collaboration!"

"Wholesome ingredients, sustainability, and community are the core tenets of our brewery," said Aaron Justus, The East Village Brewing Company Owner and Brewer. "This collaboration checks all three boxes. It's great to partner again with the airport, a pillar within our community filled with passionate and fun people. The condensate water is naturally superbly pure and ideal for brewing. Plus, water reclamation is a creative way to reduce our water footprint here in San Diego."

The East Village Brewing Company has an emphasis on sustainability, ensuring its operations, brewing practices and final products limit the impact on the environment. Some examples include sourcing hops and malt ingredients from certified Global GAP and Salmon Safe farms, providing their spent grain to a local farm for cow and pig feed, and sourcing all raw materials from companies located on the West Coast of the U.S. In addition, all water that runs through the heat exchanger is reclaimed and used for cleaning and brewing, lights are low energy LED and have either timers or motion sensors, cleaners and hand soap for tasting room and bathrooms are earth friendly. The brewery is paperless and does not use shrink wrap or other single-use plastics. To learn more about The East Village Brewing Company, please visit eastvillagebrew.com.

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Water Works has over 20 years of experience in designing, building, and installing industrial water systems for Life Science companies in California. The Water Works team applies its extensive experience in membrane purification to design drought and conservation-focused solutions, from 100% RO recovery systems to dynamically operated cooling and softening systems that save millions of gallons of water per year. Their reputation for conservation has made Water Works a clear choice for 2 LEED Platinum laboratories in California. They use technologies such as computer-controlled infra-red (IR) fusion to deliver the highest purity weld, ensuring the longevity and microbial control of the ultra pure water systems. To learn more about Water Works, Inc., please visit www.ultrapurewaterworks.com.

Beer Tasting Notes:

Hoppy Travels IPA

Style: West Coast IPA

ABV 7.1% | *SRM* 2 | *IBU* 70 | *OG* 14.8 | *FG* 1.6

Aroma: Pineapple, clementine, strawberry

Flavor: Pineapple, clementine, strawberry

Mouthfeel/Finish: Dry, sharp, resinous

Brewer's Beer Description:

Hoppy Travels was brewed with water from air conditioner condensate collected at terminals in San Diego International Airport. It's an innovative way to lower our water footprint. It was made with a potpourri of hops: Mosaic, Strata, Simcoe, Citra, and experimental hop YQH 1320. The result is a beer with potent aromas and flavors of pineapple, clementine, and strawberry. This beer has a bitter, dry, and resinous finish that is the hallmark of West Coast IPAs. It's a delight to drink!

Cruising Ale-titude:

Style: Honey Ale

ABV 5.7% | *SRM* 2 | *IBU* 20 | *OG* 12.0 | *FG* 1.4

Aroma: Floral

Flavor: Honey, cracker

Mouthfeel/Finish: Clean, crisp, dry

Brewer's Beer Description:

Cruising Ale-titude was brewed with only ingredients from California. As part of an ongoing collaboration with the San Diego Airport and Water Works Inc., the water was sourced from air conditioner condensate collected from one of the terminals. The malt is from Admiral Maltings in Alameda, hops from Thompsen Farms in Tracy, wildflower honey came from San Diego Honey in Oceanside, and the yeast from White Labs in San Diego. It's bright, crisp, and refreshing with a delicate floral aroma and pleasant cracker-like flavor.

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ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)

Owned and operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Airport Authority), [San Diego International Airport \(SAN\)](#) is one of the busiest single-runway commercial service airports in the world and the third-busiest airport in California. SAN contributes nearly \$12 billion in economic activity for the region by connecting the world to San Diego and San Diego to the world. In November 2021, the Airport Authority began construction on the [New T1](#) which includes the replacement of the current Terminal 1, improvements to the airfield, improved transportation connectivity to the airport, and a new administration building. The New T1 program's total project budget is \$3.4 billion and is estimated to create between 15,000 to 20,000 construction-related jobs. For more information about the New T1 please visit [newt1.com](#). For more information about SAN please visit [san.org](#).

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