



## Continuing Our Mission

Customers signed up in Mercer County, which are included in those rural contracts, will be receiving water from the SWPP by the end of next summer.

There are two rural contracts, 7-9C, Zap Phase I and 7-9D, Zap Phase II. Construction will resume in the spring in this area.

If you have any questions on receiving rural service, please contact Bruce Koppinger, Marketing Coordinator, at 1-888-425-0241. 💧



# Happy New Year!

## From Mary Massad, Manager/CEO

You may have noticed a slight increase (effective January 1, 2013) in your water usage rates. In order to meet the rising costs of water treatment and the need for an increase in the replacement fund, SWA's Board of Directors agreed to a ten-cent increase per each thousand gallons of water used (above 2,000 gallons) by rural customers. The rural rate is now \$3.96 per thousand gallons of treated water. For contract customers, there is now a twelve-cent increase per thousand gallons of water used. The contract rate is now \$3.50 per thousand gallons of treated water. In both cases, the cost of each treated gallon of water remains below one-half cent per gallon.

Water Convention, the Southwest Pipeline Project is budgeted to receive \$79 million in order to continue meeting its goal of providing water to southwest North Dakota. With the \$79 million, we will be able to complete construction for all rural customers waiting for water as well as increasing the capacity to meet the unprecedented growth throughout the southwest region of our state.



Mary Massad, Manager/CEO

The Board also determined the need for a monthly increase of seventy cents to pay for the increase in capital repayment which pays back to the state the funding for the Project. The monthly base rate is now \$44.05 per month.

For those of you waiting for hooking up to our quality water, we appreciate your patience. Please know that we are striving to get water to you. Governor Jack Dalrymple announced to the North Dakota Legislature and at the recent North Dakota

More than 300 additional miles of pipeline for two new service area contracts will soon deliver our quality water to more than 400 new customers in the coming months and, by the end of next summer (August, 2013), we project to have a 300,000-gallon reservoir in place. It's important to know, our number one priority has always been and will always be quality water for you, our customers, so we are delighted for people to know we are working as quickly as possible in developing additional service areas to meet growth and demand needs. 💧

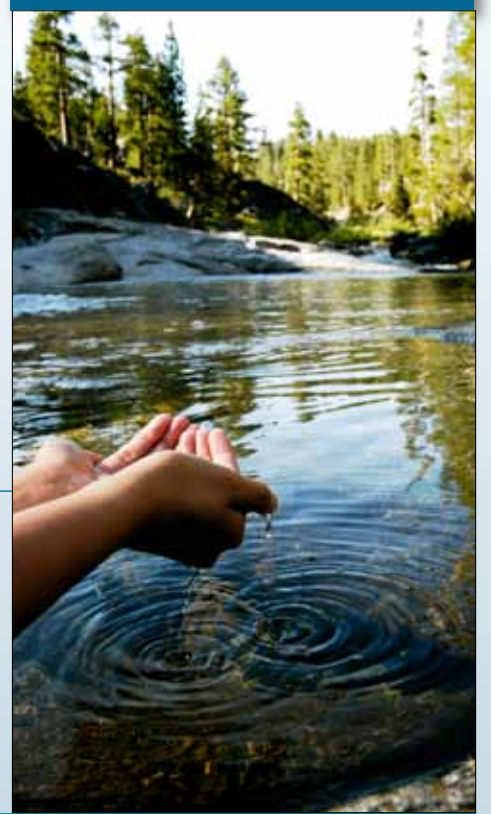
## View our DVD

Through the generosity of Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Southwest Water Authority was gifted an extraordinary first-hand view of how astronauts conserve water aboard missions, and more important, how technology in future water space exploration will benefit all of us here on earth! We invite you now to watch the eight-minute DVD, featuring U.S. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Chair of Water and Energy, Federal Reclamation Commissioner Michael Connor, and some of our SWA customers. Visit: SWwater.com. 💧

## Did You Know...

The minimum fee that appears on your monthly statement includes 2,000 gallons of purified water, the meter, and capital repayment fees. The consumption and usage fee is billed based on actual amount of gallons of treated water that goes through your meter monthly ABOVE the 2,000 gallons that are included in the minimum fee. The water consumption and usage is determined by the monthly meter reading.

Your water usage fee is billed based on actual use per-thousand gallons of treated water that goes through your meter monthly ABOVE the 2,000 gallons that are included in your base fee. The water usage is determined by your monthly meter reading.



## Southwest Water Authority Received Fluoridation Award



The North Dakota Department of Health announced that the Southwest Water Authority received the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water throughout 2011.

“We are pleased that more states and communities than ever achieved this measure of excellence in their water fluoridation programs,” stated Dr. William Bailey, DDS, MPH, acting director of the CDC Division of Oral Health. “Community water fluoridation is one of the most effective means available for avoiding tooth decay, preventing at least 25% of tooth decay in children and adults.”

## About Us

The Southwest Water Authority (SWA) was established by the North Dakota State Legislature in 1991. The SWPP transports raw water from Lake Sakakawea to water treatment plants in Mercer County, the OMND WTP, and in Dickinson where it is treated and delivered to more than 48,000 people in 31 communities covering 4,400 rural service locations. To date, more than 4,000 miles of pipeline has been constructed with additional build contracts in the works for 2013. For more information: [www.SWwater.com](http://www.SWwater.com).

## Darrel Oech Recieved Water Wheel Award

For his lifelong efforts, SWA Board Member Darrel Oech recently won the 2012 North Dakota Water Resource District's Water Wheel Award. Darrel is the only founding member of SWA still serving. Nominated by industry peers, Darrel was recognized for his dedication as an advocate and involved citizen in helping to develop rural water services. The fact that so many people of southwest ND now drink quality water from their tap is because of people like Darrel.

## Making It Happen

These are the people that are helping make SWA's mission to provide quality water to the people of southwest ND continue to happen. And while they always want to hear about any issues or questions you have, perhaps you can drop them a line for a "job well done" as without everyone one of them, we wouldn't be serving quality water to over 4,400 rural homes and 31 communities.

## Governor Accelerates Funding for Water Projects



On December 5th, Governor Jack Dalrymple released his 2013-2015 Executive Budget. It was quickly evident that the State remains committed to helping fund improvements such as the Southwest Pipeline Project. “Never before in our state's history have we had a structural balance to our General Fund budget as strong as what we are proposing today,” Dalrymple said. “We have

worked hard for our prosperity and now it's time to put our prosperity to work for us.” The budget that Governor Dalrymple delivered included an allocation of \$79 million during the next biennium for the Southwest Pipeline Project.



Governor Jack Dalrymple (left) and Chairman of SWA Board, Larry Bares (right)

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