

From Mary Massad, Manager/CEO

Growing optimism and a shared vision for understanding the economic impact quality water has on all of North Dakota's success is at the forefront for us as we enter into the second quarter of 2013. Filled with accomplishments from years past and promise for what's to come, we continue advancement of the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP).

We continue to communicate our efforts to those citizens who are still waiting patiently for quality water. We empathize with those who have been hauling bottled water for drinking and cooking for many years because their groundwater is not suitable for consumption. In addition to those who wait, the SWPP and SWA are feeling the growth impacts in our region. It is our charge to find a balance between the growth, increased demand for water and to

be ever mindful of construction of project works to get water to those who wait.

What lies ahead? The State Legislature approved \$21 million (February 2013) to continue funding the Project and more support is being pursued. These commitments allow us to reach out to those who still wait for their first glass of SWPP water. Economic development is more attractive. Quality of life is improved for more citizens in our region. And, most importantly, connection to new service areas is within reach.

I am truly grateful to you all. Let's make our presence known in 2013! 💧



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2013 WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Customers signed up in Mercer County will be receiving water from the SWPP by the end of summer, 2013. There are two rural contracts, 7-9C, Zap Phase I and 7-9D, Zap Phase II. Construction will resume in Spring as weather allows.

More than 300 additional miles of pipeline for these 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 summer (August 2013), we plan to have a 300,000-gallon reservoir in place.

We are working as quickly as possible to develop new service areas to meet growth and demand. For questions on receiving rural water service, contact Bruce Koppinger, 1-888-425-0241.

For Kids Only



It's fun. It's educational. And it's right at your fingertips. We are pleased to announce a Kid's Only page on our website. Complete with games and videos, it is where children of all ages can learn about water, how we use it everyday, how to be resourceful with water and enjoy learning. Have Fun!



SWA Wins Sixth Place Internationally & Fourth Place Nationwide For Best Tasting Tap Water



The Judges of the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting contest recently declared Southwest Water Authority fourth of the tap waters in the United States and sixth Internationally for Best Tasting Water.

The award-winning 23rd Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting contest welcomes waters from across the country and around the globe. Held in Berkeley Springs, WV, it is the largest and longest running water tasting competition in the world.

Judges are trained to rate the waters on attributes of taste, smell and clarity by founding water master and internationally recognized water expert, Arthur von Wiesenberger. Judges for the 2013 Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting include freelance journalists and representatives from a variety of media outlets including NBC-TV and VA Public Radio.

“Over the life of the water tasting, we’ve had entrants from 45 countries representing every continent but Africa,” said Jill Klein Rone, long-time staff producer of the event. And she added, “We consider it the Academy Awards of Water.” 💧

Lennington Receives “Friend of Rural Water 2013” Award

Jim Lennington, Bartlett & West Project Manager for the SWPP & Southwest Water Authority, was recognized by the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) with the “Friend of Rural Water” award. This award is given to an individual whose support and actions over the past years have helped the NDRWSA improve the water quality to all citizens of North Dakota. On behalf of SWA’s Board of Director, Staff and Management, Thank You Jim! Your tireless efforts to provide the Project with the professional help necessary to bring quality water to southwest North Dakota is greatly appreciated.



Jim Lennington with Mary Massad

Our Vision:
People and Business
Succeeding with
Quality Water

Our Mission:
Quality Water for
Southwest
North Dakota

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Welcome New Employees



Miranda Massey

Miranda comes to SWA experienced with sales support & representation from her previous job with a larger

wireless communication company. A graduate from Dickinson High School, she is married to Mitch & together they enjoy their two-year-old twin daughters.



Jeffrey Altringer

Jeffrey is a graduate of Zap High School and comes to SWA experienced as an

equipment operator. When he isn't working for SWA, he enjoys spending time with his wife Jody and their three sons & four daughters.



Scott Dassinger

As a graduate of Richardton-Taylor High School, Scott is the new Water Distribution Maintenance Worker for SWA.

He is a resident of Dickinson, where he lives with his wife Sherrie, and son Chance.



Patrick Ihli

Patrick is a graduate of Watford City High School and later graduated from the Quinton Burdick Job

Corps Center. A North Dakota native, Patrick enjoys gardening, exercising and relaxing when he is not at work.



Gary Nordstrom

Gary comes to SWA as a graduate of Bismarck State College. He graduated from Bismarck High School and

also attended Minot State University. He has extensive experience with equipment operations. When Gary isn't working he enjoys the outdoors and his three grandkids.

About Our Progress

Since 1986, the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) has been constructing an efficient network of pipelines, pump stations, reservoirs and treatment facilities to bring southwest North Dakota an adequate quantity of quality water. To date, the Pipeline serves 31 communities, more than 4,600 rural service locations, 22 contract customers, 21 raw water customers and two rural water systems. The Mission continues of Quality Water for Southwest North Dakota.

Governor Signs Bill Providing \$21 Million For Pipeline Project



Governor Jack Dalrymple signed into law House Bill 1269 on February 19, 2013, making \$21 million immediately available for the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) in southwest North Dakota. Mary Massad, Manager/CEO of Southwest Water Authority, said, "House Bill 1269 is very exciting as it will allow for the expansion of water services in the region. This funding will enable the SWPP to serve more citizens and will free up water capacity from the Dickinson Water Treatment Plant. The funding will allow the State Water Commission to build the foundation of the North Dunn Regional Service Area by building the transmission facilities to serve this area." Said Governor Dalrymple, "By making this funding immediately available, contractors will be prepared to break ground as soon as the construction season begins." 💧



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