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Water Works



Quality Water for
Southwest North Dakota



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Summer is synonymous with water. It is when people use it the most. It is also when construction needs to happen. Southwest Water Authority (SWA) spent the summer under construction. The Main Transmission Line (MTL) upgrades in all directions out of Dickinson are nearing completion. The recently painted 400,000 gallon Taylor Elevated Tank will be put into operation this fall. This tank is the first of SWA's Strategic Hydraulic Improvements to help meet the growing need for quality water in southwest North Dakota. Progress continued on the supplemental intake at Renner Bay. The photo below shows the 36" welded steel pipe that will be floated onto the Missouri River and pulled back into place once Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) has finished. Once the intake is complete, construction of an Intake Pump Station will begin.

During the early summer SWA meetings, the Board of Directors unanimously passed a "Resolution of Appreciation" for members: Larry Bares, Director 2002-2022 representing City of Dickinson; Marie Johnson, Director 2010-2022 representing Mercer County, and Steve Schneider, Director 2010-2022, representing Stark County. All three were recognized for their on-going leadership, advocacy, and compassion for water quality. The board further resolved that individually all three board members helped SWA to continue realizing its vision of *People and Business Succeeding with Quality Water*. We wish them well in their future endeavors!

A special welcome to SWA's new Board Directors: Curtis Glasoe, representing Stark County; Kaylene Klein, representing Mercer County; and George Nodland, representing City of Dickinson. The newly elected Executive Committee for SWA's Board are James Odermann, Chairperson; George Nodland, Vice Chairperson; and Mike Tietz, Secretary/Treasurer.

SWA's Signup and Easement Department continues to collect signups for the Burt, Hebron Service Area. Currently, there are almost 600 property owners signed up. If you or someone you know is interested in water service in this area, NOW is the time to sign up! Feasibility and design of the project are reliant on needs. Contact SWA with any questions and about getting your location signed up at 1-888-425-0241.

Quality Water in Five Systems



Again, this year, all five of the public water systems operated by SWA provided water quality that met or exceeded the regulatory standards of the state of North Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To learn more about the quality of your drinking water, please review the Consumer Confidence Report available on our website 24/7.

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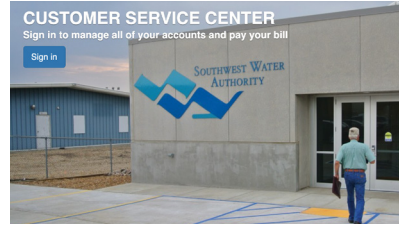
Let Us Connect Your Water

It's important to know you should never try to turn on a new Southwest Water Authority (SWA) water connection or tap into an SWA pipeline on your own. Not only is it illegal, it's also unsafe! Any new service location must have its water turned on by a SWA employee. Please call our office at 701-225-0241 at least 3 days in advance to schedule activation of your new connection.

Take Control of Your Water

Southwest Water Authority (SWA) encourages you to set up an account on our new Customer Service Center. Designed as a convenience for SWA's customers, it allows self-service options for viewing water bills and making payments. It allows our customers to manage their water account on their own time. Getting started is easy, just visit <https://customer.swwater.com/VCH/> and signup today.

We are here to help: If you need assistance setting up an account or simply have a question, contact us at 701-225-0241 or 888-425-0241.



Water Day At the State Fair

This year's state fair featured a "Water Day" Festival O' Fun event. Fun for people of all ages, the water-education event was held under the festival tent at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot. Booth exhibitors, trivia games, prize drawings, and Frost Fest snow cones were all part of North Dakota's water education during the state fair held at the end of July. SWA employees Ledeanna O'Shields and Wendy Serhienko educated those in attendance on the importance of water and the Southwest Pipeline Project. They also gave out popcorn to participants. A special thank you to Bartlett & West for the use of the popcorn machine!

ND Water Education Foundation Summer Water Tour



The "Where the Water West Begins" tour highlighted the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP). One of six water tours, its participants had a firsthand look at many facilities which have benefited from quality water of the SWPP. Sponsored by Southwest Water Authority (SWA), participants toured SWA's water treatment plants, Residuals Handling Facility, and Steffes Manufacturing in Dickinson. The bus then moved east to Richardton for a tour of the Red Trail Energy ethanol plant and Amber Waves grain bins. Held July 21, the bus tour began and ended in Dickinson.

Before You Dig... Know What's Below

People digging often find more than they bargained for. Hidden beneath the soil are miles of utility cables and piping. Whether you're building a fence or planting a tree, Call 811 - ND One Call EVERY TIME YOU DIG to ensure no underground lines are damaged. It's easy and it's the law. Dig safe!



Water Pipe Replacement Project



With any public water system, pipes need to be maintained and eventually replaced. The Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) is no exception. Some of the water pipes have now been in the ground since 1986, which is why from September through October segments of the raw water ductile iron pipe near Taylor are being replaced. The pipe will be replaced in five sections, with one per week being completed. Coordination of construction, water storage and treatment practices should allow minimal interruptions to water service. However, conservation measures may be needed in case of extended construction needs. Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date construction information.

Congratulations & Thank You Sindhuja



All of us at SWA would like to congratulate Sindhuja S. Pillai-Grinolds on her promotion to Division Director for Water Development at the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Sindhu has served as Project Manager for the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) since 2011. Thank you Sindhu for all you have done in the development and construction of the SWPP over the years. Your leadership and guidance have truly helped shape the SWPP into what it is today! We look forward to working with the new SWPP Project Manager, which is expected to be announced in the near future.

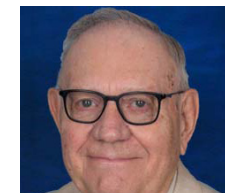
Welcome New Board Members

Newly elected Southwest Water Authority board members were welcomed and sworn in at the July Board of Directors meeting.



Curtis W. Glasoe

Curtis was elected to represent Stark County on SWA's Board with a four-year term from 2022-2026. A U.S. Army veteran, he currently is President of the MAAH DAAH Hey Trail Association. He is retired from the USDA Forest Service as a professional engineer and land surveyor. Curtis holds a Bachelor of Science from NDSU in Agricultural Engineering. While he now leases out his farm today, Curtis farmed it for about 40 years.



George Nodland

Having always been interested in water issues, George was elected to a four-year term on SWA's Board representing the City of Dickinson from 2022-2026. George is a former member of North Dakota's State Water Commission and served with the U.S. Military National Guard. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business, from Dickinson State University, was a former Commissioner for Stark County.



Kaylene Klein

Kaylene is excited to have been elected to represent the residents of Mercer County on SWA's Board. She holds a business degree in agriculture from Dickinson State University. Currently, she is a rancher in the county and works as a marketing analyst for PartnerCentric. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, her dogs, and riding horses.

Our Vision

People and Business Succeeding with Quality Water

Our Mission

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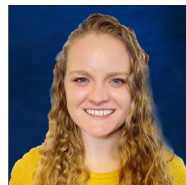
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