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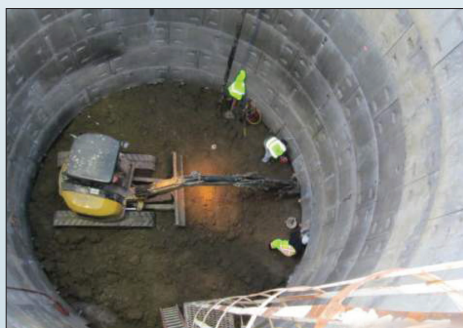
The Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) currently has 17 contracts under construction. Many of these contracts still have much work left to be completed and

construction will continue this fall until freeze-up.

In addition, the North Dakota State Water Commission has approved additional funding for two contracts. The two contracts are the Dunn Center and Halliday Service Area and the sludge handling facility for the water treatment plants in Dickinson.

The Dunn Center and Halliday Service Area will provide quality water to rural residents in north Dunn County. This includes 288 miles of pipeline and 316 rural service locations.

Southwest Water Authority (SWA) is currently working on easement acquisition for the Dunn Center and Halliday Service Area. Requests for easement have been sent to landowners in Dunn County.



Supplemental Intake Installation

Eighty percent (80%) of the easements must be returned before this contract can be bid for construction. It is important for landowners to grant these easements to bring quality water to Dunn County.

Please consider granting an easement by signing it in front of a notary and returning it to the SWA O&M Center Office at 4665 2nd Street SW Dickinson, ND 58601.

If you are a landowner in Dunn County and are interested in receiving quality water, NOW is the time to sign up. Signing up before bid date gives you the opportunity to do so for a lower price.



Rural Pipeline Installation

With the 2015 future on the horizon, SWA is requesting \$100 million in funding for the upcoming 2015-2017 biennium. The funding will allow the SWPP to continue to meet the growing demand for quality water throughout southwest North Dakota.

Some of the items to be funded are the pump station for the second intake, the supplementary water treatment plant in Dickinson, upgrading current pump stations and building



Finished Water Pump Station

additional system storage as well as paralleling existing pipeline.

Many items of the proposed work on the SWPP are deferred construction. It was always known these items would be necessary, but could not be built until they were needed. All of the proposed construction is crucial due to the explosive population growth in the region.

As a reminder, SWA continues to repair settlement, seeding and weed control issues. During construction, the contractor is responsible for settlement and seeding. Once construction is complete, operations and maintenance of the Project is turned over to SWA.

If you have any settlement, seeding or weed control issues, please contact SWA so these issues can be addressed.

The SWA staff is a group dedicated individuals that are highly capable of resolving issues you may be having. Please feel free to share any questions, concerns or comments by contacting the SWA O&M Center Office in Dickinson at 701-225-0241 or toll free at 888-425-0241.

15th Annual “Make A Splash” Water Festival Recap

The 15th Annual “Make A Splash” Water Festival was held on Thursday, September 18 and Friday, September 19, 2014. The event hosted over 550 fifth-grade students from 18 schools within SWA’s Service Area. During the educational sessions, students learned through hands-on water related activities following the Project WET curriculum and presented by certified facilitators. The program’s main purpose is to facilitate and promote the awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of North Dakota’s water resources.

Family Night attracted more than 420 individuals to the Dickinson Recreation Center. It was a celebration of our most precious resource, water! The community enjoyed a night of exciting activities including rain sticks, face painting, games, a giant 18’ slide, a photo booth, barrel train, “Burn the Floor” dancers, and concessions.

Thank you to all those who came out and celebrated with us. Visit SWA’s YouTube Channel and watch a re-



cap of our 15th Annual “Make A Splash” Water Festival at www.youtube.com/qualitywaternd. SWA would also like to thank the individuals and organizations who sponsored the event. We hope to see you at the 16th Annual “Make A Splash” Water Festival, September 17 and 18, 2015.

Prevent Freezing Pipes this Winter

Prevent the water pipes in your home from freezing this winter by following these tips:

- Both hot and cold water pipes in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets should be insulated.
- Use a heated reflector lamp in a dry enclosed space.
- Always disconnect your water hose from your outdoor spigot in the winter or before the temperature in your area drops below freezing.
- Locate the main water shut off in case you need it.



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Succeeding with
Quality Water

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Are you waiting for water service? Don't forget our 72-hour notice.

It has been a busy year for customer hookups with multiple rural contracts under construction for the SWPP. As construction continues this fall, SWA asks future customers to follow the procedure on to how to get connected to the Project.

If you are waiting to be connected to the Project you will receive a welcome letter and a packet of information notifying you when water is available. The information in the packet holds important instructions on connecting to water and the SWPP Rules and Regulations.

Your installer must complete a "Verification of Rural Water Service Connection Form" which is to be returned before water will be turned on.

When you wish to turn your water on, SWA requests at least a 72-hour advance notice for operators to schedule a time with you.

Please remember that you must receive official notification from the SWA O&M Center Office in Dickinson before hooking up. Those who enter the meter pit and/or turn on their own water, whether it be customers and/

or plumbers, are in violation of the rules and regulations established by the SWA.

This precaution is for your own and the general public's safety. If water is turned on without notification from the SWA office you will be fined and possibly disconnected for system tampering.

If you have any further questions, please contact SWA's O&M Center Office in Dickinson at 701-225-0241 or toll free at 888-425-0241.

Join our Quality Water Team!

Are you interested in being a part of the team that brings quality water to southwest North Dakota? We may have the perfect job for you!

Please check our website periodically as new openings will be posted as they become available.

Visit www.swwater.com for a detailed job description and instructions on how to apply for the positions.

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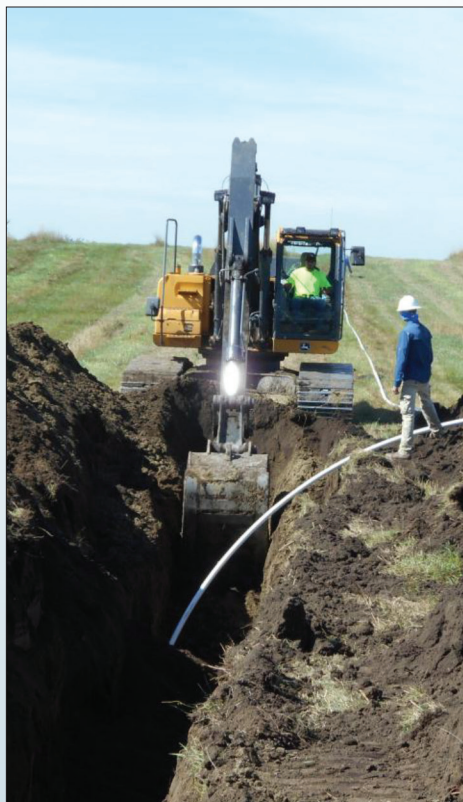
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Easements Are Needed for Current Construction



If you have been contacted by SWA to grant an easement, then it is finally possible to construct the much-needed rural water infrastructure to service families and businesses in your area. Although more than 4,260 miles of pipeline have been built since the inception of the SWPP, there are many people who are not yet receiving clean, affordable, quality water.

Take the steps necessary to make a significant difference in the quality of life for you, your family and your neighbors by granting an gratis easement for the Project.

Property owner consent is required for gratis easements to be authorized. By doing so, you allow the SWPP access to install rural water pipelines across both private and

public lands to bring quality water to more people.

Please help the continued development of the Project by signing the gratis easement in front of a notary and returning the easement to the SWA O&M Center Office at 4665 2nd Street SW, Dickinson, ND 58601.

If you have not received an easement or have any questions, contact the Signup & Easement Department at 701-225-0241 or toll free at 888-425-0241.

Now is the time for residents in north Dunn County to sign up for quality water. Sign up before the contract bid date to guarantee a lower cost. Call the SWA O&M Center Office in Dickinson and ask to sign-up for quality water today!