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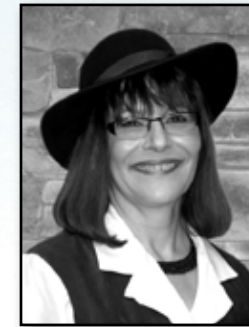
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Manager's message

By: Mary Massad, Manager/Chief Executive Officer



Mary Massad
Manager/CEO

On Monday, June 7, 2010, Southwest Water Authority (SWA), along with many other organizations, celebrated "one small step for water, and one giant leap for the people of North Dakota." The completion of the Medora, Beach Regional Service Area and construction of Oliver, Mercer, North Dunn (OMND) Regional Service Area are reasons to celebrate. Each time construction is complete or kicks off in another area, we take another small step towards bringing a reliable source of quality water to those in need and one giant leap for a state challenged by too much or too little.

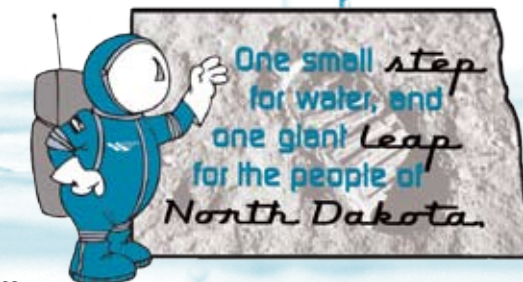
The city of Hazen graciously hosted the event with The Honorable Delmar Schramm, Mayor of Hazen, welcoming everyone. In his remarks, he expressed the importance of rural water development and that area residents are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP).

The celebration was honored with an appearance from the Honorable John Hoeven, Governor of North Dakota. In his speech, Governor Hoeven recognized the many water supporters who, over the years, have contributed to the success of the SWPP. Also, in attendance and commenting were representatives from the offices of Senators Conrad and Dorgan, Congressman Pomeroy, Jasper Schneider, State Director, USDA Rural Development, Todd Sando, Assistant State Engineer, North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) and various other state, county and city officials. All who attended the celebration have been vital to bringing the SWPP closer to achieving "mission critical," providing an adequate supply of quality water to the residents of southwest North Dakota.

SWA thanks Governor Hoeven, Senator Conrad, Senator Dorgan and Congressman Pomeroy for their efforts in securing the necessary funding to complete construction in the Medora, Beach Regional Service Area and continue construction in the OMND Regional Service Area.

There are others that must be recognized and thanked, as well. More specifically, it's those unsung heroes who devote each and every day to make life infinitely better for the customer. It's the professional team of the Board of Directors and staff at SWA.

This team, together with the SWC and construction crews, have been constructing an efficient network of pipelines, pump stations, reservoirs, and treatment facilities for nearly 25 years bringing southwest North Dakota a reliable source of quality water. To date, 28 communities, approximately 4,000 rural service locations, 14 small businesses, 15 raw water customers and Perkins County Rural Water System in South Dakota, are served by the pipeline.



The completion of the Medora, Beach Regional Service Area marked another milestone for the SWPP, and gave the people of southwest North Dakota and water supporters statewide a reason to celebrate. Phase

III of the Medora, Beach Regional Service Area provided rural service to residents in the North Fairfield Service Area, Grassy Butte Service Area and the West Killdeer Mountain Pocket in northern Dunn County for a total of 426 customers served through 396 miles of pipeline.

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Thank you goes a long way

Over the past several months, we have received several letters, notes and calls thanking us. As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we too, are grateful for the many loyal Southwest Pipeline Project customers. **It's amazing what two little words such as thank you can do.**

February, 2010

Thank you for the regular updates on the progress during and following the recent storm.

The actions by the Southwest Water Authority (SWA) team to keep water flowing and the interactions with other individuals, agencies, businesses and power supply companies has been, in my mind, heroic. I certainly express my appreciation to the SWA team for being true public servants during the recent weather crisis that affected us all. Cream rises to the top and the SWA team certainly is right there. *Thank you* for a great job.

- JAO

March, 2010

Thank God and you for the service provided...it was thoroughly a pleasure to turn on the water during the power outage. (Our propane water heater was a blessing, too.) Thanks a million.

- George and Regina Schmidt

March, 2010

Thank you! I appreciated having water during the power outage. I love the water and you have always given terrific service.

- Dan Brennan

Recently, Mary Massad, Manager/CEO, of the Southwest Water Authority, presented the family of deceased

John V. Klein Sr.

a photo print recognizing his many years of service and dedication to bring a reliable source of quality water to the people of southwest North Dakota.

John served as a member of the Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors from 1994 to 2010.



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The focus for construction now shifts to the OMND Regional Service Area, another reason to celebrate!

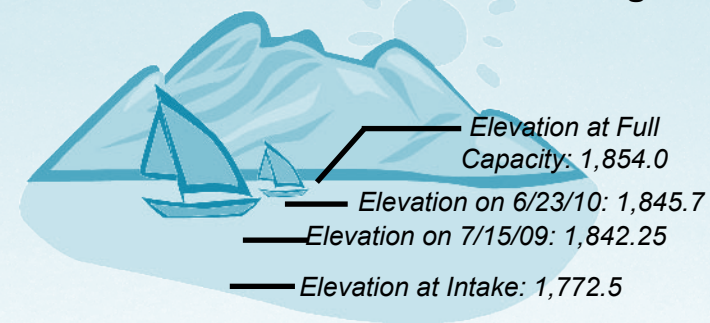
Construction began in September of 2009 on the first main transmission pipeline contract taking water from the future site of the OMND Water Treatment Plant to the city of Hazen. A contract is in place for new membranes at the water treatment plant north of Zap. Bids have also been awarded for the next segment of main transmission line and a potable water reservoir at the treatment plant site. Submittal documents for the water treatment plant are complete. The final sign-up campaign was held and design is currently underway for the Zap Service Area with construction to begin in 2011. When completed, the OMND Regional Service Area will add more than 1,100 rural users, the cities of Hazen, Stanton and Center, and eight or more other contract users to the system.

The OMND portion of construction will cost approximately \$90 million with water to be delivered in late 2011 or early 2012.

The OMND Regional Service Area is not the only one waiting for water. Oil production in southwest North Dakota has created an increased demand for a consistent supply of quality water. This demand is a result of hydraulic fracturing – the current process used to extract oil from the Bakken shale. Fracturing requires anywhere from one to four million gallons of water per well. With over 125 oil drilling rigs currently operating in the Bakken region, the need for water will continue to grow.

The relationship between community, industry and water is one that continues to grow and a challenge that the SWA and SWPP will continue to meet.

Lake Sakakawea Elevation Gauge



Water service sign-ups continue

By: Rachelle Weiler, Assistant Marketing Coordinator

Summer has finally arrived! Hot weather brings busy construction crews, and the promise of cool water from the Southwest Pipeline Project, as it continues its journey through southwest North Dakota. Approximately 670 acres of seeding will wrap up in the Grassy Butte and Killdeer areas in July. Construction has resumed in the Oliver, Mercer, North Dunn (OMND) Service Area on contract 2-8A, which is a 23 mile main transmission line (MTL) from the OMND Water Treatment Plant north of Zap to Hazen. Approximately thirteen miles of construction on the 14 to 18 inch pipeline has been installed. The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) has approved the award of Contract 2-8B, which is the MTL from Hazen to Stanton, and from Beulah to Oliver County. The SWC has also approved the award of the first potable water reservoir at the OMND Regional Water Treatment Plant site. The deadline to sign up for water service for household or pasture use in the OMND area has been extended. If you're still contemplating signing up for rural water service, now is the time.

The current rate to sign up for service in the OMND Service Area is \$750.00. If you are looking to add a pasture tap or expand your operation, contact Bruce Koppinger, Marketing Coordinator, or Rachelle Weiler, Assistant Marketing Coordinator, at 701-225-0241 or 1-888-425-0241.

Holiday Observance

Southwest Water Authority will be closed in observance of the following holiday:

For Independence Day - July 5



Mary Massad, Manager/CEO of Southwest Water Authority, presents the plan for the Southwest Pipeline Project to deliver water to the Oliver, Mercer, North Dunn Regional Service Area.



A large crowd attended the public information and education meeting held in Hazen. The group listened eagerly about the benefits of signing up for the Southwest Pipeline Project.

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