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Manager's Message



Mary Massad
Manager/CEO

Happy summer, everyone!

Cool, fresh, clear water. This is the story of the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) and the Southwest Water Authority (SWA). The need for an adequate supply of quality water is the reason we exist. SWA now runs two water treatment plants (WTP), one in Dickinson using gravity filters and lime softening, and one north of Zap using ultra filtration and reverse osmosis for softening.

SWA is extremely pleased to be providing quality water from both WTPs, but most especially from the new Oliver, Mercer, North Dunn (OMND) WTP located seven miles north of Zap along County Road 13. Because this is the highest point in Mercer County, the SWPP is able to gravity feed customers from this location. Our newest customers being served are: Zap, Hazen and Stanton, along with Country Club Estates located south of Beulah. Water service to these customers began in May. SWA is looking forward to serving the community of Center and the Missouri West Water System from the OMND WTP as soon as the end of July. Water service will begin this year and finish next year for the rural folks in Mercer County. Rural contracts for Zap Phase I and Zap Phase II have been awarded and construction will soon begin. These two rural contracts will provide water service to more than 400 rural customers, plus Lakeshore Estates, Beulah Bay and the power and coal plants in Mercer County.

Service from the OMND WTP is another huge milestone in the construction of the SWPP. SWA is working toward water service for the residents of Oliver County next. We anticipate bidding the first rural contract in Oliver County by next

spring. With construction for the OMND Regional Service Area underway, continued funding and support is always needed.

At the same time, the SWPP is seeing unprecedented growth in completed areas of the Project. SWA, the North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) - the Project owner, and B&W/AECOM - the Project engineer, are looking for solutions to meet the exponential growth in southwest North Dakota. One solution which has been approved by both the SWC and SWA is paralleling pipeline north of Dickinson and the addition of a potable water reservoir as early as this construction season. This will help with capacity issues in north Stark and south Dunn counties. We are also working toward solutions for areas east and west of the Dickinson area.

SWA built a raw water depot east of Dickinson that is now helping to ease the demands on treated water. Its source is off-peak allocated water that is not being used and is not needed by the WTP for domestic use - thus preserving the WTP's capacity for domestic use.

The primary election on June 12, 2012, brought the reelection of six of your SWA Board members. These include Jonathon Eaton representing Adams County, James Odermann representing Billings County, Brian Roth representing Grant County, Duane Bueligen representing Oliver County, Dave Juntunen representing Slope County and Larry Stang representing the city of Dickinson. We also welcome your new director from Dunn County, Glenn Eckelberg. SWA would like to offer a fond farewell and a heartfelt thank you to Emanuel "Manny" Stroh for his ten years of service on the Board of Directors representing Dunn County.

Congratulations to our Operators on Completing Certification Examinations!

Operator - Certification Type & Grade

Leo Miller - Water Distribution 02

Bruce Mutschelknaus - Water Distribution 03

Toby Turner - Water Distribution 02

Call Before Digging

Construction season is well underway. Please remember to call before you dig. Contact North Dakota One-Call at least 48 hours before you dig. Call 811 or 1-800-795-0555. You may also contact ND One-Call at: www.ndonecall.com.

The Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) has more than 4,000 miles of pipeline throughout southwest North Dakota. The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) and the Southwest Water Authority (SWA) have easements for these pipelines. If you are building or excavating, remember, you may not build on top of the SWPP. If repairs are needed, SWA will need to dig up the pipeline. It is difficult to dig under trees, buildings, trails, etc. This is to save us all time and money, and for your safety and the safety of SWA staff.

If you plan to cross the SWPP, you are required to obtain a crossing permit from SWA's office. Please contact SWA for SWPP pipeline crossing permits.

SWA is now seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Water Treatment Plant Operator, Dickinson
Water Distribution Operator, OMND
Sign-Up & Easement Assistant (FT & PT)

Interested applicants should contact the SWA office or Job Service ND. Applications and job descriptions can also be found on the website.

SWA Welcomes New Employees

Brandon enters SWA with over three years' experience working for the City of Beulah as a Water/Wastewater Operator. His certifications include Water Treatment II, Water Distribution II, Wastewater Treatment I, Wastewater Collection I, and Field PH. He also holds an Associate's in Applied Science in Process Technology from Bismarck State College, along with a CEC in Water/Wastewater through the State Health Department. In his spare time, Brandon enjoys throwing darts, fishing, hunting, and camping. His family includes parents who reside in Hastings, MN, and his brother in Spokane, WA.



Brandon Nelson
Water Treatment Operator 02



Andrew (AJ) Sokolofsky
Water Distribution Maintenance Worker II

AJ holds an Associate's in Applied Science in Process Technology, along with extensive mechanical experience. In his spare time, AJ enjoys working on cars, riding motorcycle and playing video games. His family includes parents Randall and Wendy Sokolofsky, and sister, Shana.

In his spare time, Tom enjoys small and recreational engines, four-wheelers, dirt bikes, and jet skis. He is a 2010 graduate of Dickinson High School and the son of Milo and Pamela Morris.



Tom Morris
Water Distribution Maintenance Worker 02

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Now Serving: Stanton, Hazen, Zap & Country Club Estates



The citizens of Stanton began receiving SWPP water on May 16, 2012.

To their delight, they learned the city had converted to SWPP water earlier that day. They were given a tour of the now quiet WTP in Stanton.

The city of Hazen changed their water source to SWPP on Monday, May 21, 2012. The following day, the city of Zap and Country Club Estates, located south of Beulah, changed to the new OMND WTP water. Zap and Country Club Estates had previously been served by the Project with an interim source of water from the city of Beulah.

Congratulations to these citizens of the Oliver, Mercer, North Dunn region on receiving water from the new WTP! We hear people are pleased with the water quality. We are all truly honored to serve you and your future generations. To everyone else in the region, we are coming! SWA proudly continues its mission of quality water for southwest North Dakota.

SWA's dedicated staff monitors the SWPP 24/7.

There is always someone on-call for both treatment and distribution.

If you have a water-related emergency, please call the O&M Center at 1-701-225-0241 or toll free at 888-425-0241. You will then have the opportunity to obtain the cell number of our on-call representative to help.

On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, the city of Stanton was the first customer to be served from the new OMND water treatment plant (WTP). That afternoon, the connection was tested, worked and left on for service. Jim Lennington, Project Engineer with B&W/AECOM and Mary Massad, Manager/CEO were in Stanton for a public meeting for the citizens of the community on the new water.

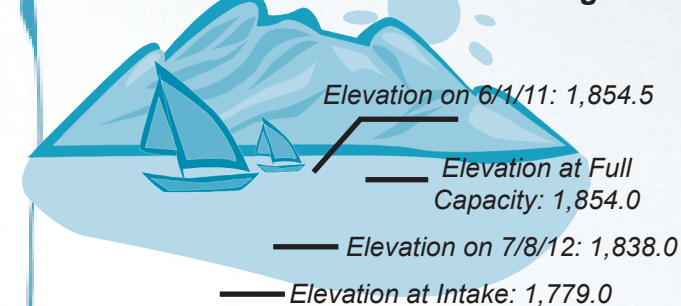
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The Southwest Water Authority Office will be closed in honor of the following holiday:
Labor Day - Monday, September 3, 2012

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