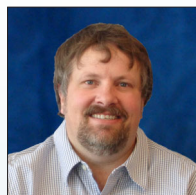


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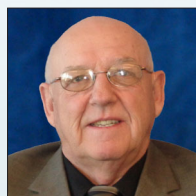
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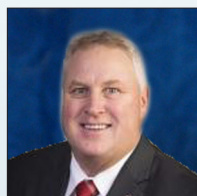
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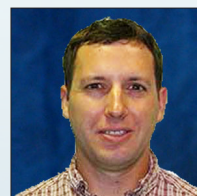
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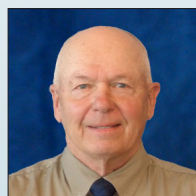
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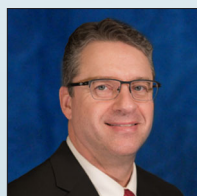
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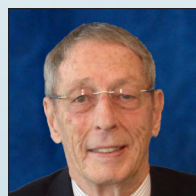
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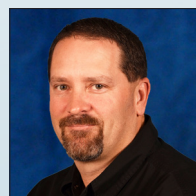
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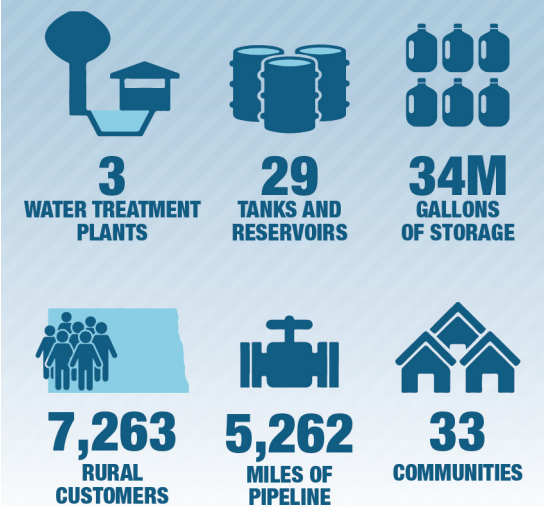
As the decade comes to a close, and we look back at how much has been accomplished and how much has changed, there is no doubt the Southwest Pipeline Project (SWPP) and Southwest Water Authority (SWA) are worthy of applause. Southwest North Dakota has seen growth and economic vitality built on a foundation of quality water. Today we enjoy some of the best-tasting, highest-quality drinking water in the world due to the foresight of our predecessors who invested time and funding into the extensive water infrastructure, known as the SWPP. However, standing still and resting on our accomplishments is simply not possible as the SWPP must grow and change to address the needs of the region and keep the water flowing.

The construction season is fast approaching and the Project has several contracts in the works. The second Davis Buttes Reservoir will be constructed adjacent to the existing Davis Buttes Reservoir northeast of Dickinson. Once complete this reservoir will provide an additional one million gallons of storage for the north and east zones of the SWPP. The second Belfield reservoir will be constructed beside the existing Belfield reservoir and will provide an additional 750,000 gallons of storage for the west zone of the SWPP. Raw water main transmission lines between the Intake and Dickinson will be receiving several blow off replacements. Work continues on the Supplemental Intake at Renner Bay on Lake Sakakawea. Main transmission lines will be paralleled from the Ray Christensen Pump Station to the first reservoirs outside of Dickinson in all directions.

Some pipelines throughout our system do not have enough pressure to enable SWA to connect additional customers. The need for water is great. The waiting list continues to grow. SWA, the SWC and Project engineers are developing strategic hydraulic improvements to allow more customers to receive water. SWA works diligently to address the issues that remain at the forefront of our efforts, as well as the work we do to maintain safe, quality drinking water.

The SWPP is the product of decades of hard work and investment. We are grateful to our forefathers and to the state of North Dakota for investing in the Project, which now pays back more than \$10 million to the Resources Trust Fund each biennium. We are proud of our history and look forward to our future. We exist to serve the people and businesses who call southwest North Dakota home and will do so for generations to come.

SWA Water Distribution



In an emergency,
would we reach you?

Notify SWA

Update your phone number
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Students Learn About Quality Water Treatment



Third, fourth and fifth-grade students from Jefferson Elementary pictured with Ken Knight, Water Treatment Plant Operator, at our Water Treatment Plant in Dickinson.

Brian Roth, Grant County Director, Honored



Brian Roth, SWA Director representing Grant County, was honored with the 2019 Water Wheel Award at the 56th Annual Joint North Dakota and Upper Missouri Water Convention and Irrigation Workshop in Bismarck on December 5, 2019. The Water Wheel Award is given to someone who demonstrates a commitment to protect and manage North Dakota's water resources.

New Rates for the New Year

At the end of each year, Southwest Water Authority's (SWA) Board of Directors reviews the existing and forecasted financials to determine the need for any rate changes. Board members and management continuously strive to stabilize the cost of water. Due to rising costs and a mill levy which will sunset in 2020, a small rate increase was approved.

Rural customers will see a \$2.00 increase to their minimum, which will go from \$47.00 to \$49.00, for standard customers. The cost per 1,000 gallons for rural customers has increased \$.35 and is now \$6.26. Rural customers in southwest North Dakota continue to pay less than one cent per gallon of water and rank average in comparison with other rural water systems across the state.

Water rates for communities and contract customers increased from \$5.23 to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons, an increase of \$.27 cents per 1,000 gallons.



Chairperson Larry Bares Receives Service Award

Larry Bares, SWA Chairperson representing the City of Dickinson, was honored with the 2019 Upper Missouri Distinguished Service Award at the 56th Annual Joint North Dakota and Upper Missouri Water Convention and Irrigation Workshop in Bismarck on December 4, 2019. The service award honored Larry for being extraordinary in his service and dedication to the water industry.

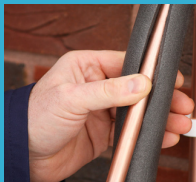


Census Day is April 1

North Dakota's Department of Commerce is asking for your help with the upcoming Census. On April 1, 2020, the United States will be conducting its constitutionally mandated decennial (10-year) census to determine the current population of the United States. Why is this important? The census count will be used to determine – among other things – how seats within the U.S. House of Representatives are divided among states and how federal funds are dispersed to each state. Everyone's input matters – do not be left out of the count. Check your January bill for more information!

Simple Ways to Avoid Frozen Pipes

Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. When the weather is very cold outside, running water through faucets - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing. Insulate pipes along exterior walls and the space between the pipe and the exterior wall to prevent it from freezing. When it is cold outside be sure your heat is set to a temperature no lower than 55° F – even if you are not home. Frozen pipes can turn into big bills!



Our Vision

People and Business Succeeding with Quality Water

Our Mission

Quality Water for Southwest North Dakota

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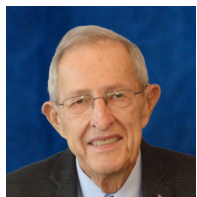
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Farewell to a Water Legend



In 1992, Ray Bieber (1931-2019) was appointed and then elected to represent Hettinger County on Southwest Authority's (SWA) Board of Directors. Considered one of the forefathers of the SWPP, Ray's concept of quality water for southwest North Dakota evolved from the dream of a young man to the reality of what the SWPP has become today. For more than two decades, his dedication to SWA's Board, his countless hours of labor and sacrifice, made him one of the fixtures of an all-encompassing and steadfast effort to nurture and protect North Dakota's water resources. Ray served on SWA's Board of Directors until 2016 and passed away in November of 2019. He is greatly missed and loved.

Southwest Water Cooler

Want to learn more about what's happening with the Southwest Pipeline Project? Listen to one of the busiest women in water, Mary Massad, Manager/CEO of Southwest Water Authority, on the *Southwest Water Cooler*.

You can listen in on the *Southwest Water Cooler* by tuning in to I-94 FM at 93.9 FM, Q-Rock at 95.7 FM or on Google by searching "Southwest Water Authority". A big "thank you" to the Marks Group Radio for continuing to air our show. The show can also be listened to on SWA's website.

