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Reliable Water, Strong Communities

If you've stepped outside lately, you know summer isn't pulling any punches. The heat has settled in across southwest North Dakota, and with it comes one of the busiest times of the year for your water system. Whether it's keeping gardens growing, livestock watered, or kids running through the sprinkler, water use has climbed right along with the temperatures. Our treatment and distribution staff have been working hard behind the scenes to make sure quality water continues flowing when it's needed most. As always, a little conservation goes a long way, and we appreciate everyone doing their part to use water wisely.



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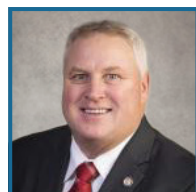
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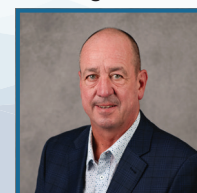
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**SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY
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As America celebrates its 250th birthday, I'm reminded that some of our nation's greatest strengths have always been hard work, innovation, and neighbors working together toward something bigger than themselves. Those same values built the Southwest Pipeline Project, and they continue to guide the work we do every day. Reliable water may not always make headlines, but it is the foundation that allows our communities, farms, businesses, and industries to thrive.

I'd also like to recognize two individuals whose service has left a lasting mark on Southwest Water Authority. Bob Leingang and Rick Seifert chose not to seek reelection after many years of dedicated service on the Board of Directors. Their thoughtful leadership, commitment to our mission, and countless hours of public service have helped shape where SWA is today. On behalf of all of us, thank you, Bob and Rick, for your years of service and for helping to ensure that quality water will be available for generations to come.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay cool, stay hydrated, and if Mother Nature gives us a break from the heat, maybe take a moment to appreciate just how fortunate we are to have quality water whenever we turn on the tap.

 DID YOU KNOW?

Although water covers about **71%** of Earth's surface,



LESS THAN 1% is readily available freshwater for drinking, agriculture, and everyday use.

That's why protecting and responsibly managing our water resources is so important.



Families had a blast at Dickinson's Touch a Truck event on May 16, where kids got an up-close look at the vehicles that keep our communities moving.

MAKING WAVES

Water Day Makes a Splash at the State Fair

Southwest Water Authority joined water partners from across the state for Water Day at the North Dakota State Fair on July 23.

Held under the big tent, the event featured water-themed games, educational activities and giveaways celebrating the importance of water. Fairgoers were welcomed with Water Wiz Trivia and a fishing game, offering a fun way to learn about water and the services SWA provides.



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to visit the SWA booth and help make Water Day another successful event.

Thank you to Bartlett & West for popping over 250 bags of popcorn!

IN THE PIPE

Hebron Rural Expansion Project Awarded

The Hebron Rural Expansion has reached another major milestone with the award of construction contracts for the first phase of the project. Carstensen Contracting of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, was awarded Bid Schedules 1A and 1 B, while Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc. of Moorhead, Minnesota, was awarded Bid Schedule 2.

The project will bring approximately 150 miles of pipeline and provide water service to about 181 new signups in the Hebron Service Area, while also increasing capacity for future growth. Construction is expected to continue through 2027, bringing Southwest Water Authority one step closer to providing reliable, high-quality water to more homes, farms and businesses across southwest North Dakota.

THE CURRENT

New Directors Join SWA Board



Gerald Braaten



Larry Froelich

Southwest Water Authority is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors.

Gerald Braaten will represent Bowman County, and Larry Froelich will represent the City of Mandan. Their leadership and commitment will help guide SWA as it continues to provide reliable, high-quality water.

SWA welcomes Gerald and Larry and looks forward to their contributions to the organization.

WE KNOW HYDRO

Water Tour Highlights Regional Innovation

Southwest Water Authority proudly sponsored and hosted a stop on the North Dakota Water Education Foundation's Summer Water Tour on July 30.

Participants visited the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, Phat Fish Brewing and the Dickinson Water Treatment Plant, where they learned about the Southwest Pipeline Project and its 35-year impact on southwest North Dakota. The tour also included a stop at the Marathon Petroleum Dickinson Renewable Diesel Facility, highlighting the important role water plays in supporting communities and industry across the region.



SWA offices will be closed **Monday, September 7** to celebrate Labor Day.



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