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MARK STRATTON RECEIVES IMPORTANT WATER AWARD

Metro Water's General Manager, Mark Stratton, received the Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award at the the American Water Works Association's annual conference held in Denver last month. This award recognizes volunteers who show outstanding service to the international Water For People organization. He was recognized for his efforts over the last decade to generate almost half a million dollars, ultimately saving lives, through Water For People.

Water For People is an international humanitarian organization that helps developing countries improve quality of life by building locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities, and educating about hygiene. Around the world, 783 million people do not have access to safe drinking water and 2.5 billion are without adequate sanitation facilities.

Stratton was instrumental in helping to create Ride With Purpose in which water professionals, dubbed the Water Buffalos, raise donations for Water For People by riding their motorcycles to the annual AWWA conference. Stratton has led the Water Buffalos to Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, San Antonio, San Diego, Toronto, and Washington D.C.. Over the years, Ride With Purpose has raised over \$500,000 for Water For People.



The Water Buffalos
at the Water For People Water Festival
Mark Stratton, Metro Water General Manager
(pictured far left); with Ned Breslin,
CEO Water For People (fifth from left)

Stratton has also been involved with Pedal with Purpose, which occurs during the El Tour de Tucson event. Riders commit to the ride backed by sponsors who make donations to Water For People.

He not only financially supports the cause but also traveled to Nicaragua with his church group in 2011 to drill a village well.

Water For People focuses on real water solutions that last and examine entire districts and regions throughout the world. For more information about Ride With Purpose, visit www.ridewithpurpose.org. To learn about Water For People, go to www.waterforpeople.org. ■

Metro Water's close involvement with AZ Water Association

Christopher W. Hill, Deputy Manager for Metro Water, completed his 12 month term as President for the AZ Water Association. His term ended at the Association's annual conference held in May.

During his year as president, Hill pushed to expand AZ Water's Association's outreach to young water professionals, generate larger scholarships for young professionals, and increase overall membership. Metro Water is proud of Chris' contributions to the large water community in Arizona.

The AZ Water Association is comprised of over 2,700 water and wastewater professionals dedicated to preserving and enhancing Arizona's water environment. Founded in 1928, AZ Water is an independent organization that serves as the Arizona section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

A number of Metro Water's staff has been involved with AZ Water Association over the years as well as with the most recent annual conference. Three Metro employees serve as chairmen of three of the Association's committees. At the conference in May, two employees made well-received presentations.

Metro Water has benefited from its involvement with AZ Water by being part of a network of professionals to draw from the most current industry information. In ensuring that a critical infrastructure as a water system is operational and safe at all times, water utility professionals become as important as first responders. ■

Water in the Old Pueblo was more expensive 150 years ago?

Excerpt from *The Book of Tucson Firsts*, by Larry Cox, Javelina Press, Tucson, Arizona, 1998, pp. 150-151, reprinted with permission

"Even more precious than gold in the old west, was water."

*"By 1855, attitudes had changed and shifted again. Burros were driven down Main Street [in Tucson] to the springs where containers were filled with water, the water was then sometimes sold for about **five cents a gallon** by vendors. When a household purchased water, a pencil mark was scratched on the front door jam. At the end of each month, the scratches were added up and the water bill was then due and payable. Most people were honest and it was a simple system that worked."*



Today, Metro Water delivers clean water directly to your tap. The average residential customer uses 10,000 gallons per month (a lot of work for a burro).

Based on the average bill, a gallon of Metro water costs **less than half of 1 cent per gallon** today, a fraction of the cost back in 1855. Now compare that with how much a gallon or a 16 oz water bottle costs at the corner store, and you'll be even more grateful for indoor plumbing! ■

Clean Water

In May, you should have received the Water Quality Reports for 2012. The Water Quality Report proudly states that the water delivered to you throughout 2012 met all safe drinking water standards. For any questions regarding the Water Quality Report, feel free to call our Water Quality Specialist at 575-8100. Water Quality Reports can be found online at www.metrowater.com under the *Conservation/Quality* tab on the *Water Quality* page. ■





Constructing improvements for the Riverside Well

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WRAP-UP

By the end of July, the District will wrap up its second Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Through loans secured from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, the \$28 million CIP has increased the overall reliability of the District's water infrastructure. This last fiscal year, Metro Water completed the following projects including the Shannon Road transmission main from Shannon Road (south) to Shannon Road (east), the reclaimed line along Cortaro Farms Road, the Riverside Well Transmission Main, La Cañada Drive Transmission Main from Orange Grove Road to Roller Coaster Road, well site improvements for three wells, and design work for the Pantano Road Transmission Main.

These system improvements have strengthened the overall infrastructure, increased the ability to move large volumes of water throughout the system, and increased the reliability of delivering water to customers. ■

SUMMERTIME WATER REMINDERS

Here are some ways to use water more efficiently during the hot summer as well as how to adjust when we do have monsoon rains.

Water plants deeply and less frequently.

If the monsoons start, let Mother Nature irrigate with rain and reduce the amount of watering you do.

Water in the early morning or at night.

Even if the summer, established plants can often take less water than you may think.

Let the plant tell you when it needs water.

Check for leaks in your irrigation system.

Make necessary repairs right away to save water and money.

Replace old cooler pads. Avoid bleeding off the water.

Install a water harvesting system to start capturing rain and receive a \$50 rebate. It may rain infrequently but when it does, water harvesting barrels can fill quickly.

For more water saving ideas visit www.metrowater.com ■





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**Scheduled
Board Meetings:**

Monday, August 12
Monday, September 9
Wednesday, October 16
Wednesday, November 13
Monday, December 9

*Meetings start
at 6:00 pm*

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