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SETTING THE STANDARD
FOR UTILITY EXCELLENCE

WATERONE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY - AGAIN!



WaterOne has proudly received the Sustainable Water Utility Management Award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) for the second time. This prestigious award recognizes utilities that demonstrate excellence in sustainable management through a balanced approach to economic, social, and environmental initiatives.

"We are incredibly honored to receive the Sustainable Water Utility Management Award for a second time. This recognition demonstrates our unwavering commitment to sustainability and excellence in water management," said General Manager Shaun Pietig. "We remain focused on providing our community with safe, reliable, high-quality water while implementing innovative

practices that ensure a sustainable future for generations to come."

The utility's strong financial performance, highlighted by a AAA bond rating and a comprehensive 40-year Master Plan, played a significant role in this achievement.

WaterOne's community engagement efforts, including the Water Academy and support for the Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan, further underscore its dedication to social responsibility. The award was presented at the AMWA Executive Management Conference on October 21, 2024.

For more details on WaterOne's accolades and initiatives, visit waterone.org/awards.

Construction Begins On New Missouri River Collector Well

WaterOne recently began construction on a new collector well near the utility's Wolcott Treatment Plant in northern Wyandotte County. The additional collector well is part of WaterOne's infrastructure master plan, which will increase the amount of water supplied to the plant as well as serving as a helpful backup during plant maintenance.

WaterOne has an ample supply of water from its Kansas & Missouri River sources. Careful and continuous planning ensures enough water for full build-out of WaterOne's service area far into the future.



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WaterOne's Laboratory Professionals Dedicated To Protecting Public Health

WaterOne is committed to delivering safe, clean water to every customer. Our accredited Water Quality Lab plays a crucial role in this mission, rigorously testing and monitoring our water to ensure it meets the highest standards of safety and quality.

Our lab meets the highest national standards, ensuring rigorous testing and analysis of your drinking water. We conduct a wide range of tests to detect contaminants and ensure compliance with all safety regulations. With expert analysis and cutting-edge technology, our lab safeguards public health and ensures that every drop of water you receive is pure and trustworthy. Count on us to provide the highest quality water—because your health and well-being are our top priority! ♦



City of Mission Renovates WaterWorks Park

The City of Mission, KS recently completed a comprehensive redesign of WaterWorks Park, which was commemorated at an opening ceremony in August. The park sits next to one of WaterOne's oldest pump stations at 53rd and Woodson. WaterOne owns the land the park is on, which is maintained and operated by the City of Mission, KS through a license agreement. WaterWorks park is a unique example of a multi-jurisdictional collaboration, pairing critical infrastructure with the usability and safe enjoyment of the grounds for the community.

The updated park features a newly designed pavilion, inclusive and adaptive playground equipment, and sustainability upgrades such as solar-powered lighting. The park also features informative signage about how WaterOne treats its award-winning tap water, as well as other water science topics.

Visit WaterWorks park to relax, play, and learn more about water! Find out more at missionks.org. ♦



Photos Courtesy City of Mission, KS

New Podcast Dives Deep Into Water

Introducing "Water You Talking About!" Learn all about what's happening in water, and hear directly from WaterOne experts on a variety of topics. We are so excited to offer a personable insight into how water gets from the river to the tap!

You can listen to each episode at waterone.org/podcast, or by searching "Water You Talking About" on Apple Podcast or Spotify.



Greg Totzke
Director of Production



Cody Ellett
Director of Distribution

Totzke, Ellett Join Executive Team

Following an extensive executive recruitment process, WaterOne recently promoted two employees into senior leadership roles for its Production and Distribution divisions.

As Director of Production, Greg Totzke is responsible for water production, from source waters to treatment to pumping and storage facilities. He oversees all aspects of the Production Division including plant operations, facilities maintenance, and the water quality lab to ensure a safe, reliable, high-quality water supply for WaterOne's service area. Greg has been with WaterOne since 2000, where he has served in numerous roles including Operations Technician, Operations Team Leader, Analyzer Team Leader, Water Quality Lab Manager, and Operations Manager.

As the Director of Distribution, Cody Ellett is responsible for planning, directing, and managing the construction, operation, and maintenance of WaterOne piping infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable distribution of water throughout the service area. Cody joined WaterOne in 2021 as Construction and Maintenance Manager and later transitioned to Distribution Operations Manager. Before WaterOne, Cody served 24 years at AT&T. He is also a retired Chief Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force.

"We are very excited to welcome our two new directors to the executive team," said General Manager Shaun Pietig. "Together, we look forward to achieving new milestones and driving continued success." ♦

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