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Clifton Water District Honored with "District of the Year" Award

Clifton Water District was recently honored with the Special District Association's (SDA) **District of the Year Award 2007**, at the SDA's 32nd Annual Conference, held in Steamboat Springs and attended by over 1,100 participants.

"As we reviewed the districts throughout the state this year, we believe that the Clifton Water District stands out in every way, and is highly deserving of this coveted award."

Evan Goulding
Executive Director
Special District Association of Colorado



Left to Right: Brian Woods, Board of Directors (Asst. Secretary)
Dale Tooker, District Manager
Dave Reinertsen, District Assistant Manager
John Ballagh, Board of Directors (President)

The SDA annually presents this award to one special district that has demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and exceptional service to its residents and constituents. The "District of the Year" must also show a record of consistently outstanding performance and service, positive image, meaningful involvement in the community, and frequently, a "crowning accomplishment" during the past year.

The Water District's "crowning accomplishment" is our state-of-the-art, 16 million gallon a day (MGD), Water Treatment Plant placed in service August 2006. The treatment plant is only a portion of the \$8.5 million plant optimization strategy, started in 2003, to increase potable water storage, increase treatment capacity from 8 MGD to 16 MGD, and implement a series of specifically designed processes and advanced technology to effectively treat water from the Colorado River.

The District was formed in 1951 serving 351 active taps and reached a milestone of 10,000 active taps in January 2006. The District currently treats 8 MGD raw water from the Colorado River, which has the fourth largest run-off volume of all rivers in North America, and is infamous for high levels of sedimentation and dissolved solids. This fact makes it a necessity for the District to utilize the most efficient processes and advanced technology available to clean the water to potable standards.

For the past 22 years, the District has relied entirely on revenues from water sales and tap fees (no property taxes). The District builds reserves for capital improvement projects from tap fee revenues, while water sale revenues support operations and maintenance.

The District credits this accomplishment to a capable and dedicated staff, supported by a progressive and proactive Board of Directors.