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South Metro Water Supply Authority Hires New Executive Director

DOUGLAS AND ARAPAHOE COUNTIES, Colo. – July 2, 2007 – The South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA), an organization consisting of 13 cooperating water providers in Douglas and Arapahoe Counties, is pleased to announce the addition of Rod Kuharich to its staff. Kuharich will serve as the organization’s executive director and is responsible for SMWSA’s day-to-day operations. He will also help facilitate the development of long-term and reliable water resources for the collective membership.

“Rod is a public utility expert with a unique historical perspective of Colorado-water issues,” said Charlie Krogh, president of SMWSA. “His intimate knowledge of water sourcing, planning and forecasting coupled with his legislative, regulatory and legal experience related to public utilities will be a tremendous asset to SMWSA. We’re thrilled to welcome him to the our team.”

Kuharich comes to SMWSA with more than 35 years of water and utilities experience. Most recently, he served as director for the Colorado Water Conservation Board, where he developed and implemented statewide water-policy initiatives. Kuharich also worked as a government affairs manager for Colorado Springs Utilities, and served the City of Colorado Springs Department of Utilities for 21 years as a utilities planning coordinator, senior resource planner, statistician and project manager.

Kuharich is dedicated to conserving, protecting and managing Colorado’s water resources. To that end, Kuharich worked as a state representative and chairman for the Arkansas River Compact Commission, the Colorado River Salinity Control Forum and the Salinity Control Advisory Council. He served as a state representative for the Upper Colorado River Compact Commission, the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Work Group and the Western States Water Council, in which he was also a member of the management committee.

Kuharich has a bachelor’s degree from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa and a master’s degree in environmental planning from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.

About South Metro Water Supply Authority

South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) is the south-metro region's leader in water development and distribution. Formed in August 2004, SMWSA is an experienced and knowledgeable regional water entity that plans, develops and sources renewable water for Douglas and Arapahoe Counties in Colorado. SMWSA's mission is to foster long-term reliable and affordable water supplies in the south Denver-metro region, through water conservation, reuse, renewable source acquisitions, regional structural and non-structural projects, funding mechanisms and integrated use of resources. The municipal water providers in SMWSA include: Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, Castle Pines North Metropolitan District, Centennial Water and Sanitation District, Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District, East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District, Inverness Water and Sanitation District, Meridian Metropolitan District, Parker Water and Sanitation District, Pinery Water and Wastewater District, Roxborough Park Metropolitan District, Stonegate Village Metropolitan District, Town of Castle Rock and the Castle Pines Metropolitan District. For more information visit www.SouthMetroWater.org.

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