



WASHINGTON COUNTY
WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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WATER DISTRICT OPERATIONS MANAGER
RECEIVES NATIONAL AWWA FULLER AWARD

Hank Childers, operations manager for Washington County Water Conservancy District, was recently recognized with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Fuller Award. The national award recognizes members for their distinguished service in the water supply industry.

According to the award nominating committee, one of Childers' biggest accomplishments is getting others involved in the Intermountain Section of the organization. "He is a wonderful leader and mentor," they wrote. "His involvement helped build capacity in various committees and has helped those around him grow and develop in their respective careers."

Childers has more than 30 years of industry experience. He started his career in 1983 as a laborer and meter reader for the St. George City Water Department. He served as an inspector of the Quail Creek Water Treatment Plant during construction and became the plant operator in 1989 when the facility opened. In 1993, Childers was promoted to plant superintendent and was responsible for the water quality compliance and sampling for the city.

The Washington County Water Conservancy District assumed operations and management of the water treatment plant in 2006 and retained Childers in his position as plant superintendent. He was promoted to operations manager in 2011.

Childers has a Level IV Water Treatment and Level IV Distribution Certification from the Utah Division of Drinking Water. He has been an active member of AWWA since 1992. In addition, he was instrumental in the organization of Utah Water Quality Alliance, promoting optimization of utility operations and the highest drinking water quality possible.

"Hank is a pioneer of water treatment in Washington County," said Corey Cram, associate general manager of Washington County Water Conservancy District. "He has grown and developed his talents and abilities to accommodate the growth and development of our community and the water treatment plant. We're pleased to see him recognized with this well-deserved award."

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About the Fuller Award

AWWA's Fuller Award is a national, annual award given in honor of George Warren Fuller, a pioneer in water treatment who developed processes for water filtration and standardization of water works practices. During his 34-year tenure as a consulting engineer, he advised more than 150 cities, commissions and corporations on their water supply and sewage problems. Many consultations included full control over all engineering work and project construction. Visit <http://www.awwa.org/membership/get-involved/awards/award-details/articleid/91/george-warren-fuller-award.aspx> to learn more about the Fuller award and his many contributions to the water industry.

About Washington County Water Conservancy District

Washington County Water Conservancy District, a not-for-profit public agency, was established in 1962 to manage Southern Utah's regional water needs. The district oversees the development, stabilization, management, acquisition and conservation of water resources in Washington County in an ongoing effort to provide a safe, sustainable water supply for current and future generations. Visit www.wcwcd.org for more information.

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Photo Caption: Hank Childers, center, operations manager for Washington County Water Conservancy District, receives the American Water Works Association Fuller Award from John J. Donahue, AWWA president, left, and David LaFrance, AWWA chief executive officer, right, at the association's 2015 conference in Anaheim, CA.