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## **Press Release**

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## Bill Tracy, Commissioner of Southwest Suburban Sewer District

SeaTac, WA – September 25, 2012 – The Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts has recognized <u>Bill Tracy, Commissioner, Southwest Suburban Sewer District</u> for Outstanding Leadership During District Challenges

Commissioner William "Bill" Tracy joined SW Suburban Sewer District in 1991. He quickly became active in both the Water and the Wastewater Associations helping craft the Bylaws for their joint merger into the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts. In 1996 he was active in establishing, being elected and maintaining the WASWD Section 4 position on the King County Regional Water Quality Committee. Bill was active in the negotiations to create the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plan. On the district level he has supported: Changing meeting to evenings to accommodate ratepayer attendance, adoption of a low income/elderly rate break, launching of a multi-million dollar rehab program covering Chelsea Park and beach line, bringing responsible engineering and legal expertise to the district, reasonable rates, financially sound decision making and the formation of an employee's union to restore integrity and stability to the district. He leads by example, studies the issues and continues his education in the business.

The Recognition Ceremony took place on Thursday September 20th, 2012 at the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts Annual Conference in Spokane, WA.

Founded in 1996 the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts represents Washington State's special purpose sewer and water districts. Special purpose sewer and water districts provide services to 30% of the population in the state of Washington. There are 176 special purpose sewer and water districts in the state.

The Association's role is to provide education and assistance for elected district commissioners and continuing education classes for general managers as well as certified water and wastewater treatment plant operators. To foster increased communication between members, encourage standardization of water and sewer methods and services that bring benefits to their ratepayers, the Association also represents special purpose districts in the Washington Legislature and with state and local agencies.

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