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Mark H. Johnson, P.E., Director of MWRA Metropolitan Water Operations and Maintenance, Honored by the New England Water Works Association

HOLLISTON – Mark Johnson, director of metropolitan water operations and maintenance at the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, received the Award of Merit from the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA), the region’s largest and oldest not-for-profit organization of water works professionals.

The award is bestowed yearly to a member of the association who has demonstrated, in the opinion of the Award of Merit Committee, the highest level of outstanding service to NEWWA, a water utility, the water works practice in general, or any combination of the aforementioned.

Mark has been an outstanding volunteer and instrumental leader in providing assistance to many NEWWA members. Mark has volunteered and assisted in teaching well over two dozen NEWWA classes throughout New England on distribution-related topics. He served as chair of the NEWWA Distribution & Storage Committee for more than 3 years, and during that time recruited many new committee members. For the last 10 years Mark has served as the Subcommittee Chair of the Hands-On Pressure Reducing Valve Committee. He is also a current member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mark sits on the AWWA M44 Review Committee, which reviews AWWA’s manual on distribution valves. Additionally, Mark has been a presenter on several national AWWA Webinars over the past 5 years.

In his position at the MWRA, Mark is responsible for managing the operation and maintenance of the metropolitan water system, which includes 12 pump stations, 12 storage tanks, and 285 miles of transmission main. In the past he has worked with the MWRA on the Boston Harbor Project, during which he managed the design and construction of various new facilities on Deer Island between 1989 and 1994. Mark holds a grade 4 drinking water distribution operator’s license and is a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts and Maine. He graduated from The University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in civil engineering and earned his masters in civil engineering from Northeastern University.

Mark is a past recipient of the NEWWA Dexter Bracket Memorial Award for the paper “Water Storage Tank Operation and Maintenance,” published in 2008.

The New England Water Works Association is a nonprofit, independent, member-driven organization dedicated to serving the region’s water works professionals and the public interest. It is the oldest and most active regional water works association in the United States. For more than a century, NEWWA has worked to improve and sustain public water supplies, protect public health and safety, and advance the water supply profession. Visit us at newwa.org.

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