

## **Local Water Utilities** United for Safe Drinking Water

Carnhope Irrigation District No. 7 City of Spokane

Consolidated Irrigation District No. 19 East Spokane Water District No. 1 Honeywell Electronic Materials, Inc.

Hutchinson Irrigation District No. 16

Irvin Water District No. 6

Kaiser Aluminum - Trentwood

Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District

Moab Irrigation District No. 20 Model Irrigation District No. 18

Modern Electric & Water Co.

North Spokane Irrigation District No. 8

Orchard Avenue Irrigation District No. 6

Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17

Spokane County Water District No. 3

Spokane Business & Industrial Park

City of Millwood

Trentwood Irrigation District No. 3

Vera Water and Power

Whitworth Water District No. 2

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Spokane Aquifer Joint Board Recognized for Protecting Drinking Water

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The American Water Works Association (AWWA) selected the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) as the 2014 recipient of an AWWA National Source Water Protection Award. Since 1995, SAJB has collaborated with agencies and organizations across the region to protect drinking water in Spokane County.

Tonilee Hanson, SAJB's program manager, said "We won in the category for Very Large/Mixed Systems because our twenty-one members include irrigation, water and sewer districts, large and small cities and private industries."

SAJB recognizes that protection of our drinking water means preventing contamination of our aquifer, which is an on-going, day to day process. SAJB President Ty Wick said, "This is a great recognition for SAJB. We can use this opportunity to further SAJB's goals and confirm that our efforts are making a difference."

The Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer was designated as a 'sole source' aquifer in 1978 by the Environmental Protection Agency. 'Sole Source' means that the aguifer is our only affordable source of drinking water in a bi-state region serving more than 600,000 people every day. SAJB is dedicated to protecting this sole source through its Wellhead Protection Program and through citizen education and awareness.

AWWA Executive Director, David LaFrance, will present the award to SAJB on June 9, 2014 at the National American Water Works Association Convention in Boston, MA.

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## SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD