

KRWA - Committed to Helping You Help Yourself

Greetings, KRWA members! As I recently began my 36th year working in the municipality business, I took some time to look back at the changes over the years, the challenges we currently face and the challenges that are yet to come. And there have been some significant changes!

Regulations have changed from requiring only a few water and wastewater tests to the numerous and complicated sampling requirements of PFAS and Lead and Copper, which are sure to be revised. The new Lead and Copper Rule will be a



major challenge for ALL public water systems – whether municipal, rural or privately-owned. KRWA has advocated that local systems take on the challenge of surveying their customers. KRWA has advised many systems on this rule and many others – and KRWA has created and provided surveys that systems can provide to their customers to obtain the necessary information.

But as in the past KRWA will be here to help with any issues you may have.



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New rules aside, in all my years of municipal work, I have not seen anything like our current supply chain issues! We've been waiting almost a year for new lift station pumps and a control system to be installed. I'm baffled by the difficulty of getting our brand of new water meters we use in our automated reading system. To top it off, I'm still waiting to receive the new pickup we ordered in November 2022!

My experience with KRWA

I was first introduced to KRWA in 1992 when I took a job as the Public Works Director in a town in northwest Kansas. The town had a lot of challenges that I inherited. KRWA was very instrumental in assisting me with multiple water and wastewater issues, including water rights and operating

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In 2016, I was contacted by my good friend Bill Shroyer, whom I first met when he was a KRWA Circuit Rider before taking his current position with Sabetha. Bill talked with me about possible interest to someday be a member of the KRWA Board of Directors. I was blessed to be nominated and am still honored to serve. It has been a very educational experience for me, from attending board meetings, the NRWA Water Pro Conference to the NRWA Water Rally in Washington, D.C. Through all of these meetings I have realized this: To the KRWA Members – you have an excellent Board of Directors, a great General Manager and a staff that is dedicated and committed to working for you, the same now as KRWA did for me 35 years ago.

I am proud to be able to serve the Association as Board President. Your board and staff are one team. KRWA stands for common sense and reasonableness. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance or if anyone has any suggestion. My information can be found on the Association's website under "Board & Staff".

Scott Robertson started with the city of Bishop, CA in 1987 working there for five years before taking the Public Works Supervisor Position with the city of Phillipsburg, Kan. In 2011 he relocated to Hesston, Kan. where he is now Superintendent of Public Works. First elected to KRWA's board in 2016, he holds Class II certification in water and wastewater.



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