



## Koland Named NWRA President

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Dave Koland, general manager emeritus of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, is not only a leader in the water industry throughout North Dakota, but is a known and recognized water leader across the United States. Koland has been named president of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA), a distinction and honor for both Koland and the state of North Dakota.

For nearly 20 years, Koland has represented North Dakota in the NWRA. He was elected as second vice president in 2011, and then continued as first vice president in 2013. He began this year as president of the organization and will serve a two-year term.

“The NWRA is an association of the western states, formed to work together to further the interests of municipalities and irrigators in water development,” says Koland.

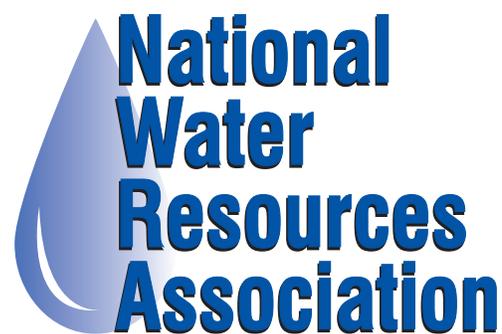
The mission of the NWRA is to advocate federal policies, legislation, and regulations promoting protection, management, development, and beneficial use of water resources.

The NWRA is a nonprofit organization of agricultural and municipal water providers, state associations, and individuals dedicated to conservation, enhancement, and efficient management of water, one of the most valuable natural resources available. For more than 80 years, the NWRA has been helping provide clean water to families, farms, businesses, and communities throughout the western United States.

The NWRA embraces the following principles, values, beliefs, and desires:

- Dependable water supply
- Responsible environmental stewardship
- Protection of public health and the environment
- Use of sound science in water resource management
- Reasonable economic benefits and costs for water projects
- Advocate for public education regarding water resource issues
- Recognized leadership in addressing water issues

Garrison Diversion congratulates Koland on this great honor.



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# Stutsman County Director Retires

Thomas Olson, Stutsman County director, has retired from his position on the Garrison Diversion board. In 2008, Olson was appointed to Garrison Diversion's board of directors by the Stutsman County Commission and was later elected to represent the county on the board.

Olson was a dedicated member of the board, continually supporting Garrison Diversion and its mission to provide a reliable, high-quality, and affordable water supply to benefit the people of North Dakota. During his time as director, Olson served as chairman of the MR&I Committee and was a dedicated member of the Executive Committee and Red River Valley Committee.

In the November election, Geneva Kaiser, manager of Stutsman Rural Water District, was elected to replace Olson on the board. She will be sworn into office this month.



## Dave Koland Receives Commodore Award

Dave Koland, Garrison Diversion's former general manager, received one of the highest honors recognized in the North Dakota water industry last month. At the North Dakota Joint Water Convention, Koland received the Commodore Award for his leadership and commitment to water resource development in the state. Koland now holds the rank of Commodore in the North Dakota Mythical Navy.

Koland has been a lifelong champion for water development and water policy issues in North Dakota and a leader for irrigation development and rural water interests. He began his service with Garrison Diversion in 2002 and became general manager in 2003, a position he held until his retirement this month. Prior to Garrison Diversion, he served as executive director for the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association in Bismarck.

# Deadline to Apply for Matching Recreation Grant Funds Rapidly Approaching

With warmer weather soon approaching, many communities have begun planning recreation projects to enhance their facilities. While such projects are beneficial, they can also be costly. The Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program can help offset the high costs of these projects.

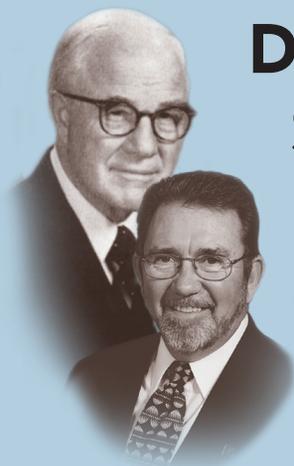
North Dakotans value recreational opportunities within the state, and Garrison Diversion is proud to assist with recreation development within member counties. With the help of the Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program, park development projects such as purchasing playground equipment and benches, and enhancing



campground facilities, can be completed.

Since its establishment in 1990, the Matching Recreation Grant Program has awarded nearly \$4.4 million to help fund recreation projects within the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District. Political subdivisions located within the District may apply for the program.

Don't forget about the Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program when planning spring projects! The next deadline to apply is April 1. Visit [www.garrisondiversion.org](http://www.garrisondiversion.org) for more information and to download an application.



## Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Applications Due April 1

The North Dakota Water Education Foundation (NDWEF) application deadline for the 2015 Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment is April 1. Applications must be postmarked by that date.

The Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment was established by the NDWEF within the North Dakota Community Foundation in memory of Russ Dushinske and Warren Jamison and their distinguished service, dedicated leadership, and life-long devotion to water development in North Dakota.

"Russ and Warren gave generously to their state, communities, and families," says NDWEF Executive Director Michael Dwyer. "They contributed time and effort to virtually every water project and water organization in North Dakota and earned every possible water award. Their commitment to water development, community, and family will live on in perpetuity through the Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment."

Each year, a \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to one male and one female. Scholarship recipients must attend a North Dakota college or university and preference will be given to, but not limited to, students studying water-related fields and students whose families have taken active roles in state water resource management.

Scholarship recipients are required to attend the annual North Dakota Joint Water Convention Awards Banquet on Dec. 10 to read their winning essays.

The recipients of the 2015 Dushinske & Jamison Scholarship will be chosen by an impartial judge and announced in May. The winning essays will be published in the *North Dakota Water* magazine, as will the essays of the scholarship finalists. Additional applications can be obtained from the NDWEF office at 701-223-8332, or by e-mailing [amagst@btinet.net](mailto:amagst@btinet.net).