



SPRWS celebrates drinking water week with host of activities

The water utility celebrated National Drinking Water Week May 5 -11 with a host of activities including the spring construction season kick-off safety picnic, the Years of Service awards, a town hall, the launch of the community panel, and Racquel Vaske addressing the public on the steps of the State Capitol building in honor of the week.



Racquel Vaske hoists a cup of St. Paul tap water from the H2O to Go wagon while delivering a speech on the steps of the State Capitol in honor of Drinking Water Week on May 9.



Dennis Rosemark tries out his hand during the digital fire extinguisher competition at the safety picnic. Winners of the competition were: First place: Nate Cassidy; second place: Josh Jonas; third place: Hugo Lopez; fourth place: Tom Miller; and fifth place AJ Schmidt.



Christopher Robinson and **Luis Mejia** compete in a friendly game of bags during the safety picnic.



The community panel held its first meeting on May 8. They focused on the three pillars of community education, affordability, and workforce development.



Todd Blomstrom addresses the staff during a town hall meeting on May 8.

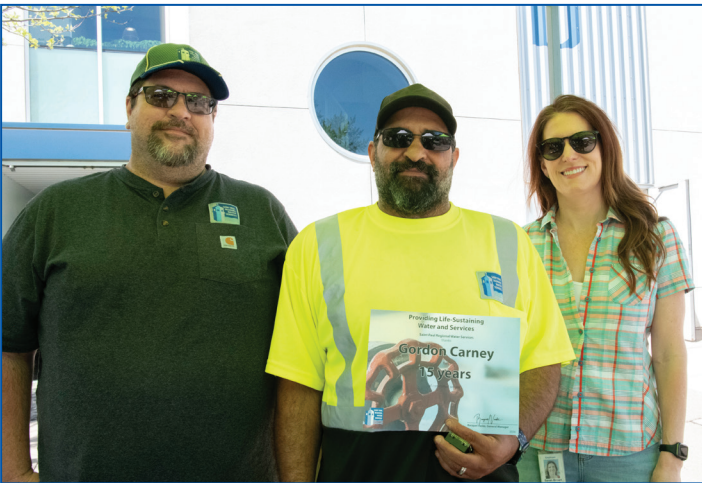
Years of Service recipients honored at safety picnic



Recipients of their five years of service awards are from left: Kelsey Feirer, Hugo Lopez, Nick McBride and Grainne Meaderis. Not pictured are Roy Bougie, Collin Hartogh, Tommy Hehn, Jake Moy, Christopher Robinson, Tait Tellefsen, and Ty Vidal.



Getting his 10-year service award is Jake Conway. Not Pictured are Randy Barnes, Corey Horvath, Rob Ralston, and Paul Scott.



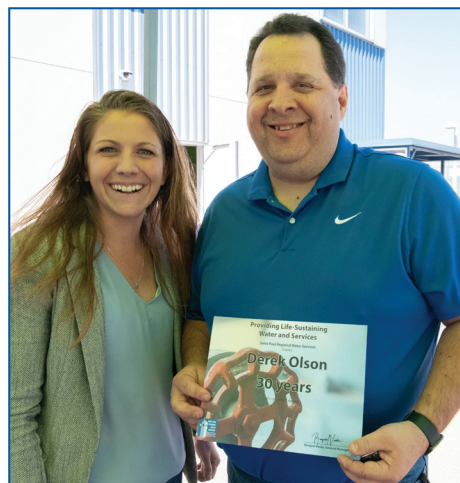
Recipients of their 15 years of service awards are from left: Graeme Chaple, Gordon Carney, and Sarah Brown. Not pictured are: Jon Henrikson, Dustin Schluessler and Greg Sorenson.



Recipients of their 20 years of service awards are from left: Herman Audett, Jake Wolf, and Tony Palumbo. Not pictured are: Jeff Gehring and Richard Smaller.



On the far left, getting her 25 years of service award is Richelle Nicosia.



To the immediate left, Derek Olson gets his 30 years of service award. Not pictured is Don Raway.