

Distribution leadership team starts new roles



Pete Davis



Mark Luzinski



Rich Rowland

Distribution will have a new management structure overseeing work throughout the division beginning on Monday, April 2.

Brad Elts continues to be the division manager and will directly oversee the garage, warehouse, and administrative functions of the division.

Pete Davis, distribution supervisor, will oversee all capital construction projects.

Mark Luzinski, distribution supervisor, will oversee preventive maintenance work and temporary service construction.

Rich Rowland, water utility technician, will oversee dispatch and restoration work.

Some adjustments may be needed during the transition to this new structure and your patience is requested.

Steve Gleason named assistant general manager

Steve Gleason, business division manager, has been named the new assistant general manager and will take on his new role effective Monday, April 2.

His new duties will include supervising security, safety, human resources, and the Business Improvement Unit in the wake of Jim Graupmann's retirement.

The position of business division manager will be posted in the near future. Internal candidates are encouraged to apply.

In the meantime, Steve will be doing double duty as the continuing business division manager until a replacement can be put into place.

Steve started with the water utility in 1983 as a civil engineer. He has been the division manager in distribution as well as business, and was the project manager for the implementation of the Customer Information Systems software that replaced Unysis.

Please congratulate Steve in his new role.



Steve Gleason

Utility workers undergo 24 hours of training

About 20 employees underwent extensive Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response for Chlorine and Ammonia training earlier this year.

SPRWS has bulk quantities of Chlorine and Ammonia on site, this requires us to have a Process Safety Management program which includes an Emergency Response Plan for Chlorine and Ammonia. Within that plan, certain operators and employees are required to follow procedures to prevent chemical releases and respond in the unlikely possibility of a chemical release. The HAZWOPER training gave employees more in depth infor-

mation about Chlorine and Ammonia, identifying, reporting, and responding to emergencies as well as table-top discussions considering "what if" scenarios that could possibly result in a chemical release.

All employees are provided Employee Right-to-Know training regarding the hazardous chemicals onsite. If anyone is interested in reading the Emergency Response Plan, it can be found in Documentum in the Process Safety Management Program; Appendix T or contact Hayley Heidelberg for more information.

Jim Graupmann retires

Jim Graupmann, assistant general manager, retired as of March 29 after nearly 38 years with the water utility.

Jim started with the utility in 1980 as a civil engineer. Over the years, he managed all but the business division. In 1984, he was named chief engineer. In 1989, he became assistant distribution superintendent. In 1992, he became the distribution division manager. In 1997, he was named engineering division manager. In 2001, he became the production division manager.

In 2014, he took on the role of assistant general manager.

His last day of work was March 29, 2018.



Jim Graupmann

Bob Hamm retires

Bob Hamm, driver operator, retired as of March 30 after nearly 38 years of service to the city, and almost 34 years with the utility.

Bob started with parks and recs as a park aide. He took on the same role in the water utility in 1981.

He worked as a groundworker for the Board of Education from 1984 to 1986, and returned to water in 1986 as a water utility worker I.

He first became a driver operator-water in 1990.

He held dual titles as water utility worker and driver operator for several years, until in 2003 he was solely a driver operator, the position from which he retires.

His last day of work was March 29, 2018.



Bob Hamm



Dave Marruffo, retiree, passes away at age 62

Dave Marruffo, former water utility tech II, passed away on March 16, 2018. He was 62 years old.

Dave Marruffo started working for the water utility in 1986 as an engineering aide II.

In 1988, he was promoted to a water utility technician I.

In 1997, he was promoted to a water utility technician II, the position from which he retired.

His last day with the utility was Dec. 30, 2016.

There was a memorial mass at Assumption Catholic Church on Saturday, March 24.

He will be missed by family, friends, and former co-workers.



Top, Jim Graupmann and his wife, Claire in the 1990s. Bottom. Tom Buth, Christine Meyer, an unknown gentleman, Marge Abbas, and Graupmann in 2001.

