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PRESS RELEASE

DuPage Water Commission extends contract 40 Years to serve Lake Michigan water to DuPage County Communities

The DWC-Customer Water Purchase and Sale contract was approved at the DuPage Water Commission Board of Commissioners meeting on January 18, 2024. DWC would like to acknowledge the elected officials and staff of the 30 DuPage County customers for ensuring that their communities will continue to be provided with Lake Michigan drinking water for the next 40-year period, ending February 24, 2064.

The DuPage Water Commission was established 40 years ago to solve difficult water quality and quantity problems; among the most challenging issues in the county at that time. Following the formulation of the Commission and a 10-year period of infrastructure construction, DWC began service to our customer communities, and is now proudly in our 30th year of water service. The DuPage Water Commission recognizes our charge to provide municipalities with safe, affordable, and reliable drinking water – certainly one of the most critical and essential services necessary to support a healthy and prosperous region. We are honored to continue this pursuit for the next 40 years for the nearly 1,000,000 consumers supported by the DWC system.

The execution of the contract extension is an important moment in which the DWC will begin to transition from the construction and operation of a brand-new system to a strategic forward-looking perspective. In this regard, we will continue our endeavor to ensure that existing infrastructure is maintained and operated in a manner which ensures resilience and redundancy; and that infrastructure investment, repair, and replacement projects are thoughtfully programmed and efficiently executed. Furthermore, DWC will continue to take a lead role within the state to ensure that regional water challenges are addressed in a manner that is beneficial to our customer communities - especially access to, treatment of, and delivery of Lake Michigan water.

Please join me in celebrating this milestone and sharing in the continued pursuit of good governance and service to the citizens and communities of DuPage County.