



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

David St. Pierre Executive Director

Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed **David St. Pierre** as the MWRD's executive director from among 50 candidates after a nationwide search in June, 2011. He received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Southern Illinois University and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

David St. Pierre manages a staff of nearly 2,000. The District covers 883 square miles and provides wholesale wastewater treatment for over five million residents in Cook County, Illinois. The District operates seven wastewater treatment plants which treat over one billion gallons/day. The District also provides regional stormwater services. The District has been a

leader in the industry since its creation in 1889, and David is committed to ensuring this rich tradition of leadership continues under his tenure. Among other tasks, the District is leading efforts among utilities in adopting a resource recovery model. David has been committed to excellent service and fiscal responsibility throughout his 30 year career in the water industry.

During the past six years, Mr. St. Pierre has solidified the financial position at MWRD through addressing its' public pension plan, funding a trust for retiree healthcare and developing a stable capital investment program for infrastructure and flood control throughout Cook County. Through regional partnerships, MWRD has expanded the sphere of impact on the 125 communities it serves and is a leader within the community in promoting economic growth and opportunity for all.

Mr. St. Pierre has more than 30 years working in the water industry in various cities. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of the City of Atlanta, Georgia Department of Watershed Management, where he was responsible for the city's drinking water supply system and water reclamation treatment facilities. During his tenure, operating costs decreased by \$37

million per year - a reduction of nearly 40 percent - while at the same time increasing employee productivity and service levels across the board.

Prior to working in Atlanta, Mr. St. Pierre was the operations director for the Metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri Sewer District, where he managed the city's collection system and wastewater treatment facilities. He initiated and implemented an innovative sewer maintenance program that reduced sewer backups and increased customer satisfaction to above 90 percent. The success of the program was determined through an independent customer satisfaction research agency who called customers who had received District services and had them rate the service. Before implementation of the program satisfaction scores were in the 60 percent range.

Earlier in his career, Mr. St. Pierre worked on the design and installation of instrumentation control panels at water distribution and wastewater treatment facilities in Eugene, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. He continued his work in automation in St. Louis developing and programming four of the seven plant control systems. He is currently Vice President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

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transforming water.*