

New General Manager Selected Following Retirement

LITTLETON – The Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments' Board of Commissioners has appointed Nick Lawler as the new general manager to follow Scott Edwards, who will retire in August.



General Manager Scott Edwards and Assistant General Manager Nick Lawler plant a free shade tree in a customer's yard as part of the Green Rewards Program to encourage conservation of electricity and water. Lawler will replace Edwards who plans to retire in August.

Edwards has served LELWD for 26 years, the last four as general manager. Lawler has served as the assistant general manager for nearly four years and has been with LELWD for 17 years.

"We thank Scott for his many years of service and leadership at LELWD, and we wish him all the best in retirement. We are pleased to have Nick, who has worked closely with Scott, to ensure a smooth transition and to continue our mission of reliably providing electricity and water at reasonable rates," said Richard Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

During his tenure as general manager, Edwards has kept electric rates at or near the lowest in the state. He has increased LELWD's investments in solar power and launched the popular Green Rewards program that offers customer discounts and rebates on water- and energy-saving products. In addition, Edwards built a capital reserve fund for the maintenance and repair of the water system to reduce borrowing, and he continued the tradition of community involvement with events such as the senior citizens luncheon and school field trips.

"It has been my honor to work for LELWD and all the true professionals who make our electric and water systems among the very best. I am proud of our many accomplishments together, and I thank our customers in Littleton and Boxboro for the support they have given us," said Edwards.

Edwards has worked closely with Lawler over the past four years. In the time, Lawler has overseen electric and water operations, and been instrumental in financial planning and budgeting. Together, Edwards and Lawler focused on reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement, which resulted in LELD's recognition as a Reliable Public Power Provider by the American Public Power Association.

Lawler said his long-term goals for LELWD include the installation of new metering technology to help quickly pinpoint and repair outages and to continue to develop new water resources to meet the growing demand.

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to lead LELWD as we maintain our commitment to low rates and reliable service. As a municipal utility, we will remain focused on our single purpose of serving the residents and businesses who rely on our power and water," Lawler said.

Lawler holds a master's degree in business administration from Bentley University and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Villanova University. He and his wife, Michele, live in Georgetown with their three young children. In Georgetown, Lawler serves as a water commissioner and an electric light commissioner for the town's municipal utilities.

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