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SUBJECT: Mary Swanson confirmed as newest member of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission

MADISON, WIS. – Mary Swanson has been appointed to serve on the nine-member Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission.

Swanson, vice president of the certification department for [Green Seal](#), brings 30 years of environmental experience to her role as commissioner, including a focus on eco-labeling, developing tools for evaluating cleaner products and technologies and evaluating the environmental fate and effects of toxic chemicals. She was appointed by the executive council of the cities and villages served by the district.

“Commissioner Swanson brings an important background in environmental engineering and chemistry to the district’s governance,” said Michael Mucha, the district’s chief engineer and director. “In addition to our continued focus on clean water and resource reclamation, in the years ahead we will be seeking innovative solutions on a number of critical issues including chloride loading and energy management. Her experience and insights will add an important perspective to the commission’s deliberations.”

With a Master of Science degree in environmental chemistry and environmental engineering from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resources and water chemistry from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, Swanson previously worked as a research scientist with the University of Tennessee’s Center for Clean Products and Clean Technologies.

“Our water resources are critical to our communities, our environment and our economy,” Swanson said. “The sewerage district has earned a national reputation for its forward-thinking approach to sustainability and I look forward to serving on the commission.”

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District is governed by nine commissioners serving staggered terms. Currently:

- Commissioners Sara Eskrich, Angela James, James Martin, Ezra Meyer and Brad Murphy are appointed by the mayor of the City of Madison;

- Commission President Thomas Hovel and Commissioners Ken Clark and Mary Swanson are appointed by an executive council made up of elected officials from district cities and villages; and
- Commissioner Tom Wilson is appointed by an executive council made up of town-elected officials.

The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for Oct. 25, 2018 at 8 a.m. Learn more by visiting madsewer.org and searching "[commission](#)."

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Established in 1930 to protect the lakes and streams of the upper Yahara watershed, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District today serves 26 Madison area customer communities covering some 184 square miles and 380,000 people. The district owns and operates 141 miles of pipe and 18 regional pumping stations that convey approximately 41 million gallons of wastewater to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant each day. Organized as a municipal corporation, the district is a leader in sustainability and resource reclamation; its rates are established by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission.

