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SDA Honors Dennis Yanchunas from the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District as a 2018 Board Member of the Year Award Winner

DENVER-Dennis Yanchunas, President of the Board of Directors of the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District (District), was named one of three winners of the Special District Association of Colorado's (SDA) 2018 Board Member of the Year Award.

Ann Terry, SDA's Executive Director, was thrilled to recognize the exceptional work of Yanchunas. "Dennis is a very deserving winner of this award, and we are pleased for the opportunity to honor him and the extraordinary contributions he has made to his district."

SDA presents this award annually to a special district board member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service to their district. This year the remarkable contributions of the nominees resulted in a three-way tie for the Board Member of the Year Award. The awards were presented at the SDA Annual Awards Luncheon as part of the SDA Annual Conference which was held September 12-14 in Keystone, Colorado.

Yanchunas has served on the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District board for 13 years. Through his leadership, Yanchunas has brought about positive change to the District and has utilized his vast knowledge to improve community relationships. He has also been instrumental in a number of significant projects for the District, most recently contributing countless hours working one-on-one with members of the board and community leaders to assist the group in their efforts to ask the District's voters to "de-Bruce." The election was successful, and 80% of the voters supported a "de-Bruce" for the District.

"This is just one example of his contributions," said Sean Cronin, Executive Director of St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District. "Dennis is a selfless leader with an unwavering vision for the future and a commitment to serve the public."

About the Special District Association of Colorado

The Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) is a statewide membership organization created in 1975 to serve the interests of the special district form of local government in Colorado. Special districts fill a vital role in providing many of the basic services and public needs of the people of Colorado, including fire and rescue services; water and wastewater treatment and delivery; parks and recreation amenities; hospitals; libraries; and cemeteries. SDA has over 1,815 district members and 285 associate members.

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