

# News Release

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Two members of the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) were honored at the 86th Annual Convention of the National Water Resource Association (NWRA) held November 15-17 in Tucson, Arizona, IWUA officials said today.

Norm Semanko of Boise was presented the John M. Sayre Leadership Award while Dale Swensen of Saint Anthony was presented the NWRA Lifetime Achievement Award.



**Dale Swensen (L) is praised by NWRA officials.**

Semanko's award is given annually by the NWRA Board of Directors to an individual or entity whose service and leadership has gone above and beyond in promoting the goals and objectives of the Association.

Semanko has been an NWRA Board member for 17 years including a stint as NWRA President in 2005-06. He is also an active member of the NWRA Litigation Review Committee. He served as IWUA Executive Director/General Counsel from 2000 to 2017.



**Norm Semanko displays his NWRA award.**

Swensen's award recognizes NWRA members and individuals who have actively served in the leadership of the Association for many years and who, by their activities and service to the goals and objective of the Association, merit Life Member status.

Swensen served on the IWUA and NWRA Boards for 15 years. He will retire this winter after 40 years as the Executive Director of Fremont Madison Irrigation District.

"Norm and Dale have distinguished themselves through their service and dedication to Idaho's water user community. It is truly fitting that they would now be officially commended for their outstanding service to the national water user community through their work with the NWRA. We are delighted they have been formally recognized for those efforts," said Paul Arrington, IWUA Executive Director and General Counsel.

The NWRA is a non-profit federation of agricultural and municipal water providers, state associations, and individuals dedicated to the conservation, enhancement and efficient management of our nation's most important natural resource, water. Its members provide clean water to millions of people, irrigate millions of acres of farmland and contribute billions of dollars to the U.S. economy. NWRA members are actively engaged in addressing the water supply challenges posed by population growth and continued drought in the western United States.

The IWUA consists of approximately 300 irrigation districts and canal companies, agribusinesses, public water supply organizations, professional firms and individuals from around the state that manage water supplies for more than 2 million acres of irrigated Idaho farmland.

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