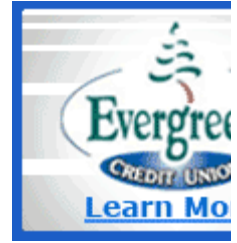


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## Dugovic receives Sid Anthony Award

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ALFRED (May 6, 2008): After returning from retirement to rescue a water district needing major repairs, George Dugovic, Alfred Water District chairman, received the Maine Water Utilities Association's 2007 Sid Anthony Award April 7.

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Gordon Johnson, president of the Maine Water Utility Association, said that there were a number of reasons why Dugovic was chosen for this award.

"Three people were being considered for the award this year, but George was definitely up there on the list," said Johnson. "He came to Alfred Water District in 2000 out of his retirement after he saw that the district was struggling. He really brought his career experience in engineering and business and used it to bring things together for the district."

Dugovic did not return phone calls asking about the award.

According to Johnson, the Alfred Water District was previously the privately-owned Alfred Water Company, and was experiencing a number of serious problems, including the need for an upgrade of the distribution and

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transmission mains, which are the small and large pipes that bring water to the different parts of town, and the replacement of the system's only storage tank.

"Dugovic was involved with the town's efforts to form and establish the Alfred Water District and he helped the district get out of the huge infrastructure problems they were having," said Johnson.

According to the Maine Water Utility Association's Web site, the Sid Anthony Award of Merit is given to someone who has demonstrated that he or she has provided outstanding service to a Maine Water Utility, an outstanding contribution or assistance to other water utility personnel, or an outstanding contribution to water works practice.

According to Johnson, Sid Anthony was the superintendent of the Augusta Water District in the 1950s. He was closely involved with the water district and water works in the Augusta area and was often known to go above and beyond what was expected of him.

Dave Parent, assistant superintendent for the Sanford Water District, who presented the award to Dugovic, said that there was no doubt that Dugovic was the perfect candidate for the award.

"When George came over to Alfred he was very, very qualified for the position, but he was also willing to take on the list of issues the water district had been facing," said Parent. "And to take on all these issues out of retirement is really just going above and beyond, which is what this award is all about."

According to Parent, Dugovic was not employed in the field of public water supply prior to his involvement with the Alfred Water District; in fact, before retirement, he was employed as an engineer at the Rochester, N.Y. Gas and Electric Company.

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