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## Upper Trinity Recognized by NACWA with Excellence in Management Award *Regional Utility Reaches Platinum Level*

**LEWISVILLE, TX – October 28, 2020:** Today, in a live on-line presentation ceremony recorded in Washington, D.C., the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) presented Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) with this year's NACWA Platinum level *Excellence in Management Recognition*. The award selection is based on the [Ten Attributes of Effectively Managed Water Sector Utilities](#), a program developed by NACWA and other stakeholders in the water sector in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Upper Trinity was one of only three agencies to receive the Platinum level (meeting at least nine of the ten attributes) national award this year.



“As a regional utility, we consider excellence to be the standard in every element of Upper Trinity,” stated Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director. “This award recognizes the valiant efforts and laudable accomplishments of our entire utility, including our operations, maintenance, engineering / construction, finance and administrative teams as well as Upper Trinity’s Board of Directors.”

Adam Krantz, Chief Executive Officer of NACWA, added, “The recipients of this award have demonstrated a commitment to product quality, financial viability, customer satisfaction, stakeholder understanding and support, operational optimization, employee and leadership development, enterprise resiliency, infrastructure strategy and performance, community sustainability, and water resource sustainability. On behalf of NACWA’s Board of Directors, I extend my congratulations and gratitude to all this year’s award winners and thank them for their service. This year has seen unprecedented challenges, and the *Excellence in Management Award* winners have more than risen to the occasion.”

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### About the Excellence in Management Awards

The Excellence in Management Recognition Program was launched in 2003 to acknowledge the significant achievements of NACWA member agencies in the utility

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management arena. This program honors member agencies that are implementing management practices that address the range of challenges identified in the [Ten Attributes of Effectively Managed Water Sector Utilities](#).

### **About NACWA**

For nearly 50 years, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) has been the nation's recognized leader in advancing sustainable and responsible policy

initiatives that help shape a strong and sustainable clean water future. NACWA seeks to fulfill this mission through its national recognition / awards program, its clean water advocacy and communications, and its peer-to-peer utility network to share best practices from coast-to-coast. For more information, visit [www.nacwa.org](http://www.nacwa.org).

### **About Upper Trinity**

Upper Trinity is a regional water district created by the Texas Legislature in 1989 for the benefit of cities and utilities in the Denton County area. Its mandate is to develop regional plans for water services, and to provide both water and wastewater services on a wholesale basis to cities and utilities within its service area, including all of Denton County and portions of Dallas and Collin Counties. Upper Trinity is a leader in public education regarding water conservation and water quality protection, and regularly conducts programs concerning drought tolerant landscape techniques, landscape practices and more efficient water use. The Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors took further action to help protect the watersheds above water supply reservoirs by creating the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust to work with communities, landowners and developers in preservation of watershed and riparian assets. To learn more, please visit [www.utrwd.com](http://www.utrwd.com).

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