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DNR Director Chuck Gipp Announces Retirement

DNR News Release, April 26, 2018

(DES MOINES) – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Director Chuck Gipp announced his retirement Thursday. His last day at the department will be Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

“Chuck has an outstanding record of service to Iowa,” Gov. Kim Reynolds said. “He’s spent the last six years leading in this important department, protecting Iowa’s most valuable resources – our land, lakes, waterways and air. Thank you, Chuck, for your service to this great state, and I wish you all the best as you enter retirement.”

“During his time as director, Chuck used his passion for Iowa’s natural resources as his guide in leading the department,” Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg said. “He served our state well for many years, and I know this retirement is well-deserved.”

“It’s been an absolute pleasure to serve Iowans for the past 28 years,” Gipp said. “I’ve been blessed to work among some of the best in the state, and nothing is more gratifying than being able to make a difference in the lives of Iowans.”

Gipp was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1990, where he served nine consecutive terms in several different capacities, including House Majority Leader. After



deciding not to seek re-election, Gipp was hired by Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey as director of the Division of Soil Conservation. He served in that role for three years.

Gipp began serving as deputy director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in August 2011. Not long after, he became director.

Gipp resides in Decorah with his wife, Ranae. They have two children and one grandson.

Deputy Director Bruce Trautman will serve as acting director of the DNR.

A copy of Director Gipp's resignation letter can be found [here](#)."

DNR Staff Update

Corey McCoid, supervisor of the Water Supply Operations Section, has returned from 12-month overseas military deployment to Kosovo. His first day back in the office was Monday, the 23rd.

FY 2019 IUPs Ready for Public Review

The fiscal year 2019 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF](#)

[Drinking Water SRF](#)

The IUPs cover the period of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Public comments are welcome. Draft quarterly project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018 in the Wallace State Office Building, [502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA](#). The meeting will be held in the 2nd floor East conference room at 10:00 a.m. Participants should check in at the 2nd floor DNR reception desk. Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, May 17, 2018. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their June 19, 2018 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Tiffany Wilson Lillard, SRF, tiffany.wilsonlillard@dnr.iowa.gov.

AWWA Celebrates Drinking Water Week, May 6 – 12, 2018

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“American Water Works Association's [40th Drinking Water Week](#) is just around the corner. This year's theme is "Protect the Source." Drinking Water Week gives utilities and other water organizations the opportunity to educate and connect with their community as well as reaffirm to their employees the importance of their jobs.

All too often water utilities gain exposure only when something bad happens - a water main breaks in the middle of rush hour or an additional rate hike is enacted. Drinking Water Week celebrations, however, offer the opportunity for some positive communication. Want to jump on board? AWWA has compiled a [toolkit](#) for utilities to use to reach out to employees, customers, and the wider community.”

IDNR WS Staff Speaking Engagements

Iowa DNR staff in the water supply program areas are scheduled to speak at the following events. The date, sponsor and event, location, subject, and contact for more information are listed.

- May 23, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Cherokee. [Website for this free workshop](#); registration is required. This is a rescheduled event due to inclement weather in April.
- July 9-10, 2018, Ankeny Annual Water Conference, Ankeny on the 9th, Ames Water Plant on the 10th. “IDNR Update.” [Registration and brochure](#).
- September 27, 2018, SHL Laboratory Symposium, Coralville. Information available at a later date.

For other professional development opportunities, see the “Training Calendar” at programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/.