The Advocate

Letter From The President
Michael T Anzalone CWD CPI

Hello and happy summer to you all! I’d like to wish you my best and hope you are having a safe and fun summer. I want to start out by saying how nice it was to see many of you in Moab this past June. We had a great turnout for classes and activities considering how busy everyone is this time of year. I want to
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President’s Letter Continued

In addition to the geology tour, Jim Goddard was able to attend and do the rules and regulations class. I think we had one of the best turnouts for the classes in a long time. A huge thank you to Mike Zimmerman for cooking at the BBQ and Gavin Holland for doing the ATV tour. The ride was beautiful up into the scenic La Sal mountains. Thank you Kevin Hamm from Flexcon for providing a delicious lunch on that ride. None of us went hungry on the Moab trip.

As fall approaches, we have countless things to look forward to for the rest of the year and into the coming 2022. I challenge you all to set some goals for yourself and to work to make them come to reality. I believe with hard work and determination we all can accomplish great things. I also need to take these words to heart and follow my own advice. I have several goals and challenges to work towards in my own professional and personal life. My goal for the next six months is to work on setting and accomplishing some of these important goals. Where there’s a will there’s a way.

Every time I turn on the television it seems I see a news story concerning the drought in Utah, as well as other surrounding states in the west. Urban growth, agriculture, and culinary water are all hot topics.

Water has been important throughout history. I enjoy watching western movies and inevitably almost every show includes the importance of water and digging wells, many times digging by hand. When people settled the west, the most important thing they needed to survive was water. Watching the characters dig for water with shovels and a bucket to haul out dirt looks like really hard work. What a tough job that must have been for the people years ago. We are very lucky today to have tools and equipment to make the job much easier.

I like to spend a lot of time in my ATV exploring remote areas in southern Utah, Arizona and Nevada. I often see old, abandoned water wells. I find it fun and interesting to check these out and imagine the steps it must have taken to get water from the ground this way.
It is impossible to ignore the incredible growth in southern Utah, actually all of Utah. Recurring questions are, “Will there be enough water for us all? How will we get the water?” We are very fortunate to be in a profession that is in high demand and always will be. A challenge in our profession I run into constantly is operating costs. Every day I see these costs going through the roof. We ultimately have to pass some of these costs on to the customer. This is tricky and challenging as we work to keep costs appropriate as well as the customer happy. Our industry is essential, but we need to remember to be fair as we work. Hopefully, after the job is complete, our customers realize the value of our work and the appropriateness of the amount we charge.

I end this letter with a little humor . . . One day a WELL meaning WELL driller dug a giant hole for a water WELL. He later found out it was dug in the wrong place, even the wrong property. Fortunately, the understanding customer came home and the only thing he could only say was, “It’s okay, I believe he meant WELL.”

Let’s be that person who has a positive attitude and looks at the glass half full instead of half empty. Let’s be the one who doesn’t overreact and sees the whole picture. We all mean WELL, so let your customers know that and treat them WELL. It all comes back to us and our businesses in the end. This advice will serve you WELL! FareWELL until next time.

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