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Marilyn Bernhardson, Redwood SWCD Manager, Receives 2009 Extraordinary Contribution Award

Marilyn has been a leader in the conservation district movement. Her dedication assists not only her own district, but districts at the area, state, and national levels.

Her work as a member, and now the Chair, of Clean Water Council has been invaluable. She has been able to share, and communicate the important role of District's and our work with private landowners, non-point protection and restoration activities, to various state partners and organizations. She has a strong understanding of how District's can be local leaders in TMDL activities, and communicates the work of District's at every available opportunity. The Clean Water Council has been a strong supporter of the G-16 work, which advocates utilizing the existing infrastructure, including the BWSR and SWCD partnership, and our work with private landowners. This has led to continued support of the SWCD delivery system state-wide.

As Chair of the MASWCD Legislative Committee, she has been able to articulate the need for funding for District programs. Her role as Chair assists the Association with prioritizing legislative initiatives, and helps emphasize the need for her peers to also work with legislators on District policy issues. She has been involved with legislative policy issues at the local, state and federal level.

Marilyn Bernhardson, Redwood SWCD District Manager, demonstrates a strong passion for the SWCD mission. She is a leader and a mentor to so many of her peers. Marilyn's work and dedication goes beyond her individual district – she has been an asset to all District's in Minnesota!



Felicia Brockoff, MACDE President, presents Marilyn Bernhardson the 2009 Extraordinary Contribution Award.