

January 13, 2021

Shannon R. LaRocque, PE Director of Utilities Village of Wellington

Dear Ms. LaRocque,

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is the world's largest educational and scientific organization dedicated to serving the water industry and supporting our diverse water professionals as they make a better world through better water. With over 60,000 members world-wide, AWWA's mission is to be the authoritative resource on safe water, to protect public health, and to provide safe, sufficient, and affordable water for all. Recognizing excellent performance in our public utilities is a key component in achieving that mission.

Since 1997, the Florida Section of the AWWA (FSAWWA) has presented the Outstanding Water Distribution System Award to one deserving water utility in each of eight (8) different size categories. These awards recognize utility employee's efforts as leaders based on the following criteria:

- 1. Maintaining high water quality and reliable operations,
- 2. Excellence in system maintenance,
- 3. Records management,
- 4. Cross Connection / Control Program,
- 5. Emergency preparedness, and
- 6. The promotion of professionalism, safety, and integrity.

The FSAWWA Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC) Water Distribution Awards Subcommittee is charged with the selection of utilities and, using their best judgment, determined that the Village of Wellington with outstanding performance during the preceding year deserves special recognition by the section. The Village of Wellington demonstrated high standards and integrity, as well.

On behalf of the FSAWWA, congratulations to the Village of Wellington on their Division 4 (20,000 – 29,999 services) 2020 Water Distribution System Awards win.

Dr. Fred Bloetscher, PE FSAWWA 2020-2021 Chair Peggy Guingona

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