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**Northern Wasco County People’s Utility District General Manager and CEO receives leadership and managerial excellence award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Roger Kline, General Manager and CEO of the Northern Wasco County People’s Utility District, received the Mark Crisson Leadership and Managerial Excellence Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award recognizes managers at a utility, joint action agency, or state or regional association who steer their organizations to new levels of excellence, lead by example, and inspire staff to do better.

Roger extends his goals beyond traditional utility services, prioritizing community needs. Roger has aided the District in expanding broadband access county-wide for more affordable high-speed internet, as well as helping the local Irrigation District secure reliable electric service despite its challenges in a competitive market. Under his guidance, the District has been recognized by APPA, maintaining RP3 Diamond and Platinum status since 2018. It has also been designated as a Smart Energy Provider. His leadership has led to the District being named one of the Top 100 Non-Profits to Work for in Oregon, ranking 21st among large employers. He has long-standing involvement with the Western Energy Institute, has been a Northwest Public Power Association Board of Trustees member, served on the Northwest RiverPartners Board of Directors, and has recently been appointed Board Director for the QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency.

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