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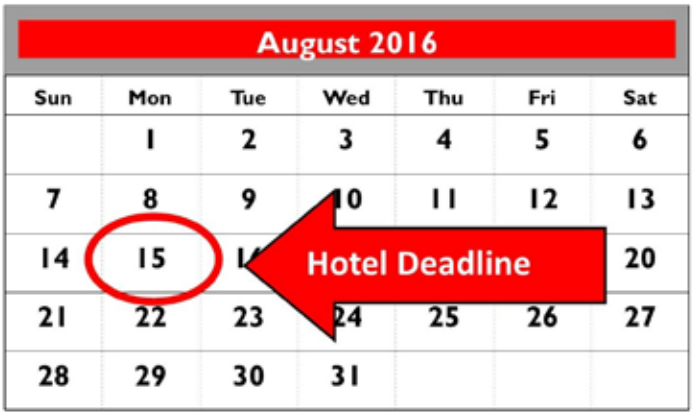

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President's Message
Jim McClain
McClain Shallow Wells, Savannah

The **Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals** is offering a **Spring Seminar in Macon on May 11, 2016**. We are aware that it is difficult for some contractors to travel to Savannah for the GAGwP Annual Trade Show. This seminar is offered to allow everyone the best opportunity to attain continuing education state licensing requirements.

I am sure that some of you consider **Continuing Education** requirements as an unnecessary burden on your valuable time and something of a nuisance. Running a hands-on business like water well drilling requires enormous efforts and demands, as well as constant non-income investments like truck and rig maintenance. It just never seems to end. Just when you think you're getting ahead something else breaks down and you're struggling again. You think I could be out making money instead of trying to stay awake for a class I've heard ten times before.

The GAGwP spends a great deal of time in order to offer interesting and new information regarding the water well industry. Although I have sat through hours of pump schools, there is always something I have missed that may have made water well servicing more efficient and profitable.

Classes keep you informed of changing laws and current events that affect our industry. How does the Flint Michigan water crisis impact water well drilling in Georgia? How has the GAGwP fought to make sure that homeowners aren't forced to tie into potentially unsafe public water supply systems?

Pump technology lessons are also critical. How to use a pump curve to properly size and price a pump is covered as well as keeping up with Variable Frequency Drive technology. It is important to understand pump theory which demonstrates professionalism to your customers.

How about solar-powered and even old-school windmill pumps? Have you considered their usage in the age of off-grid demand. Everyone is thinking "Green." Are you aware of new regulations regarding environmentally safe drill rod lubrication?

Can you accurately calculate pipe friction loss before trying to explain to a customer why the last irrigation head on the system doesn't work?

Another critical area of education is safety. Are your employees properly trained to perform tasks assigned to them? Are they adequately covered by injury and health insurance coverage? Are we ensuring that job site is properly maintained to be a safe working environment? Is public safety being considered as we transport our equipment to and from the job site? Are you prepared when the dreaded blue lights appear in the mirror?

Water quality is always a public safety issue. What type of water treatment is available and how can it be used to generate profits. Are we supplying the best possible product to our customers. Are we our worst enemy when issues of public versus private water supply are argued?

These are all issues that either have been addressed at past sessions or will be addressed at future classes. My goal is to make Continuing Education dynamic, enlightening, and educational. We need to be better stewards of our groundwater supplies and do a better job of communicating to the citizens of Georgia what a wonderful job we do and the pride we take in our industry.

I look forward to seeing many of you in **Macon May 11th 2016** for the **GAGwP Spring Seminar** sponsored by **Preferred Pump, Noland, CMC and DSI.** Please see the registration form on page 4 or go to www.georgiadrillers.com.

P.S. - For those of you not aware, I suffered a fall that has resulted in fractures to my neck and requires major reconstruction of my shoulder. Please think safety at all times. Don't be in a hurry and have a life changing accident. Fortunately I suffered no neurological damage as of yet and progress is good. Thanks for the prayers.

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CEU Seminar – May 11, 2016, Macon, GA

GAGwP will be holding a Continuing Education seminar which will count for your 4 hours of Continuing Education for your state license on May 11, in Macon.

The details are as follow:

WHO:	Well Drillers and Suppliers, GAGwP Members and Non Members
WHAT:	Continuing Education Seminar
WHEN:	May 11, Wednesday
TIME:	9 AM – 1:30 PM Registration begins at 8:30 AM
WHERE:	Macon/Bibb County Health Dept. 175 Emory Highway, Macon, GA 31217 (Assembly Room)
COST:	Free to GAGwP Members (Membership must be paid and current) registered in advance $25 if registered at the door Non Member - $150.00 in advance or $175 at the door. (You can pay $200 in advance and this will include membership for drillers who have never been a member of GAGwP or GDA. This will be $250 at the door.

You must be pre-registered for this seminar. Space is limited and we are providing lunch. If you are a GAGwP member, your membership must be paid for in order to come complimentary. If you are a non-member (and have never been a member of GAGwP or GDA), we are offering a **one time membership fee of $200** that will include a membership and the training. Regular GAGwP membership is $300.

Keep in mind that most of the suppliers will not be hosting their normal continuing education seminars and this is a great opportunity for you to get your hours before the deadline. GAGwP will not be offering any other seminars before the Well Show Sept. 17, so make plans today to attend this seminar.

The agenda is yet to be determined. But be assured it WILL be something that will be of interest and benefit to YOU!

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I will attend the seminar on April 23.
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- € A Non member but I would like to take advantage of the One Time membership offer of $200.00 paid in advance. (This will be $250 at the door.)
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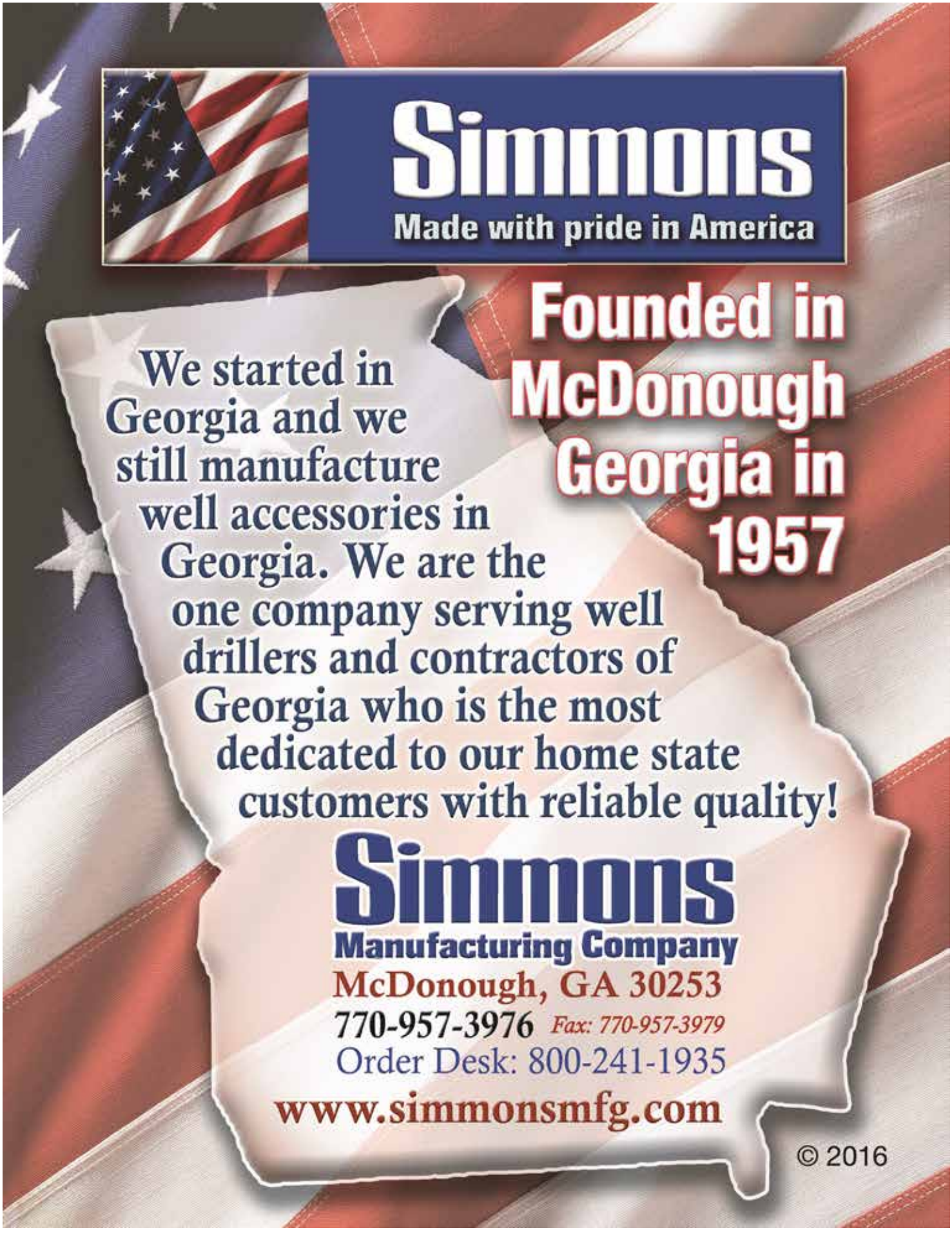
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Water Well Standards Advisory Council Minutes

WATER WELL STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Georgia Secretary of State's Macon Office, Room 108
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Agenda and Minutes

Meeting called to order
Meeting was called to order – 10:03 AM

Quorum present? Yes

Attendance
Water Well Standards Advisory Council
Howell Clements Dan Elder
Greg Grosch Milton Thompson
Raymond Wilke

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Michael Gillis Don Shellenberger
Erin Ruoff John Sides

General Public
Rusty Hester Tuesde Hester

Minutes from September 24, 2015 meeting

- Motion to accept minutes made by Howell Clements and seconded Milton Thompson.
- Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Complaint: Allen Weldon (not present) vs Rusty Hester (present)

Summary: Rusty Hester contracted Mr. Weldon to drill a well for him in January 2015. After months of delays a well was drilled and a 3-hp pump placed in the well. Since the well was drilled it has continued to pump sand. Mr. Weldon said the sand should clear up in a few days of pumping, but it did not. The well continued to pump sand until the pump stopped working. Mr. Weldon pulled the pump and replaced it with a 1-hp pump as a temporary fix until the original pump was repaired. Mr. Weldon tried several methods to fix the sand problem and none of them worked. He then agreed to drill a second well, while also claiming that lightning had struck the well, damaging the pump and cracking the casing which resulted in the sand problem. Mr. Hester called John Sides sometime in late-June or early-July of 2015 to discuss his options. During this time (July 2015) Mr. Weldon's license was suspended/revoked by the Council. After numerous delays and no response from Mr. Weldon, Mr. Hester filed criminal theft-by-deception charges against Mr. Weldon in Magistrate's Court on December 9, 2015. The Magistrate's Court judgment occurred on January 12, 2016 in favor of Mr. Hester at which time Mr. Weldon was arrested.

- The Council heard Mr. Hester's complaint and motioned to send a letter to Mr. Weldon stating that he is to cease and desist all drilling except for repairing Mr. Hester's well and other corrective actions of valid complaints listed in the May 2015 letter sent to Mr. Weldon. The motion was made by Milton Thompson and seconded by Greg Grosch.

Complaint: Allen Weldon (not present) vs Mrs. Julienne Taylor (not present)

Summary: On February 2, 2015 Mrs. Julienne Taylor contracted Mr. Weldon to drill a new 4-inch well with a 1-hp pump and an 82 gallon tank. After several months of delays a well was drilled and a tank installed. On July 28, 2015, the well began pumping clay and eventually stopped working. Mrs. Taylor called Mr. Weldon to fix the problem; he worked on the problem from August 4 through August 8, then said he would return on August 12 to drill a new well for Mrs. Taylor. Sometime after Mr. Weldon left, Mrs. Taylor examined the well and found that the pump, motor and pipe were missing from the well. She contacted Mr. Weldon about this on August 26. He said that he had removed the items so that they would not be stolen from her. During this conversation Mr. Weldon wanted to know if she had a warrant out for his arrest. Several weeks later Mrs. Taylor contacted Mr. Weldon again and asked about the well and pump. Mr. Weldon said that the pump had burned up because it had been struck by lightning.

Mrs. Taylor lodged a formal complaint to John Sides about the problems above on November 12, 2015. Mr. Sides sent a letter to Mr. Weldon stating that he had until January 5, 2016 to contact Mrs. Taylor and drill a new well or refund her the cost of the well.

- As of January 13, 2016 Mr. Weldon has not corrected this problem by the required time. The Council made a motion to pull Mr. Weldon's bond in order to have this complaint fixed. The motion was made by Dan Elder and seconded by Howell Clements.

Complaint: Miller Well Drilling (not present) vs Coffee County Health Department (not present)

Summary: Mr. Meeks of the Coffee County Health Department contracted John Sides about problems they were having with some wells drilled by Miller Well Drilling. The company had not been going through proper permitting procedures prior to drilling

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new wells; at times drilling too close to septic drain fields, and withdrawing water to drill with from a creek on Clyde Kirkland Road. Mr. Sides contacted Timmy Miller and discussed the issues alleged by the county. Mr. Miller informed Mr. Sides that he will complete the required paperwork before beginning to drill and will maintain the proper distance from septic systems and drain fields. Mr. Miller stated that the water he is withdrawing from the creek is treated prior to being used.

- The Council reviewed this complaint and made a motion that Mr. Miller be informed that all water used during well drilling must be potable as per the applicable water wells standards act section.

Complaint: Seminole County Health Department (not present) vs John Lott - private land owner (not present)

Summary: Edward Irwin of the Seminole County Health Department is concerned that the well drilled by John Lott on his property in 2012 is now going to be placed into service. The well was inspected by John Sides in 2012 and deemed to be improperly constructed according to the Water Wells Standards Act of 1985. The well does not have any grout around the casing. A letter was sent to John Lott and the Seminole County Health Department in 2012 about the well being illegally constructed and that Mr. Lott must correct the problem or abandon the well. John Lott never responded about having received the letter.

- The Council discussed the previous actions and the fact that the well was drilled by a private citizen on his own property, which is allowable under the Water Wells Standards Act of 1985. This, however, does not exempt the well from having to be constructed properly as the Act requires. The Council suggested that the Health Department contact the County Zoning Department to see if they have an issue with the rental property using an improperly constructed well.
- The Council motioned that a letter be sent to the Health Department stating that the well must be properly abandoned as outlined in the letter sent to the property owner in 2012. The above motion was made by Dan Elder and seconded by Howell Clements, all agreed.

Complaint: Complaint from Hart County Health Department about improperly abandoned wells.

- The Council requested that John Sides collect more information from the individual who witnessed the wells being filled improperly. No further actions were taken at this time.

V. ACTIONS BY THE COUNCIL

A. New Water Well Contractors

a. **Shane Gunter**: son of licensed driller #105; he is requesting his father's license number. The Council motioned that Shane Gunter may have the driller license #105. The above motion was made by Howell Clements and seconded by Milton Thompson, all agreed.

b. **Robert Morgan** (licensed in Alabama & Mississippi): the Council motioned to issue a license pending receiving all fees, tests and bond. The above motion was made by Howell Clements and seconded by Milton Thompson, all agreed.

c. **Two Drillers from Texas**: the Council motioned to issue a license pending receiving all fees, tests and bond. The above motion was made by Howell Clements and seconded by Dan Elder, all agreed.

B. New Pump Installers

a. **Salomon Gonzalez**: Approved by Council on June 19, 2014 for a driller's license. The Council motioned to issue a pump installer's license pending receiving all fees, tests and bond. The above motion was made by Greg Grosch and seconded by Howell Clements, all agreed.

VII. Public Comments

None

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

The Council decided that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 10AM-12PM at the Georgia Secretary of State's Macon Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM with motions by Dan Elder and Howell Clements.

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Deadline for Registration is Aug.

7:00 - 7:30 am Registration
8:00 am Shotgun
12:00 N Lunch, awards, door prizes

Cost: $100 per person (If you are a single we will put you with a group.)
$400 for a team of 4 players.
Includes, green fee, cart, range balls, lunch, mulligan, raffle ticket, goodie bag, 2 drink tickets on course, fun

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We need all registrations by Aug, 15th & hole sponsor info. for signs as early as possible but no later than Aug . 15th.
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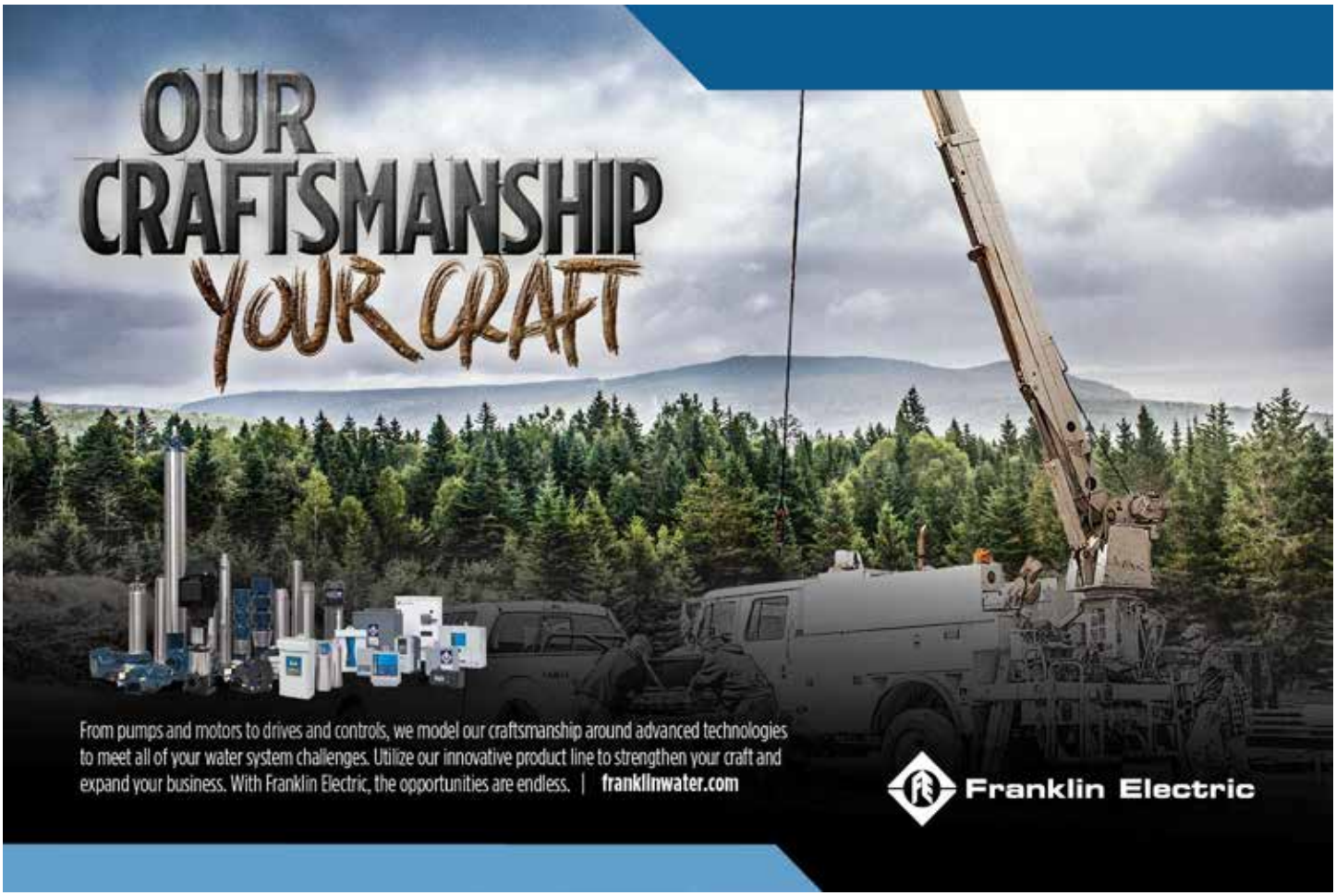

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To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed in this envelope is a flyer with information pertaining to SERCAP's Individual Household Well Loan Program. We are reaching out to your organization as we have successfully worked with several of your members in the recent past, and thought it may be helpful to inform you of the well loan program.

SERCAP's well loan program is a joint effort with the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development office. The program is designed to help people living in rural areas obtain access to safe, clean drinking water. The program has been in operation for nearly 10 years, and we have funded over 1 million dollars worth of private well work in our seven state region.

The program itself is very simple; anyone living in a rural area may apply for assistance in financing their well. The funds may be used for either construction of a new well, or repairs/upgrades needed for an existing well. Clients are asked to furnish at least two estimates from licensed, and insured well drillers, but the choice of which driller conducts the work is left up to the client.

On average clients are approved in less than 30 days for the funding. Once a client has been approved for the well construction SERCAP notifies the contractor directly, and work may be commenced. Upon completion of the work SERCAP will pay contractors directly.

I believe that many of us would agree that in most cases clients struggle with being able to afford to have well work done. Please if we may be of any assistance feel free to refer to us any persons that may need help.

We look forward to building our relationship with you, to help provide drinking water to persons in need of this often taken for granted luxury. If I may be of any help please feel free to contact me directly at mhaas@sercap.org, or 540.345.1184 Ext. 137.

Thank you for the work that you do!

Sincerely,

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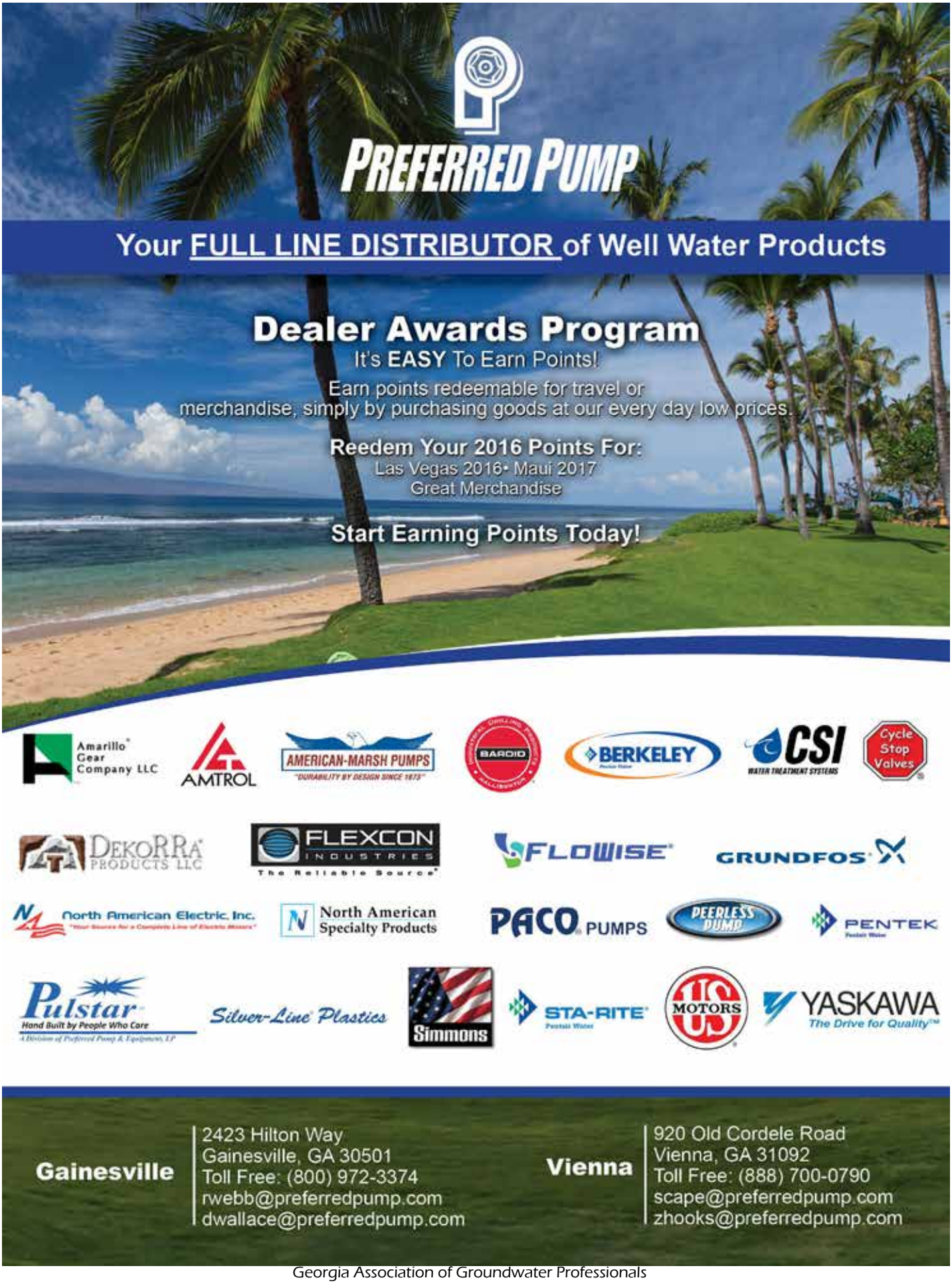
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Water Well Trust Receives Second USDA Grant for GEORGIA Water Wells

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 3, 2015 -- The Water Well Trust, the only national nonprofit helping Americans get access to a clean, safe water supply, has received a second $140,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Household Water Well Systems program for a project to increase potable water availability to rural households in six Georgia counties.

The Water Well Trust will contribute a $56,000 match towards this project. These funds were donated by Water Systems Council members at the 2015 WSC Fall Members' Meeting fundraising golf tournament and auction.

The USDA grant will fund Water Well Trust projects in **six rural Georgia counties, including Colquitt, Hancock, Jones, Monroe, Murray, and Wilcox.** The USDA grant monies will be used to drill at least 22 water wells in these six counties.

The grant monies will provide long-term, low-interest loans to applicants seeking new or improved water wells in the six-county area, including eight families that have been on a waiting list since 2012.

The Water Well Trust will work with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, the Georgia USDA office and county administrators in each designated county to notify potential beneficiaries of the program.

The Water Well Trust was established by the Water Systems Council in 2010 to provide clean, sanitary drinking water to Americans who lack access to a reliable water supply and to construct and document small community water systems using water wells to demonstrate that these systems are more economical.

In 2014, the Water Well Trust received its first USDA grant for a project to increase potable water availability to rural households in northwest Arkansas and Oklahoma. That grant is being used to drill or rehabilitate 19 water wells, providing over 100 individuals with new access to safe drinking water.

The Water Well Trust also completed a separate project in Ben Hill County, GA, in 2014, replacing an entire water system for a small community. Engineering estimates to replace the existing, failed water system in Ben Hill County were in excess of $600,000. The Water Well Trust replaced the system with donated WWT funds and county funds for just over $81,000 -- an 86% savings.

For more information, visit waterwellltrust.org.

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