



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Bharathi Theertha honors MWRD Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos



(L-R): Former MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos and Bharathi Theertha President Dr. Prakasam Tata participate on a panel.



MWRD Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos discusses the role of the MWRD in cleaning water for an equivalent population of 10 million people.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos received two honors from Bharathi Theertha, a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life in impoverished areas of India and the United States.

For exemplary service rendered to the field of water and sanitation, Commissioner Spyropoulos received the Jala Seva Bharathi award which was presented by Bharathi Theertha President Dr. Prakasam Tata.

Commissioner Spyropoulos and former Commissioner Frank Avila were both honored for their work the past two years in chairing the Water and Waste Conference held virtually in the U.S. and India. The three-day events supported dual time zones and featured 3-D virtual booths, eight educational tracts and 200+ subject matter experts representing more than 20 countries.

Hyderabad, India, with a population in the metropolitan area of just under 10 million, is laying the groundwork for constructing wastewater treatment infrastructure as

the city continues to grow and develop.

“This international forum provides a rich perspective on very important topics, and the MWRD, which serves an equivalent population of 10.35 million people, has the experience to share so that others can make informed decisions,” said Commissioner Spyropoulos. “It was an honor to lead this international conference and bring participants from around the world together. Water is a universal language, and we all have something to learn from one another.”



(L-R) Former Commissioner Frank Avila and Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos display their awards for chairing the Water and Waste Conference in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

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Established in 1889, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. Learn more at [mwr.org](http://mwr.org).