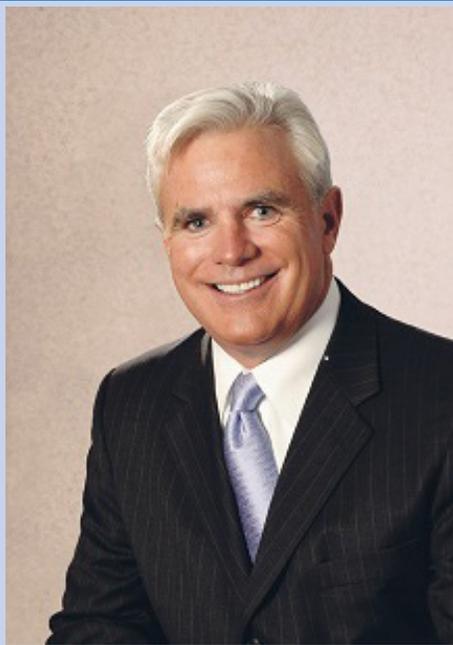


WHAT'S NEW AT SCWA

Newly Appointed SCWA Chairman Patrick Halpin and New Board Member Tim Bishop



The Suffolk County Legislature voted to appoint former Suffolk County Executive Patrick G. Halpin as chairman of the Suffolk County Water Authority Board to succeed James F. Gaughran, who was elected to the New York State Senate in November 2018. Halpin currently serves as board secretary, the number two post on the SCWA Board.

The Legislature appointed Halpin by a 14-0 vote with one abstention and three absences. Halpin, who coauthored a series of reform initiatives promoting transparency, accountability and efficiency shortly after his initial appointment in 2006, was appointed to a third five-year term in 2016. During his tenure on the board, Halpin has played a leading role in helping to position the Authority to thrive in the 21st Century through key technological advancements, vital infrastructure improvements and rigorous water quality standards.

As County Executive, Halpin preserved thousands of acres of the critical Pine Barrens region, an essential step in protecting Suffolk County's future drinking water supply.

"The Suffolk County Water Authority and its ratepayers will benefit greatly from the appointment of Patrick Halpin as its new chairman," said SCWA Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey W. Szabo. "Throughout his tenure on the board he has demanded accountability and sought to maximize the efficiency of our operations."

"I greatly appreciate the faith shown in me by the Legislature and look forward to serving as the Suffolk County Water Authority's next chairman," Halpin said. "The Suffolk County Water Authority supplies drinking water that meets or surpasses all water quality standards while also maintaining the highest bond ratings for a water utility in New York State and water rates that are among the lowest in the country. I look forward to working with the board to build upon Jim Gaughran's tremendous legacy as chairman and help to prepare SCWA to meet all future challenges."



Former Congressman Tim Bishop was sworn in for his respective term on the SCWA Board. Bishop was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Errol Toulon Jr. who became Suffolk County Sheriff at the beginning of the year. His term expires in 2020.

"SCWA and the 1.2 million customers it serves will benefit greatly from the appointment of Tim Bishop," said SCWA Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey W. Szabo. Bishop, of Southampton, served from 2003-2015 as representative for New York's 1st congressional district. As a congressman, Bishop served on the Education and Workforce Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He supported the Affordable Care Act, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (TARP) and

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He also sponsored legislation that blocked a plan to dump twenty million cubic yards of contaminated dredge waste in the Long Island Sound. Prior to his service in the House of Representatives, Bishop served as provost of Southampton College for 16 years. As provost, Bishop served as chief executive officer in charge of the campus's day-to-day management. During his tenure at the college, Bishop oversaw the addition of four graduate programs, construction of a new academic center and development of the award-winning Cooperative Education and Freshman Programs. Since leaving the House, Bishop has served as Director of the Center for Community Solutions and visiting professor at St. Joseph's College. "I'm delighted to be appointed to the SCWA Board," Bishop said. "Access to safe, clean drinking water is absolutely essential to public health. Serving on the Board will allow me to continue to work on the water-related environmental quality and public health issues that were so important to me as a member of Congress."

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SCWA, Town of East Hampton, Announce Completion of Wainscott Water Main Installation



The Suffolk County Water Authority and the Town of East Hampton announced the imminent completion of one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects in SCWA's near 70-year history. In just four months, SCWA oversaw the installation of approximately 45,000 feet of new water main in Wainscott. The project, the largest water main installation SCWA has undertaken in nearly 20 years, was designed to bring safe drinking water to an area impacted by perfluorinated chemicals. The last 1,000 feet of water main was installed the first week of January 2019. Private service lines were installed to connect the plumbing of participating homes and businesses to the new water main. To date, 124 properties have been hooked up to safe public water out of the approximately 520 in the project area.

"This project is a great example of government working together at all levels to get things done. The installation of more than eight and a half miles of water main, completed in record time, just four months, is a testament to the incredible staff we have here at the Water Authority." "I want to thank Town of East Hampton Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc and the full East Hampton Town Board for their steadfast support in making this happen quickly," said SCWA Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey W. Szabo.

"Wainscott residents will now have a drinking water supply that is safe and reliable." "Insuring that residents of Wainscott have access to safe drinking water has been my top priority in light of concerns about chemical contamination," said East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc. "Water mains have been extended in record time thanks to our partnership with the Water Authority. We have also been able to achieve nearly \$10 million in savings for East Hampton taxpayers through a successful joint grant application for state funds for the project."

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services confirmed the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in more than 150 private wells in the impacted area, located south of the East Hampton Airport, with a small number of private wells showing detections over the health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion. "The residents of Wainscott, like all of our communities, deserve access to clean safe drinking water," said Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming. "I'm proud of the cooperative efforts by the Town of East Hampton, the Suffolk County Water Authority, Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, as well as the DEC and NYS Department of Health, acting quickly to get this important project done as soon as possible."

Ductile iron water main between six inches and 16 inches in diameter was installed. Copper and HDPE private service lines connecting the water main to each impacted home will continue to be installed, along with the installation of meters and meter vaults among other project elements. Existing private wells will be disconnected from the internal plumbing of homes within the project area to prevent the possibility of cross-contamination with the public water system.

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SCWA Wins Two Awards for Infrastructure Projects



The Suffolk County Water Authority was honored for two award-winning infrastructure projects at the New York Section American Water Works Association's New York's Water Event.

SCWA was awarded 2018 Project of the Year on a Treatment Project for the landmark Advanced Oxidation Process treatment system developed in-house to remove the emerging contaminant 1,4-dioxane from groundwater. The system, the first of its kind in New York, was approved by state officials to go into service at SCWA's Commercial Boulevard, Central Islip pump station. The system is expected to remove more than 97% of the compound from groundwater.

SCWA was also awarded 2018 Project of the Year on a Storage Project for the construction of a two million gallon concrete reservoir on the North Fork. The Laurel Lake tank and its two booster pumps will boost water pressure on the North Fork during peak pumping periods, greatly improving household water pressure and the ability of local fire departments to fight fires, while also allowing for less peak pumping from SCWA wells to help keep them from becoming stressed. "These projects are just two examples of the great work being undertaken by our hardworking employees every day," said former SCWA Chairman James F. Gaughran. "We very much appreciate having our work recognized by our peers in the water supply industry."

"We're extremely proud of the great work by our engineers on these two vital projects and are very gratified to have our work recognized by the New York Section of AWWA," said SCWA Chief Engineer and Director of Research Timothy Kilcommons. "We're constantly looking for ways to improve service for our customers through innovative water treatment methods and good stewardship of our aquifers, and these two projects are prime examples of that commitment."

