



Special District Association of Colorado  
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## **SDA Honors Local Special District with a 2017 Collaboration Award**

**DENVER**-Southgate Water District has been awarded a 2017 Collaboration Award from the Special District Association of Colorado (SDA).

Southgate received its award at the SDA Annual Awards Luncheon as part of the SDA Annual Conference which was held September 13-15, 2017 in Keystone, Colorado.

SDA presents the Collaboration Award annually to special districts that have effectively and efficiently partnered with other entities and local governments to form successful working relationships for the benefit of their citizens.

Following several meetings between Southgate and the City of Greenwood Village, the District learned that the City had plans to completely rehabilitate a road within the City. Upon learning of these plans, Southgate recognized the opportunity to collaborate with the City to replace the waterline at the same time as the road construction. This joint capital project allowed for the roadway work and the waterline replacement to be bid under one package, resulting in overall savings for both the District and the City. It also allowed both entities to share costs for things such as traffic control, and there was far less disruption to the area than if two separate projects were done. As a result of this successful collaboration, Southgate Sanitation District also assumed responsibility for the Greenwood Village Sewer Improvement District, which allows the City to focus on other city services and Southgate to add to its customer base. Moreover, the District and the City will continue to seek opportunities to partner on projects to save money where possible and most importantly, to reduce the impact of future capital work on their residents.

Ann Terry, SDA's Executive Director, was thrilled to recognize the exceptional work of the district. "The spirit of collaboration demonstrated by Southgate and the City has not only benefited their citizens, but it is also a true testament to the success that can be achieved through partnerships."

### About the Special District Association of Colorado

The Special District Association of Colorado (SDA) is a statewide membership organization created in 1975 to serve the interests of the special district form of local government in Colorado. Special districts fill a vital role in providing many of the basic services and public needs of the people of Colorado, including fire and rescue services; water and wastewater treatment and delivery; parks and recreation amenities; hospitals; libraries; and cemeteries. SDA has 1,720 district members and 260 associate members.

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