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**Modesto Irrigation District appoints former leader of
Moorhead Public Service as General Manager**
Bill Schwandt to lead MID's water and power operations

The Modesto Irrigation District (MID) Board of Directors appointed Bill Schwandt as the District's General Manager during their November 10 Board meeting. Schwandt joins MID following a 35-year career with Moorhead Public Service in Moorhead, Minnesota. He had served as Moorhead Public Service's General Manager for 28 years.

"Bill's strong leadership and strategic vision will drive our continued efforts to maintain operational excellence and protect our long-standing water rights," said MID Board President Paul Campbell. "We look forward to the ideas and innovations he will bring to MID."

Schwandt's duties as General Manager of Moorhead Public Service included managing professional and technical teams in electric, water and telecommunications utilities under the Moorhead Public Service Commission. He led strategic planning, critical infrastructure planning development and management, and long-term water supply, power supply and transmission agreements and negotiations.

He also served as the Vice President of the Missouri River Energy Services Board of Directors, Vice President of the Midwest Electric Consumers Association Board of Directors and President of the Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors.

Schwandt received his bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from North Dakota State University and a master's degree in business administration from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He is a registered professional engineer in Minnesota.

"MID has a rich history and steadfast commitment to providing safe, reliable, affordable services. I'm looking forward to immersing myself in the organization and serving this community," said Schwandt. "Together we can build upon MID's successes and secure a promising future for our water and power supplies."

Beginning Tuesday, December 1, Schwandt will lead MID's day-to-day operations and more than 400 employees. His salary will be approximately \$277,000.

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About the Modesto Irrigation District (MID)

The Modesto Irrigation District, established in 1887, is a vertically integrated public utility located in California's Central Valley. MID provides irrigation water to more than 2,300 agricultural accounts irrigating close to 60,000 acres and electricity to more than 128,000 residential, commercial and agricultural accounts in Modesto, Empire, Salida, Waterford and Mountain House as well as parts of Escalon, Oakdale, Ripon and Riverbank. MID also treats, delivers and wholesales up to 67,000 acre-feet of drinking water per year to the City of Modesto. For more information about MID visit www.mid.org or follow MID on Facebook ([@modestoirrigationdistrict](https://www.facebook.com/modestoirrigationdistrict)) and Twitter ([@mod_irrigation](https://twitter.com/mod_irrigation)).