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## State Engineer Todd Sando announces retirement

North Dakota State Engineer Todd Sando announced today that he will retire by the end of June.

The North Dakota Water Commission appointed Sando State Engineer in July 2010. He began his career with the State Water Commission in 1985 as a water resource engineer. As State Engineer, Sando serves as Chief Engineer and Secretary to the State Water Commission.

“Todd Sando has done an outstanding job managing North Dakota’s tremendous water resources at a time of unprecedented growth across our state,” said Gov. Jack Dalrymple, chairman of the nine-member State Water Commission. “His commitment to the responsible management of our water will have a lasting impact on future generations. We thank him for his many years of dedicated public service and we wish him well in his retirement.”

Sando, North Dakota’s 17<sup>th</sup> State Engineer, has been instrumental in the management of North Dakota’s surface and ground water resources during a period of record growth and development across the state. Sando has played a key role in North Dakota’s flood response, recovery and prevention efforts, floodplain regulation, and he has directed the development of critical flood control and water supply projects throughout the state. Additionally, Sando has worked extensively to advance management practices involving interstate and international water resources.

“My time as State Engineer has been filled with phenomenal opportunities and monumental growth in water development, and successful management of water resources throughout the state,” said Sando. “Throughout my career, there have been many memorable projects and experiences. The record flooding events that took place in 2011, and the construction and operation of the Devils Lake outlets are certainly some of the highlights. I am immensely thankful to the State Water Commission and for the opportunity to serve our state and the citizens of North Dakota.”

The State Water Commission will conduct a national search to fill the position of State Engineer.