



## KERRVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD

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### **KPUB Honored with National Award for Outstanding Safety Practices**

Kerrville, Texas, April 5, 2022— Kerrville Public Utility Board (KPUB) has earned the American Public Power Association’s Safety Award of Excellence for its safe operating practices in 2021, receiving a 1<sup>st</sup> place award in its utility group category.

318 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2021. A utility’s incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on its number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2021, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This year marks the third time that KPUB has received this award in recent years, having received the award also in 2017 and 2018.

“KPUB values employee safety above all else to ensure that everyone goes home to their families safely each day,” said Tammye Riley, KPUB director of operations. “Winning first place in this category for the third time in the last four years is a reflection of the dedication to our safety-first culture within our organization.”

“In our industry, safety is the top priority,” said Bob Scudder, Chair of APPA’s Safety Committee and Industrial Hygiene and Corporate Risk Manager at Grand River Dam Authority. “This is a commitment that needs to come from the top down and permeate every aspect of operations. These awarded utilities have embraced this priority, and they deserve to be celebrated.”

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. A complete list of winners is available at [www.PublicPower.org](http://www.PublicPower.org).

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*KPUB safety award winners, Tammye Riley (Director of Operations) and Howard Hall (Supervisor of Field Services) are pictured with APPA VP of Technical and Operations*



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*Services Alex Hofmann (L) and Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Industrial Hygiene and Corporate Risk Manager at Grand River Dam Authority, Bob Scudder (R).*

### **About APPA**

*The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.*

### **About KPUB**

The Kerrville Public Utility Board (KPUB) was acquired by the City of Kerrville in 1987. KPUB serves approximately 23,700 customers throughout its 146 square mile service area, including Kerrville, Center Point, Ingram, Hunt, and surrounding areas in Kerr County.

KPUB is overseen by a five-member board of trustees who serve without compensation and who are responsible to the City of Kerrville for the management and control of the system. KPUB is a responsive and efficient locally-owned provider of reliable, high-quality utility service at the lowest responsible price.