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Biography

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Jay Gilbertson is the Manager of the East Dakota Water Development District, a position held since 1994. He manages a staff of six professionals engaged in a broad range of water resource assessment and preservation efforts.

He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in geology from the University of Wisconsin - River Falls (UWRF) and the University of Minnesota, respectively. Prior to coming to the District, he worked for the South Dakota Geological Survey, helping identify and delineate mineral and water resources. He also serves as the Chairman of the South Dakota Non-Point Source Task Force and is an Adjunct Geology Instructor at UWRF.

The District is a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota, and promotes conservation, development, and proper management of district water resources according to district priorities and serves as a district-wide clearinghouse authority for water quality and supply projects through technical, organizational and financial assistance to prospective and existing project sponsors. Covering 10 counties along the I-29 corridor, the District provides service to 1/3 of the state's population.