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Vista Irrigation District's General Manager Roy Coox set to retire on June 2, 2016
Assistant General Manager Eldon Boone becomes 12th General Manager in the District's 93 year history.

Vista, CA—

After 35 years in public service including 21 years with the Vista Irrigation District, Roy Coox, the district's general manager since 2007, will be retiring on June 2, 2016. Mr. Coox announced his retirement to the district's board of directors in September 2015.

While leading the district, Mr. Coox secured an additional economical water supply; spearheaded the restoration of a national and state historic landmark, the Warner-Carrillo Ranch House; developed and launched the innovative *Love Tap!* outreach campaign to promote drinking tap water instead of bottled water; and most importantly, established a culture of innovation and excellence along with a commitment to public service during his years at the district.

Mr. Coox's hard work and dedication to the district, its employees and customers over the years has not gone unnoticed as he was named the 2012 General Manager of the Year for the state of California by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). His commitment to the well-being of his employees and to serving and communicating with the public resulted in other awards including the 2013 U-T San Diego Top Workplace award; the 2013 CSDA Innovative Project of the Year Award for the district's Workforce Planning and Career Development Program; and the 2012 Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Outstanding Outreach Participation Award. Mr. Coox was also named Preservationist of the Year by the Save Our Heritage Organisation of San Diego for his work to preserve and restore the Warner-Carrillo Ranch House.

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my career in public service, and my time as general manager of the Vista Irrigation District has given me the opportunity to work with an outstanding team of people,” Coox said. “I’m extremely proud of the things we’ve been able to accomplish, but I’m just as proud of how we’ve accomplished them – as a team and always with the best interests of the public in mind.

“I’ve always believed in doing the right things, and doing them the right way.”

The board has selected Eldon Boone, the district’s current assistant general manager/treasurer, as Coox’s successor. The appointment will become effective on June 3, 2016. Boone will become the 12th general manager in the district’s 93 year history.

“I am excited about this opportunity to lead the district into the future,” Boone said. “I look forward to working with our board, our employees and the community to keep the district at the forefront during these challenging times in the water industry.”

Mr. Boone began working for the district as its accounting manager in 1994 and became the director of finance in 1996. In 2008, he was promoted to assistant general manager and has served as the district’s treasurer since that time. He has also served as the auditor/controller for the Association of California Water Agencies-Joint Powers Insurance Authority from 2005 through 2015. Prior to joining the district, he held the position of senior auditor for KPMG Peat Marwick. Mr. Boone is a certified public accountant (CPA).

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 127,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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