

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

February 1, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Directors present: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; and Greg Keppler, Engineering Project Manager. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: Barry Willis, Alpine Fire Protection District/Local Agency Formation Commission.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kuchinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss suggested moving agenda Item 18 to follow Item 7.

23-02-13	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as reordered for agenda Item 18 to follow Item 7.</i>
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**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

President MacKenzie recognized Mr. Barry Willis, Commissioner of the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), who addressed the Board regarding his intent to seek re-election as a special district member on LAFCO. He provided the Board with copies of his resume (attached hereto as Exhibit A) and briefly spoke about his background and philosophy as a LAFCO Commissioner. The Board thanked him for his visit.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

23-02-14 *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Vásquez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 23-04 approving disbursements.*

A. Facilities and Water Supply Agreement

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board authorized the General Manager to execute the “Facilities and Water Supply Agreement between Vallecitos Water District and Vista Irrigation District (San Marcos Highlands Pressure Reducing Station)” for a 187-lot single-family residential development known as San Marcos Highlands, consisting of approximately 289 gross acres owned by KB Home California LLC, located at the northern end of Las Posas Road, San Marcos (LN 2017-018; I-3090; APNs 182-110-02, -03; 182-111-01; 184-101-35; 184-240-13, -14, -15, -33, -35, -36; 184-241-06, -07, -08 and -09).

B. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on January 18, 2023

The minutes of January 18, 2023 were approved as presented.

C. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 71276 through 71393 drawn on Union Bank totaling \$1,268,854.72.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the execution of the checks by the appropriate officers of the District.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by a roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.**

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Present for the following closed session item was General Manager Brett Hodgkiss and the Board of Directors only.

**7. CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION—GENERAL MANAGER**

President MacKenzie adjourned the meeting to closed session at 9:09 a.m. to conduct a performance evaluation of the General Manager, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:30 a.m.; no reportable action was taken. A brief break was taken until 10:34 a.m.

Upon return from break, present in the Boardroom were General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell, Board Secretary Lisa Soto, Director of Operations and Field Services Frank Wolinski and Director of Engineering Randy Whitmann.

## **18. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

President MacKenzie announced the following closed session item:

Real Property Negotiations: 224-260-23, 46  
Property: 50-foot wide Vista Flume easement south of Nutmeg Street  
VID Negotiators: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager and  
Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering  
Negotiating Parties: Nutmeg 134 LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

President MacKenzie adjourned the meeting to closed session at 10:37 a.m. for a conference with real property negotiators, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8. The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:59 a.m.; no reportable action was taken.

Director Miller left the meeting at this time for another appointment. Director of Water Resources Don Smith and Engineering Project Manager Greg Keppler joined the meeting.

## **8. DIVISION REPORTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

Engineering Project Manager Greg Keppler provided a video update (available on the Vista Irrigation District website) regarding the Edgemoor (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station project. He stated that Gateway Pacific is continuing concrete reservoir formwork, reinforcing steel installation, and pouring portions of the reservoir slab, columns, wall footings, walls, and roof. Mr. Keppler noted that the shape of the new reservoir was designed to maximize storage capacity, nearly doubling that of the old reservoir.

Director of Water Resources Don Smith updated the Board regarding the Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in Lake Henshaw. He stated that staff met with Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff to discuss National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits for nutrient control activities in Lake Henshaw. Mr. Smith stated that the Regional Board advised the District to apply for the streamlined lanthanum modified clay permit first and then file to amend that permit to add the lanthanum product to treat pumped groundwater after the streamlined permit is issued. This approach will avoid any delay in processing the permit and moving forward with proposed sediment sealing activities in the lake.

## **9. ABANDONED H-LINE QUITCLAIM DEEDS AND BILLS OF SALE**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Engineering Randy Whitmann provided an overview of the item stating that the District's policy for the abandonment of pipelines and pipeline easements is covered in District's Rules and Regulations, Section 3.14. Due to the risk and cost associated with slurry filling the entire length of abandoned pipeline, staff recommends offering the affected property owners an opportunity to record a Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale document; this will remove the easement encumbrance on their property in exchange for transferring ownership of the pipeline to them (including all associated liabilities). Mr. Whitmann said that the plan would be to cut and plug the abandoned H-Line, at District expense, where feasible and as necessary. He added that the District would exercise discretion to not cut and plug segments of the abandoned H-Line if property owners are not interested in a Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale, access is infeasible, or cutting and plugging the pipeline at certain property lines is not necessary.

23-02-15 *Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director Vasquez and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie; 1 absent: Miller), the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to do the following: 1) to engage with property owners regarding the District quitclaiming the abandoned 24/36-inch H-Line and associated easements to the applicable property owners; and 2) to execute Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale documents with interested property owners; to cut and plug abandoned H-Line where feasible at District expense on an as-needed basis; and to exercise discretion to not cement slurry-fill nor cut and plug segments of the abandoned H-Line if property owners are not interested in a Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale, access is infeasible or cutting and plugging at certain property lines is not necessary.*

## 10. PERSONAL CHECK CASHING AND ETHICS TRAINING

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss said that the District's auditors recommended as a best practice to prohibit personal check cashing for employees, which staff had already implemented; the Board requested that a policy addressing the matter be added to the District's Rules and Regulations. He said that while reviewing District Rules and Regulations, Section 5 staff noticed that an existing provision contained in this section, which designates positions to receive ethics training pursuant to Government Code Sections 53234 through 53235.2, had not been updated to reflect position title changes resulting from organizational restructuring. He said that staff recommends that the list of designated positions be revised to reflect current position titles that replaced those currently identified in the District's Rules and Regulations.

23-02-16 *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie; 1 absent: Miller), the Board of Directors amended Vista Irrigation District Rules and Regulations Section 5, Human Resources, to add a provision prohibiting the cashing of employee personal checks and to revise an existing provision that designates positions to receive ethics training.*

## 11. VISTA HALL OF FAME

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Kuchinsky said that he spoke with Jack Larimer, Vista Historical Society, about nominating the District's first Board of Directors as a group into the Early Residents Division of the Vista Hall of Fame; Mr. Larimer said that the nomination would be acceptable. Director Kuchinsky also asked about nominating Paul Dorey into the Regular Division of the Hall of Fame; Mr. Larimer encouraged such a nomination.

23-02-17 *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie; 1 absent: Miller), the Board of Directors nominated the five Founding Board of Directors to the Early Residents Division and former Director Paul Dorey to the Regular Division of the Vista Hall of Fame.*

**12. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

See staff report attached hereto.

President MacKenzie noted that a summary of the formal meeting of the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Board of Directors was provided for the Board's information.

**13. MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

Directors Vásquez, Sanchez, Kuchinsky, and President MacKenzie all reported on their attendance at the recent Vista State of the Community Luncheon where a video of the City of Vista's accomplishments in the past year highlighted the event. There were also presentations made by representatives from the Vista Chamber of Commerce, California State University San Marcos and Tri-City Medical Center. Director Sanchez spoke briefly at the event about the District celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the open house to be held on September 9, 2023.

President MacKenzie and Directors Kuchinsky and Vásquez reported on their attendance at the reception for Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Chair Adán Ortega hosted by the Water Authority. Mr. Ortega made a presentation about the current activities of MWD. President MacKenzie reported that she also attended a reception for Mr. Ortega hosted by the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

Directors Sanchez and Vásquez reported on an ad hoc committee meeting for the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, providing brief updates on the status of planned activities.

Director Kuchinsky reported on meetings he attended of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Risk Management sub-committee and the Executive Committee, providing an overview of the subjects covered in these meetings.

President MacKenzie reported on her participation in a National Special Districts Coalition (Coalition) webinar. She said that the Coalition is currently focusing its efforts on developing a national definition for special districts.

President MacKenzie reported on her attendance at a meeting of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee in which clarification was provided regarding how CSDA reviews and prioritizes its responses to proposed legislation.

President MacKenzie reported on her attendance at meetings of the California Local Agencies Formation Commission (CALAFCO), one of which was a meeting of the Legislative Committee in which legislation concerning agency indemnification policies was discussed.

Director Sanchez reported on a meeting he attended of the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee, which included an update on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

Director Kuchinsky requested to attend the State Water Project & Bay Delta Tour sponsored by the Water Authority and MWD, April 14-15, 2023. Director Sanchez requested to attend the CSDA Quarterly meeting on February 16, 2023. President MacKenzie requested authorization to attend the virtual meeting of the National Special Districts Coalition (already attended), the CSDA Quarterly meetings on February 16, 2023 and May 18, 2023, and the ACWA Region 10 event on June 26, 2023.

23-02-18

*Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie; 1 absent: Miller), the Board of Directors authorized the following attendances: Director Kuchinsky to attend the State Water Project & Bay Delta Tour, April 14-15, 2023. Director Sanchez to attend the CSDA Quarterly Dinner meeting on February 16, 2023. President MacKenzie requested authorization to attend the virtual meeting of the National Special Districts Coalition (after the fact), the CSDA Quarterly meetings on February 16, 2023 and May 18, 2023, and the ACWA Region 10 event on June 26, 2023.*

**14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Kuchinsky suggested that the Board adopt resolutions in honor of the City of Vista and the Vista Chamber of Commerce celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries respectively this year. President MacKenzie requested that these two items be prepared for a future agenda.

**15. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Sanchez commented on the six-state proposal for cutting water use from the Colorado River. Director Vásquez commented on the recent heavy rainfall and on the proposed water cutbacks on the Colorado River.

**16. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Mitchell briefed the Board on the law that covers waiving capacity and connection fees for accessory dwelling units.

**17. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

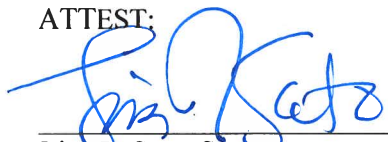
None were presented.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 12:30 p.m. President MacKenzie adjourned the meeting to February 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

  
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Jo MacKenzie, President

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa R. Soto, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.A

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	<b>February 1, 2023</b>
<b>Prepared By:</b>	<b>Robert Scholl</b>
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	<b>Randy Whitmann</b>
<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Brett Hodgkiss</b>

**SUBJECT:** FACILITIES AND WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the General Manager to execute the “Facilities and Water Supply Agreement between Vallecitos Water District and Vista Irrigation District (San Marcos Highlands Pressure Reducing Station)” for a 187-lot single-family residential development known as San Marcos Highlands, consisting of approximately 289 gross acres owned by KB Home California LLC, located at the northern end of Las Posas Road, San Marcos (LN 2017-018; I-3090; APNs 182-110-02, -03; 182-111-01; 184-101-35; 184-240-13, -14, -15, -33, -35, -36; 184-241-06, -07, -08 and -09).

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On September 16, 2020, the Board accepted Grant of Right of Way (V102) for relocated water facilities within the development. The Board consented to the Grant of Right of Way to Vallecitos Water District (Vallecitos) over a portion of Specific Easement (V102) on March 3, 2021, acknowledged existing easements via City of San Marcos TSM 13-001-1 on April 7, 2021, and approved the waterline project on May 18, 2021. The Board also accepted Grant of Right of Way (K63) for an additional access point into the development on November 17, 2021, and on May 11, 2022, approved Quitclaim Deed (693) and Quitclaim Deeds and Bills of Sale (687) and (690) quitclaiming portions of existing easements and abandoned water mains within the development.

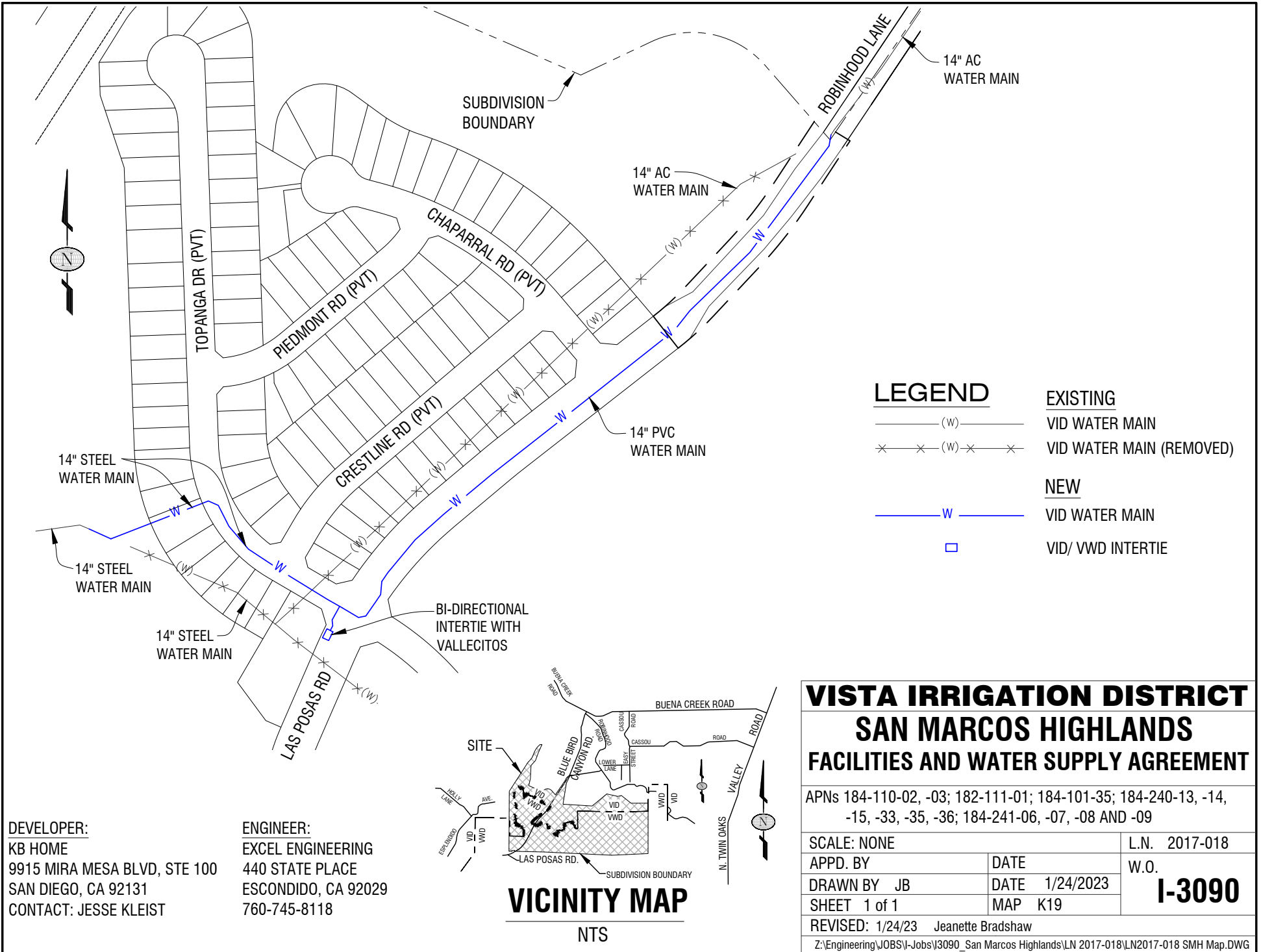
**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The owner, KB Home California LLC, is in the process of developing a 187-lot single-family residential development known as San Marcos Highlands that will be served water from Vallecitos. The District had a 14-inch asbestos cement (AC) and steel transmission pipeline that transected the development and was relocated into public right-of-way. Additionally, a new bi-directional intertie with Vallecitos is being constructed to serve as an emergency connection for each agency.

The Facilities and Water Supply Agreement (Agreement) between Vallecitos and the District for this intertie defines the terms of service, ownership, access, maintenance, and repair of the facility; the Vallecitos Board of Directors approved this Agreement at its January 18, 2023 meeting.

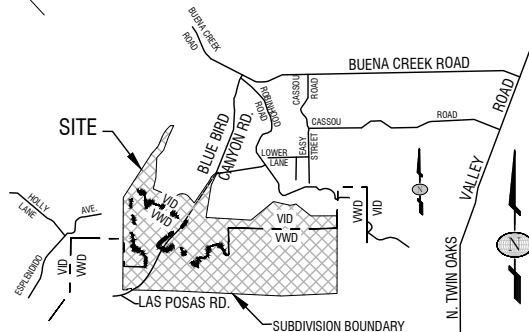
**ATTACHMENT:**

- Map
- Facilities and Water Supply Agreement



**DEVELOPER:**  
 KB HOME  
 9915 MIRA MESA BLVD, STE 100  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92131  
 CONTACT: JESSE KLEIST

**ENGINEER:**  
 EXCEL ENGINEERING  
 440 STATE PLACE  
 ESCONDIDO, CA 92029  
 760-745-8118



**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
 SAN MARCOS HIGHLANDS  
 FACILITIES AND WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

APNs 184-110-02, -03; 182-111-01; 184-101-35; 184-240-13, -14, -15, -33, -35, -36; 184-241-06, -07, -08 AND -09

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**FACILITIES AND WATER SUPPLY  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT AND  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
(San Marcos Highlands Pressure Reducing Station)

This Facilities and Water Supply Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Effective Date**”) is entered into by and between Vallecitos Water District, a county special district (“**Vallecitos**”) and Vista Irrigation District, an irrigation district (“**VID**”). Vallecitos and VID may each be individually referred to herein as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties.**”

RECITALS

A. On July 23, 2021, a final subdivision map (#16466) for the development known as “San Marcos Highlands” located in San Marcos, California (“**Development**”) was recorded in the official records of the County of San Diego. As part of the Development, the property owner will design and construct a pressure reducing station, including a vault and other facilities, located within the public right of way at the northwest corner of Las Posas Road and Topanga Drive (“**Pressure Reducing Station**”).

B. Vallecitos owns and operates a public water system and will provide water service to the Development.

C. VID owns and operates a public water system in the area of the Development.

D. The Pressure Reducing Station will include a vault containing a meter and pressure reducing / pressure sustaining valve that will serve as a connection between the water system owned and operated by Vallecitos and the water system owned and operated by VID. The Pressure Reducing Station will provide an additional treated water connection for Vallecitos and an emergency water connection for VID.

E. The Pressure Reducing Station and ownership responsibilities are further described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein. Upon completion of construction of the Pressure Reducing Station, the property owner will dedicate to each Vallecitos and VID the respective facilities as identified in Exhibit A, as each agency’s responsibility.

F. Vallecitos and VID wish to enter into this Agreement to provide the terms and conditions related to the ownership, access, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Pressure Reducing Station and the potential delivery of treated water to one another using the Pressure Reducing Station.

AGREEMENT

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the above recitals and of the mutual covenants as well as for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

## **1. OWNERSHIP, ACCESS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF JOINT FACILITIES**

1.1. Ownership and Access to Pressure Reducing Station Facilities. Each party shall be the owner of those facilities identified as their responsibility on Exhibit A. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, all decisions with respect to the operation and maintenance of and improvements to each party's facilities shall be in such individual owner's sole discretion. Each Party shall use its best efforts to operate its respective portion of the Pressure Reducing Station in an efficient and economical manner, maintaining them in good repair and working order, all in accordance with recognized sound engineering and management practices. Vallecitos agrees to provide VID with free and unrestricted access to its portion of the Pressure Reducing Station for the purposes described in this Agreement. VID's access to and use of Vallecitos' facilities is limited to the purposes set forth in this Agreement. No other access or use is permitted without the prior written consent of Vallecitos, and this Agreement is not intended to, and does not, establish any easement or interest of VID in Vallecitos' facilities or the lands thereon.

1.2. Access to Vault. VID shall have routine access to the vault and pressure reducing / pressure sustaining valve for the purpose of establishing upstream pressures to be sustained in its distribution system.

1.3. Maintenance, Repair, or Replacement of Facilities. Each of the Parties will be responsible for performing maintenance, repair, or replacement work on their respective facilities; provided, however, that plans for such work shall be submitted to the other Party at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to performance of the work. No work shall occur until the other Party approves the plans; provided, however, that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed by the other Party. Each Party shall review and provide a response concerning the plans submitted by the other within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) working days.

1.4. Emergency Maintenance or Repairs. Notwithstanding Section 1.3 above, in the event of an emergency posing an imminent threat to public health or safety or public or private property, a Party may perform emergency maintenance, repair, or replacement work on their facilities without providing notice or receiving the prior approval of the other Party. Parties shall provide notice of the emergency work as soon as practicable, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the work.

1.5. Restoration of Vault and Improvements. If the vault or any other improvements are materially damaged by VID while accessing the vault, VID shall: (a) immediately notify Vallecitos of the damages sustained during the access; and (b) at its sole cost and expense, repair or replace the damaged vault or improvements to the same condition that existed prior to the access.

## **2. TREATED WATER SERVICE THROUGH INTERTIE**

2.1. Delivery of Treated Water. Upon completion of construction and acceptance of the Pressure Reducing Station: (a) VID agrees to provide Vallecitos with emergency water service as required to combat fire, maintain system pressures, or for other needs; and (b) Vallecitos agrees to provide VID with emergency water service as required to maintain system pressure. The Parties

agree that delivery of the treated water will occur at the magnetic flow meter. VID shall own and bear the risk of loss of water on its side of such point of connection. Vallecitos shall own and bear the risk of loss of water on its side of such point of connection.

2.2. Quantity of Treated Water Services. The Parties agree that there is no established minimum or maximum volume of water that may be provided under this Agreement.

2.3. Treated Water Exchange Procedures. For all treated water provided in any given month, each Party agrees to pay the San Diego County Water Authority (“**Authority**”) one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable rates, fees and charges established by the Authority for the volume of treated water delivered. Payment shall be made using the Authority’s exchange procedures, as may be updated from time to time. Each month VID will notify the Authority and Vallecitos of the amount of treated water delivered by one Party to the other Party through the magnetic flow meter as a treated water exchange. VID will record monthly volume measurements for treated water delivered to either Party using the vault meter, and maintain accurate and complete records for purposes of reporting volumes to Vallecitos and the Authority. If Vallecitos objects to any portion of the reported exchange amount, Vallecitos shall provide written notice to VID of its objection(s) within ten (10) days of receipt of the exchange amount, and the Parties shall thereafter engage in good faith efforts to resolve such issue(s) through informal discussions and coordination with the Authority.

2.4. Treated Water Quality. Vallecitos and VID shall utilize best management practices to maintain water quality and meet all state and federal regulations for water delivered under this Agreement. Each Party shall report to the other Party the delivery of any water that may not be provided to customers as drinking water pursuant to applicable law and consistent with each Party’s standard procedures.

### **3. TERM**

3.1. Term. This Agreement is effective on the Effective Date and shall continue until the Parties mutually agree in writing to termination of this Agreement.

### **4. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4.1. Compliance with Applicable Law. Each Party agrees to comply with all applicable local, state and federal statutes, ordinances, codes and/or regulations applicable to the activities performed related to this Agreement, including all environmental laws, and to seek all necessary permits or approvals for its work from appropriate agencies.

4.2. VID’s Indemnification. VID shall indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to Vallecitos), and hold harmless Vallecitos, its officials, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and authorized volunteers from and against any and all costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees), damages, claims, liabilities, causes of action, liens (including, without limitation, mechanics liens), encumbrances, and charges (for purposes of this section, “Liabilities”) to the extent the Liabilities arise out of or relate to breach of this Agreement by VID or the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of VID or its officials, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and authorized volunteers. VID’s obligations under this section shall not be limited or otherwise affected by the amount or the availability of insurance, self-

insurance, or similar risk management coverage of VID. This section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

4.3. Vallecitos' Indemnification. Vallecitos shall indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to VID), and hold harmless VID, its officials, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and authorized volunteers from and against any and all costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees), damages, claims, liabilities, causes of action, liens (including, without limitation, mechanics liens), encumbrances, and charges (for purposes of this section, "Liabilities") to the extent the Liabilities arise out of or relate to breach of this Agreement by Vallecitos or the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Vallecitos or its officials, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and authorized volunteers. Vallecitos' obligations under this section shall not be limited or otherwise affected by the amount or the availability of insurance, self-insurance, or similar risk management coverage of Vallecitos. This section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

4.4. Insurance. At all times while this Agreement is in effect, each Party shall, at its sole expense, either self-insure or obtain an actual policy of commercial general liability insurance covering personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage for work in or around the Pressure Reducing Station. The other Party shall be an additional insured under such self-insurance or policy. Insurance provided by a joint powers agency insurance pool shall be considered self-insurance for the purposes of this section. If a Party self-insures for risks set forth in this section, it shall do so in the manner and to the extent such Party self-insures for similar risks with respect to its own operations, equipment and property. The manner in which such self-insurance is provided and the extent of such self-insurance shall be set forth in a certificate of self-insurance delivered to the other Party and signed by an authorized representative of the insured Party, which fully describes the self-insurance program and how the program covers the risks set forth in this section. Evidence of insurance or self-insurance required by this section shall be delivered to the other Party concurrent with execution of this Agreement or at least ten (10) days before a Party or its contractors begin any work in or around the Pressure Reducing Station.

4.5. Records. Each Party shall keep appropriate records and accounts of all costs and expenses related to maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the Pressure Reducing Station and the delivery of treated water under this Agreement. Each Party shall keep such records and accounts for at least four (4) years, or for any longer period required by law or outside funding sources, in a manner consistent with its record retention policies.

4.6. Recitals. The above Recitals are true and correct and fully incorporated into this Agreement.

4.7. Scope of Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as representing the establishment of any precedent or the formation of any policy by either Party to supply water service or any other service on the terms and conditions contained herein or on any terms and conditions whatsoever.

4.8. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is intended to benefit only the Parties hereto and no other person or entity has or shall acquire any rights hereunder. This Agreement does not create any third party beneficiary rights.

4.9. Binding Effect; Assignment. All of the terms, conditions and provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. No assignment of this Agreement shall be made without the prior written consent of the Parties to the Agreement, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.

4.10. Performance. Whenever performance is required of any Party hereunder, that Party shall use all due diligence to perform and take all necessary measures in good faith to perform; provided, however, that if performance shall be delayed at any time by reason of acts of God, war, civil commotion, pandemic, epidemic, riots, strikes, picketing, or other labor disputes, or damage to work in progress by reason of fire or other casualty or cause beyond the reasonable control of a Party (acts by the performing Party causing the situation to be beyond reasonable control excepted), then the time for performance as herein specified shall be appropriately extended by the amount of the delay actually so caused.

4.11. Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions contained in this Agreement, or of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, by judgment or court order, shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof or the application thereof to any other person or circumstance and the same shall remain in full force and effect, unless enforcement of this Agreement as so invalidated would be unreasonable or grossly inequitable under all the circumstances or would frustrate the purposes of this Agreement.

4.12. Notice.

4.12.1. Form of Notice. Any notice to any Party shall be in writing and given by delivering the same to such Party in person or by sending the same by certified mail, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid to the Party's mailing address. The respective mailing addresses of the Parties thereto are, until changed as hereinafter provided, the following:

To Vallecitos:                   Vallecitos Water Vallecitos  
201 Vallecitos de Oro  
San Marcos, CA 92069  
Attn: General Manager

To VID:                            Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer Street  
Vista, CA 92081-8840  
Attn: General Manager

4.12.2. Change of Address. Any Party may change its mailing address at any time by giving written notice of such change to the other Parties in the manner provided herein at least ten days prior to the date such change is effective.

4.12.3. Effective Date of Notice. All notices under this Agreement shall be deemed given, received, made or communicated on the date personal delivery is effected or, if mailed, on the delivery date or attempted delivery date shown on the return receipt.

4.13. Entire Agreement. This writing constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all oral or written representations or written agreements which may have been entered into between the Parties. This Agreement may be cancelled, changed, modified or amended in whole or in part only by a written instrument executed by the Parties (or their respective successors and assigns).

4.14. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence of this Agreement and each and every provision hereof.

4.15. Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action concerning or arising out of this Agreement shall be filed in a court of the State of California having jurisdiction of the subject matter, and venue shall be in the County of San Diego, California.

4.16. Section Headings. All section headings and subheadings are inserted for convenience only and will not affect any construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

4.17. Attorney Fees. The prevailing Party in any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret this Agreement or otherwise arising out of or in connection with the subject matter hereof (including, but not limited to, any suit, arbitration, entry of judgment, post-judgment motion or enforcement, appeal, bankruptcy litigation, attachment, or levy) shall be entitled to recover its costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys', experts', and consultants' fees and costs.

4.18. Non-Waiver. No waiver by any Party of any default in performance on the part of the other Party, or of any breach or series of breaches of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement, will constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or a waiver of any term, covenant, or condition.

4.19. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which counterparts shall, for all purposes, be deemed an original and all of which counterparts, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S)

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Facilities and Water Supply Agreement as of the date first above written.

**VALLECITOS WATER VALLECITOS**

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

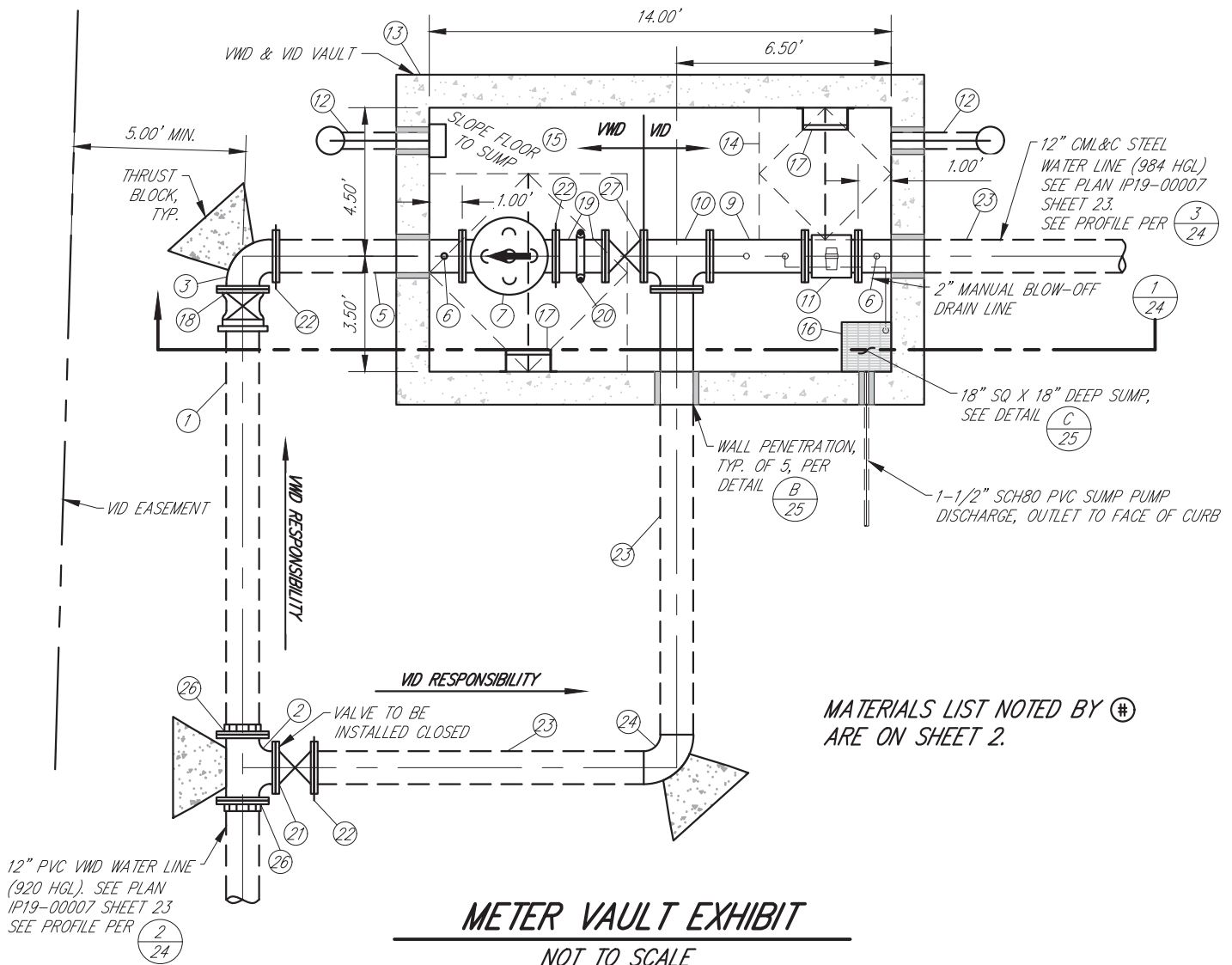
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Title: General Manager

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# EXHIBIT A



## METER VAULT EXHIBIT

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### NOTES:

1. RADIO SURVEY TO BE PERFORMED BY VWD SCADA CONSULTANT TO VERIFY CONNECTIVITY TO EXISTING SCADA NETWORK.
2. VALVE POSITION INDICATOR TO BE BY FREEDOM AUTOMATION, PART NO. AP001-01.
3. VALVES CAN BE USED BY EITHER AGENCY TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON INTERTIE. IF THE VALVE IS BROKEN DURING USE, THAT AGENCY PAYS TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE VALVE.
4. VID CATHODIC PROTECTION TO INCLUDE VWD SECTION OF CML&C
5. ANY REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE TO THE WELD COUPLING UPSTREAM OF THE VID METER FOR VWD PRESSURE TRANSMITTER TO BE VWD RESPONSIBILITY.

### HATCH SAFETY NETTING NOTES:

PROVIDE SAFETY NETTING AT HATCH OPENING CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 3M PART NO. 6116027, BOTTOM MOUNTING BRACKET
- 3M PART NO. 6116026, TOP MOUNTING BRACKET
- 3M PART NO. 3504433, ULTRA LOK SRL, 20'
- US NETTING PART NO. HNCSSN-B-44 (4'-0"X4'-0" HATCH)
- US NETTING PART NO. HNCSSN-B-66 (6'-0"X6'-0" HATCH)
- HILTI PART NO. KB-TZ SS 316 STUD ANCHORS

### REFERENCE DRAWINGS

- REF 1 - CITY DRAWING NO. IP19-00007  
 REF 2 - SM HIGHLANDS PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENT PLAN V.W.D WO# 219264  
 REF 3 - V.I.D 1-3090







# Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 1/6/2023 - 1/18/2023

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
71276 - 71283	01/11/2023	Refund Checks 71276 - 71283	Customer Refunds	4,036.26
71284	01/11/2023	Refund Check 71284	Customer Refund	4,023.03
71285	01/11/2023	ACWA/JPIA	Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	138.18
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	69.09
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	33.72
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	33.72
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	(33.72)
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	202.32
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Cobra	69.09
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Employees	162,373.71
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - Retirees	42,886.47
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - M Miller	1,537.77
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - P Kuchinsky	1,537.77
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - J MacKenzie	1,537.77
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - P Sanchez	1,537.77
	01/11/2023		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2023 - R Vasquez	2,021.67
71286	01/11/2023	ACWA/JPIA	Workers Compensation	52,433.13
71287	01/11/2023	Airgas USA LLC	Welder LINK3459-1	8,780.73
	01/11/2023		Oxygen & Acetylene	147.46
71288	01/11/2023	Amazon Capital Services	Head Lamps - Truck 29	151.43
	01/11/2023		Batteries for Fire Panel	102.86
71289	01/11/2023	Asphalt Zipper Co	Digging Parts	672.57
	01/11/2023		Enhanced Carbide Cutting Teeth - AZ2	2,014.34
71290	01/11/2023	Cal Pacific Truck Center LLC	Engine Parts - Truck 52	506.07
	01/11/2023		Oil Line - Truck 52	171.94
	01/11/2023		Core - Truck 44	(115.46)
71291	01/11/2023	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration	Dec '22 Use Tax Return	191.00
71292	01/11/2023	Citi Cards	Turbo Actuator - Truck 52	323.81
	01/11/2023		Prepayment	(5,707.28)
	01/11/2023		CA-NV D3-D4 Webinar	155.00
	01/11/2023		CSMFO Conference	68.60
	01/11/2023		GASB Subscription 2023	354.00
	01/11/2023		Credit Report	49.95
	01/11/2023		Restroom & Warehouse Supplies	68.17
	01/11/2023		Kitchen & Restroom Supplies	1,054.33
	01/11/2023		Emergency Phone Cloud System	24.36

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
	01/11/2023		Microsoft Azure	776.64
	01/11/2023		GFI Faxmaker	15.00
	01/11/2023		GFI Faxmaker	15.00
	01/11/2023		Adapters for Audio Mixer	129.80
	01/11/2023		Employment Advertising - Engineering Specialist I/II	100.00
	01/11/2023		Employment Advertising - Welder I/II	200.00
	01/11/2023		Employment Advertising - Sr Facilities Worker	200.00
	01/11/2023		Supplies for Board Room	70.85
	01/11/2023		Employee Appreciation Event - Refreshments	213.06
	01/11/2023		ACWA Fall Conference - R Vasquez	725.34
	01/11/2023		ACWA Fall Conference - P Sanchez	724.44
	01/11/2023		ACWA Fall Conference - M Miller	483.56
	01/11/2023		Employee Retirements (3) - Refreshments	127.97
71293	01/11/2023	Columbia Bank	E Res Replacement & Pump Station 11/22 - Retainage	30,684.42
71294	01/11/2023	Gore & Main	EII 4" DI FL 90 Degree (1)	109.34
71295	01/11/2023	Direct Energy	Electric 12/2022 - Henshaw Buildings & Grounds	514.15
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Henshaw Well Field	21,778.38
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - T & D / Cathodic Protection	44.29
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Reservoirs	16.71
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Pump Stations	3,816.32
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Treatment Plants	41.28
71296	01/11/2023	Drug Testing Network Inc	Pre-Employment Drug Testing	62.95
71297	01/11/2023	Electrical Sales Inc	SCADA Pole - Mar Vista	1,368.01
	01/11/2023		Wire	66.91
71298	01/11/2023	Employee Relations, Inc	Background Checks (2)	438.19
71299	01/11/2023	FMLASource	FMLA Program 02/01/23 - 01/31/24	1,701.00
71300	01/11/2023	G & R Auto & Truck Repair	Opacity Test - Truck 3	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 54	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 1	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 65	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 22	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 44	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 7	60.00
	01/11/2023		Opacity Test - Truck 28	60.00
71301	01/11/2023	Gateway Pacific Contractors, Inc	E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 11/2022	583,004.00
71302	01/11/2023	Glennie's Office Products Inc	Office Supplies	25.22
	01/11/2023		Office Supplies	19.93
	01/11/2023		Office Supplies	28.32
	01/11/2023		Office Supplies	139.62
	01/11/2023		Office Supplies	64.84
71303	01/11/2023	Hanna Plumbing	Wall Gaskets (2)	20.63

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71304	01/11/2023	Hi-Line Inc	Shop Supplies - Garage	548.69
71305	01/11/2023	InfoSend Inc	Data Processing/Mailing Service 11/2022	7,230.52
	01/11/2023		Backflow Notices	231.70
	01/11/2023		Storage & Support 11/2022	1,720.66
71306	01/11/2023	Kimball Midwest	Hardware, Shop Chemicals - Garage	305.85
	01/11/2023		Shop Chemicals - Garage	113.46
71307	01/11/2023	KRC Rock, Inc	Retaining Wall Blocks (48) - SLR	331.60
	01/11/2023		Retaining Wall Blocks (40) - SLR	300.60
71308	01/11/2023	Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard	Legal 11/2022	6,722.55
71309	01/11/2023	Lightning Messenger Express	Messenger Service 12/30/22	82.00
71310	01/11/2023	Major League Pest	Monthly Pest Control	225.00
71311	01/11/2023	Makelele Systems Landscape & Maintenance, Inc	Landscape Services 12/2022	1,650.00
71312	01/11/2023	Marty Miller	Reimburse - CRWUA Conference	565.71
71313	01/11/2023	McMaster-Carr Supply Company	Power Supplies	40.19
71314	01/11/2023	Moodys	Dump Fees (3)	900.00
	01/11/2023		Dump Fees (4)	1,200.00
71315	01/11/2023	NAPA Auto Parts	Filters (2)	55.71
71316	01/11/2023	JMD Equipment Sales	Exhaust Fans (2) - VID Headquarter	1,797.19
71317	01/11/2023	Industrial Metal Supply	Aluminum Channels (4)	235.84
71318	01/11/2023	North County Auto Parts	Hose Clamps (10)	33.45
	01/11/2023		Battery Core - F1	(29.23)
	01/11/2023		Hose Clamps (10)	28.47
	01/11/2023		Coolant (6)	158.02
	01/11/2023		Chemicals, Wipers	121.32
	01/11/2023		Rear Shocks - Truck 33	(153.33)
71319	01/11/2023	North County Ford	Service/Repair - Truck 39	1,849.36
71320	01/11/2023	North County Lawnmower Inc	Weed Whip Line, Bar Oil, Oil	137.89
71321	01/11/2023	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Battery Warranty	(164.38)
	01/11/2023		Battery Core - Truck 56	(22.00)
	01/11/2023		Rear Brake Drums - Truck 29	214.75
	01/11/2023		Brake Pads - Truck 29	223.59
	01/11/2023		Battery Core - L3	(18.00)
	01/11/2023		Core - Truck 11	(18.00)
71322	01/11/2023	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Fire Hydrant 6x4x2.5 (4)	16,278.87
71323	01/11/2023	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tires (4) - Truck 3	1,503.45
	01/11/2023		Rim (1) - Truck 22	155.88
	01/11/2023		Tires (2) - VE2	323.92
	01/11/2023		Rims (2) - T22	465.48
71324	01/11/2023	Patrick Sanchez	Reimburse - CRWUA Conference	980.23
71325	01/11/2023	Paychex of New York LLC	Onboarding/Recruiting Services 01/2023	812.50
71326	01/11/2023	Quadient Finance USA, Inc	Postage Machine Refill	2,499.15

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71327	01/11/2023	Rancho Environmental Service	Removal of Eucalyptus Tree - Sunrise Dr/Valley Dr	4,600.00
71328	01/11/2023	Richard Vasquez	Reimburse - CRWUA Conference, Mileage	946.28
71329	01/11/2023	Ruby Slipper Shoes & Repair	Boot Resole	80.00
71330	01/11/2023	San Diego Gas & Electric	Gas Use 12/2022	2,235.30
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Henshaw Buildings & Grounds	824.31
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Henshaw Well Field	17,672.22
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - VID Headquarter	5,455.42
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Warner Ranch House	71.87
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - T&D	114.32
	01/11/2023		Electric 12/2022 - Reservoirs	357.39
71331	01/11/2023	AlphaGraphics 554	Copies of HABs Plan (7)	633.49
71332	01/11/2023	SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC	PVC	550.49
71333	01/11/2023	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 12/01/22 - 12/15/22	8,548.87
71334	01/11/2023	State Water Resources Control Board	SWRCB System Annual Fee FY23	90,872.50
71335	01/11/2023	Steven Enterprises Inc	Bond Paper	159.59
71336	01/11/2023	Stillwater Sciences	HABs Management Plan 11/2022	3,581.37
71337	01/11/2023	The UPS Store 0971	Shipping 12/2022 - HABs	1,326.35
71338	01/11/2023	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	1,620.00
71339	01/11/2023	TS Industrial Supply	Vise Part (2)	92.43
	01/11/2023		Digging Bar Heavy Duty (2)	387.54
	01/11/2023		Shut-Off Tool #85 (1)	340.99
	01/11/2023		Gloves Thickster Nitrile XL 100 per box (10)	281.45
	01/11/2023		Knee pad ultralight with hardshell (1)	17.21
	01/11/2023		Broom 24" Push (5)	258.19
	01/11/2023		Sling Lifting 2"x6' Heavy Duty (1)	28.52
	01/11/2023		Towel Wypall X80 (5)	246.81
	01/11/2023		Head Lights (5)	220.56
	01/11/2023		Shovel Round Point (3)	107.17
	01/11/2023		Gloves Welding LG (4)	105.00
	01/11/2023		Hammer 3lb Brass Sledge (1)	101.48
	01/11/2023		Cutter 1/8" to 1 5/8" Ridgid #RC-1625 PVC (1)	85.73
	01/11/2023		Sling Lifting 2"x8' Heavy Duty (1)	34.75
	01/11/2023		Measuring Tape 25' Engineering (4)	80.11
	01/11/2023		Construction Marking Paint White #255 (12)	55.73
	01/11/2023		Wood Handle Wire Brush / 4 x 19 (3)	11.20
	01/11/2023		Counter Brush / Horsehair & Plastic (2)	17.08
	01/11/2023		Max Earplug uncorded #Max 1 / 200 per box (1)	31.93
	01/11/2023		Duct Tape #398 (4)	47.98
	01/11/2023		Maxi Flex Gloves / XL (12)	66.77
	01/11/2023		Striping Paint Asphalt Black #770 (12)	91.19
	01/11/2023		Leather Gloves / Brown Cuff (12)	100.02

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	01/11/2023		Goliath Safety Glasses - Blk/Smk (12)	113.66
	01/11/2023		Maxi Flex Gloves / Large (24)	133.54
	01/11/2023		2" Pipe Wrap Tape - 2" x 100' (18)	170.49
	01/11/2023		Dupont Tyvek Overall - Extra Large (25)	178.61
	01/11/2023		Striping Paint White #710 (24)	182.38
	01/11/2023		Dupont Tyvek Overall - Large (25)	188.08
	01/11/2023		Leather Gloves / Green Cuff (24)	200.05
	01/11/2023		Nemesis Smoke Safety Glasses - Smk/Blk Frame (12)	70.67
71340	01/11/2023	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	304.72
71341	01/11/2023	USSAWS	Pump Parts for Dewalt Siphon Pumps	75.22
71342	01/11/2023	Verizon Wireless	SCADA Remote Access	383.18
71343	01/11/2023	Water District Jobs	Employment Advertising (3)	435.00
71344	01/11/2023	Weck Laboratories, Inc	Well Nitrate Samples	60.00
71345	01/11/2023	White Cap Construction Supply	MQ Tamper (1) - Truck 65	3,015.93
71346	01/18/2023	Answering Service Care, LLC	Answering Service	509.00
71347	01/18/2023	Bay City Electric Works	Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance - G24	1,650.58
	01/18/2023		Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance - G25	980.58
	01/18/2023		Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance - VID Headquarter	3,334.09
71348	01/18/2023	Brandon Watson	Payroll Ck 01/10/2023	1,297.90
71349	01/18/2023	Brown and Caldwell	Flume Replacement Alignment Study 9/30/22 - 11/24/22	10,205.65
71350	01/18/2023	Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Legal 12/2022	72.00
	01/18/2023		Legal 12/2022	24.00
	01/18/2023		Legal 12/2022	2,135.00
71351	01/18/2023	California Department of Justice	Fingerprinting (2)	98.00
71352	01/18/2023	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration	E-Waste Return 12/2022	15.00
71353	01/18/2023	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Sunset Dr	1,330.00
71354	01/18/2023	Christina Moyer	Reimburse - CAPPO 2023 Conference	521.25
71355	01/18/2023	Clinical Lab of San Bernardino Inc	Stage 2 Samples	920.00
71356	01/18/2023	Conсор North America, Inc	Deodor Reservoir Rehabilitation Design 11/2022	6,240.75
71357	01/18/2023	Core & Main	Pipe 8" PVC DR-14 C900 (80)	2,580.68
	01/18/2023		Pipe 4" PVC DR-14 C900 (20)	185.11
	01/18/2023		Tubing 2" Copper Soft 20' (20)	540.17
	01/18/2023		PVC Pipe / 2 1/2" / Sch 40 (2 sticks of 20') (40)	160.21
	01/18/2023		Sewer Pipe / 4" / SDR-35 (1 stick of 20') (20)	62.79
	01/18/2023		PO X FLG 90 Degree ELL (1)	312.78
71358	01/18/2023	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	Real Quest Online Services 12/2022	300.00
71359	01/18/2023	Davis Farr LLP	Audit Services 10/22 FY22	12,500.00
71360	01/18/2023	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	212.52
71361	01/18/2023	DIRECTV	Direct TV Service	107.99
71362	01/18/2023	Drug Testing Network Inc	Random Drug Testing	318.85
71363	01/18/2023	Dudek	E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 11/2022	6,157.50

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71364	01/18/2023	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	Trash Service 12/2022	440.23
	01/18/2023		40yd Dumpster	436.43
	01/18/2023		40yd Dumpster	395.06
71365	01/18/2023	Edgehill Road Gate Association	Edgehill Gate & Road Maintenance Fee 2023	1,000.00
71366	01/18/2023	FedEx	Express Shipping	31.02
71367	01/18/2023	Ferguson Waterworks	Gate Valve 6" POxFL R/W (3)	3,367.92
	01/18/2023		Ell 10" DI PO 45 Degree (2)	740.43
	01/18/2023		Fire Hydrant 6x4x2.5x2.5 (1)	5,511.01
	01/18/2023		Tee 10x6 DI Flange (1)	618.11
	01/18/2023		Sleeve 8"x12" Galvanized Top Sections (50)	592.67
	01/18/2023		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 6"-8" (6" gskt)3/4 x 3 1/4( 20)	416.76
	01/18/2023		Adapter 2" Copper x MIP (20)	399.88
	01/18/2023		Flange 6" SOW 6-hole (6)	316.63
	01/18/2023		Adapter FH 4"x2.5" FHT (2)	305.16
	01/18/2023		Angle Ball Mtr Valve .75"Flare w/Swivel Mtr Nut (3)	297.02
	01/18/2023		Flange 6" SOW 8-hole (6)	165.95
	01/18/2023		Fire Hydrant LB400 Check Valve (8)	16,709.47
	01/18/2023		Gate Valve 10" FL R/W (1)	2,656.15
	01/18/2023		Ball Meter Valve 1"Lockwing FIPxSwivel Mtr Nut (20)	2,531.32
	01/18/2023		Gate Valve 4" FL R/W (4)	678.08
	01/18/2023		Coupling 6" Macro (20)	7,571.44
71368	01/18/2023	G & R Auto & Truck Repair	Opacity Test - Truck 52	60.00
71369	01/18/2023	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Storage Compartment Door - B6	39.52
71370	01/18/2023	Home Depot Credit Services	Battery Powered Impact Wrench	247.89
	01/18/2023		Battery Powered Impact Wrench	323.67
	01/18/2023		Battery Powered Impact Wrench	(247.89)
	01/18/2023		Trufuel for Small Equipment	363.42
	01/18/2023		Wood for Forms	34.40
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Plumbing Supplies	190.36
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Cabinet Supplies	54.34
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Plumbing Supplies	185.43
	01/18/2023		Insulation, Pipe Wrap, Moulding	49.02
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Cabinet Supplies	25.09
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Supplies	(43.45)
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Cabinet Hardware	273.69
	01/18/2023		Counter Top	282.50
	01/18/2023		Paint, Felt Pads	23.53
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Faucet	322.02
	01/18/2023		Kitchen Supplies	(14.70)
	01/18/2023		Base Board, Toilet, Saw Horses	654.14
	01/18/2023		Cabinet Hardware Jig	90.45

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	01/18/2023		Squeeze Clamps, Square	73.51
	01/18/2023		Tool box	172.05
	01/18/2023		Concrete 60lb bag (112)	590.57
71371	01/18/2023	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Fuel Tank Guard - Truck 45	206.33
	01/18/2023		Parts - Truck 49	46.21
71372	01/18/2023	Lawnmowers Plus Inc	Pressurized Water Kit Parts	60.86
71373	01/18/2023	Leon Perrault Trucking & Materials	Trucking & Material 12/2022	16,591.75
71374	01/18/2023	Lowe's Home Centers, LLC	Cabinets - Henshaw Road House Renovation	594.13
71375	01/18/2023	NAPA Auto Parts	Rear Shocks - Truck 33	141.79
71376	01/18/2023	North County Auto Parts	Front & Rear Shocks - Truck 33	329.69
	01/18/2023		Shop Chemicals	113.40
	01/18/2023		Wiper Blades	169.22
	01/18/2023		Filter, Wipers	155.65
	01/18/2023		Brake Pads - Truck 21	515.11
71377	01/18/2023	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tires (2) - Truck 74	251.61
71378	01/18/2023	Raymond Handling Solutions Inc	Scheduled Maintenance - F3	98.00
71379	01/18/2023	Interstate All Battery Center	Batteries for Fire Alarm Panel (4)	465.82
71380	01/18/2023	Right-of-Way Engineering Services, Inc	Control Survey & Research - Mar Vista Dr	2,900.00
71381	01/18/2023	Rincon del Diablo MWD	MD Reservoir Water Service 12/2022	43.67
71382	01/18/2023	San Diego County Vector Control Program	County Mosquito Control 07/2022 - 06/2023	370.37
71383	01/18/2023	Save Our Heritage Organisation	WCRH O&M Contribution 01/2023 - 03/2023	3,000.00
71384	01/18/2023	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel Use 12/16/22 - 12/31/22	6,114.03
71385	01/18/2023	Spok, Inc	Pagers	50.21
71386	01/18/2023	Shred-it	Monthly Shredding Services	167.04
71387	01/18/2023	Summit Erosion Control	Gravel Bag / Poly / 30lb / 3/4" (400)	541.25
	01/18/2023		Pallet, Cardboard & Shrink Wrap Fee (4)	69.28
	01/18/2023		Delivery Fee (1)	185.00
71388	01/18/2023	Sunbelt Rentals	Water Connection for Rental Saw	38.81
71389	01/18/2023	SwiftComply US OpCo Inc	Backflow Software Maintenance/Support	2,488.00
71390	01/18/2023	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	1,620.00
71391	01/18/2023	TS Industrial Supply	Straight Punch Chisel Bits	58.05
71392	01/18/2023	U.S. Security Supply, Inc	Cylinder Housing	240.82
71393	01/18/2023	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	258.32
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>1,268,854.72</b>





**Agenda Item: 7**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Performance evaluation of public employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957.



**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Randy Whitmann, Don Smith, Frank Wolinski & Shallako Goodrick**  
**Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: DIVISION REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION: Note and file informational report.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Previous month’s and anticipated activities are reported by each division.

**ENGINEERING DIVISION**

*January*

- The District has replaced approximately 10.34 miles of Nipponite pipe since 2002. Of the 5.58 miles of Nipponite pipe remaining in the system, replacement of 0.25 miles is currently in design.
- The District has replaced approximately 5,090 feet (0.96 miles) of pipe (steel – 1,760 feet, PVC – 380 feet, non-Nipponite asbestos cement – 292 feet and Nipponite – 2,658 feet) in Fiscal Year 2023.
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Gateway Pacific continued concrete reservoir formwork, reinforcing steel installation, and pouring portions of the reservoir slab, columns, wall footings, walls, and roof.
- Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation – advertised the project for construction bidding and issued a request for proposals for limited construction management and inspection services.
- Flume Replacement Alignment Study – Brown and Caldwell continued fine screening analysis.
- Projects along Flume
  - The Villages – 380 dwelling unit residential subdivision along Country Club Lane, between Nutmeg Street and Pamela Lane in Escondido. Project is under construction and includes storm drain work along the Jones Siphon in addition to the relocation of an 18-inch transmission main feeding the Bennett service area. Project requires District review and approval of two tract maps, encroachment permit, joint use agreement, grant of right of way, improvement plan, and quitclaim. The Board has approved all items except the quitclaim.
  - Nutmeg Homes – 137 dwelling unit residential subdivision along Nutmeg Street between Centre City Parkway and Interstate 15 in Escondido. Project is in the design phase and requires District review and approval of grading, street and utility improvement plans along Nutmeg Street and adjacent to/over the Caldwell Siphon. Draft plans call for additional fill over approximately 400 feet of the Caldwell Siphon, which would require pipeline relocation per Section 3.9.1 of the District’s Rules and Regulations. Staff is currently discussing the matter with the developer to evaluate acceptable alternatives.

*February*

- Mainline Replacement Projects in design (current projects): Independence Wy., Elm Dr., Warmlands Ave., Lonsdale Ln.\*, Grandview Rd., Plumosa Ave., Via Christina, Lado De Loma Dr.\*, Camino Loma Verde\*, Eddy Dr., Rancho Vista Rd., Camino Patricia, Camino Corto, Goetting Wy., Nevada Ave., N. Citrus Ave., Lemon Ave., Hillside Terrace, Mar Vista Dr., Miramar

Dr., Buena Creek Rd., Rock Springs Rd. at Nordahl Rd., Estrelita Dr., Victory Dr., Oak Dr.\*, Queens Wy., Watson Wy. (Total length = 6.39 miles).

- Mainline Replacement Projects in planning (future projects): Camino Culebra\*, Alta Vista Dr., Catalina Ave.\*, Friendly Dr.\*, E. Vista Wy., Nordahl Rd.\*, HN Line - Gopher Canyon Rd. to Fairview Dr., Buena Creek Rd.\*, Robinhood Rd.\*, Lower Ln.\*, Easy St.\*, West AB Line – Esplendido Ave. and Bella Vista Dr.\*, Colavo Dr.\*, Broadway\*, Olive Ave.\*, Rancho Vista Rd., Bandini Pl., McGavran Dr., Oro Avo Dr., Shale Rock Rd., La Mirada Dr., Crescent Dr.\*, Descanso Ave., San Clemente Ave.\* (Total length = 9.01 miles).
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Gateway Pacific to continue concrete reservoir formwork, reinforcing steel installation, and pouring portions of the reservoir slab, columns, wall footings, walls and roof.
- Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation – construction bids and limited construction management and inspection services proposals are due at the end of February.
- Flume Replacement Alignment Study – Brown and Caldwell to continue fine screening analysis.

\*Nipponite pipe

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

#### January

- Delivered 2023 Water Awareness calendars to fourth grade classes. Discussed potential presentations for upcoming poster contest with teachers.
- Completed recruitments for Utility Worker Trainee, Customer Service Representative and Welder I/II positions. Luke Stockes and Ramon Ramos accepted job offers for the Utility Worker Trainee positions; Monica Soto accepted a job offer for the Customer Service Representative position; and Russell Delmar accepted a job transfer to the Welder I position.
- Continued recruitments for Management Analyst, Finance Supervisor, Engineering Specialist and Senior Facilities Worker positions.

#### February

- Continue recruitments for Management Analyst, Finance Supervisor, Engineering Specialist and Senior Facilities Worker positions.
- Begin recruitment for Heavy Equipment Operator.

### WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

#### VID Water Production

December 2022

Description	Current Month Production		Average Production of Last 12 Months		Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date
	(mgd)	(af)	(mgd)	(af)	(af)
<b>VID's EVWTP Water Production</b>					
Local Water	0.00	0.00	0.51	46.59	40.60
SDCWA Raw Water	8.78	835.50	9.07	847.39	5,161.12
<b>Subtotal (EVWTP Water Production)</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>835.50</b>	<b>9.58</b>	<b>893.98</b>	<b>5,201.72</b>
Oceanside Contract Water	2.94	279.90	1.57	146.28	1,086.40
SDCWA Treated Water	-0.18	-16.90	4.19	391.52	2,702.30
<b>TOTAL WATER PRODUCTION</b>	<b>11.55</b>	<b>1,098.50</b>	<b>15.33</b>	<b>1,431.77</b>	<b>8,990.42</b>

\*Note: For December, treated water supplied to sister SDCWA member agencies exceeded treated water purchases from the SDCWA.

Lake Henshaw and Warner Ranch Wellfield statistics are summarized as follows:

**Lake Henshaw**

Storage as of January 24, 2023:	9,641 af (19% of 51,832 af capacity)
Current releases:	0 cfs
Change in storage for month of December:	759 af (gain)
Total releases for month of December:	0 af
Hydrologic year-to-date rain total:	22.96 inches (January 24, 2023)
Percent of yearly average rain:	95% (30-year average: 24.20 inches)
Percent of year-to-date average rain:	179% (30-year average through January: 12.82 in.)

**Warner Ranch Wellfield**

Number of wells running in December:	11
Total production for month of December:	587 af
Average depth to water table (December):	87 ft (see attached historical water table chart)

***January***

- Harmful Algal Blooms
  - Performed sampling for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in Lake Henshaw on December 19 and 27, 2022 and January 9 and 17, 2023. Results for microcystin and anatoxin-a were below the “Caution” advisory threshold.
  - Releases from Lake Henshaw are suspended until the 2023 delivery season.
  - Conducted kickoff of Phase II of the HABs study.
  - Participated in consultation meeting with the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority and the La Jolla and Rincon Indian Bands to discuss HABs mitigation options in 2023.
- San Pasqual Undergrounding Project construction activities: prepared for and cleaned up after storm events; placed concrete in floor of desilting basin; continued placing 60-inch pipeline on north side of tunnel; worked on drainage and access issues for portions of abandoned canal. As of January 12, 2023, project was 75 percent complete based on time and 79 percent complete based on cost (\$29.1M invoiced of \$37.4 M contract amount).

***February***

- Harmful Algal Blooms
  - Continue to monitor for HABs.
  - Develop options for HABs mitigation in 2023.
  - Meet with Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits for nutrient control activities in Lake Henshaw and begin preparation of permit applications.
- San Pasqual Undergrounding Project construction activities: pour concrete for desilting basin walls and continue placing 60-inch pipeline in Tokama Road.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc., Activity Reports – November 2022
- VID's Warner Wellfield – Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production
- FY 2023 Budget and Expenses related to HABs
- Photos of Construction Progress – San Pasqual Undergrounding Project

## OPERATIONS & FIELD SERVICES

### *January*

- Water Quality Call/Incident for January – received one discolored water call. The call was investigated and was determined to be a private plumbing issue.
- Inspected and tested two new backflow devices that were integrated into the District’s cross-connection control program.
- Pechstein beam reinforcement project – took delivery of the remaining intermediate beam reinforcement assemblies and began final welding; completed modifications to the working platform to access the intermediate beams.
- San Luis Rey Reservoir overflow pipe modifications – flap valve and climbing rungs were installed; the job has been completed with the exception of final paving.
- Removed deposited silt and cleaned drains on various Flume bench sections.
- Nordahl and Rock Springs Road mainline relocation project – continued coordination with the County of San Diego for construction staking.
- Continued mainline replacement of steel pipe on Mar Vista Drive – install approximately 5,600’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 64 services and 9 hydrant laterals. Approximately 30% complete.

### *February*

- Continue Pechstein reservoir beam reinforcement project.
- Continue mainline relocation project at Nordahl and Rock Springs Road for the County of San Diego’s road improvement project.
- Continue mainline replacement of steel pipe on Mar Vista Drive – install approximately 5,600’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 64 services and 9 hydrant laterals.

### Electrical Energy Use at VID Headquarters December 2022

	Current Month Production	Average of Last 12 Months	Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date
Description	(kWh)	(kWh)	(kWh)
Solar Production (\$0.18 per kWh)	17,950	33,477	185,840
Power purchased from Direct Energy (\$0.05 per kWh)	19,785	10,625	89,855
<b>TOTAL ELECTRICAL ENERGY USE</b>	<b>37,735</b>	<b>44,102</b>	<b>275,695</b>

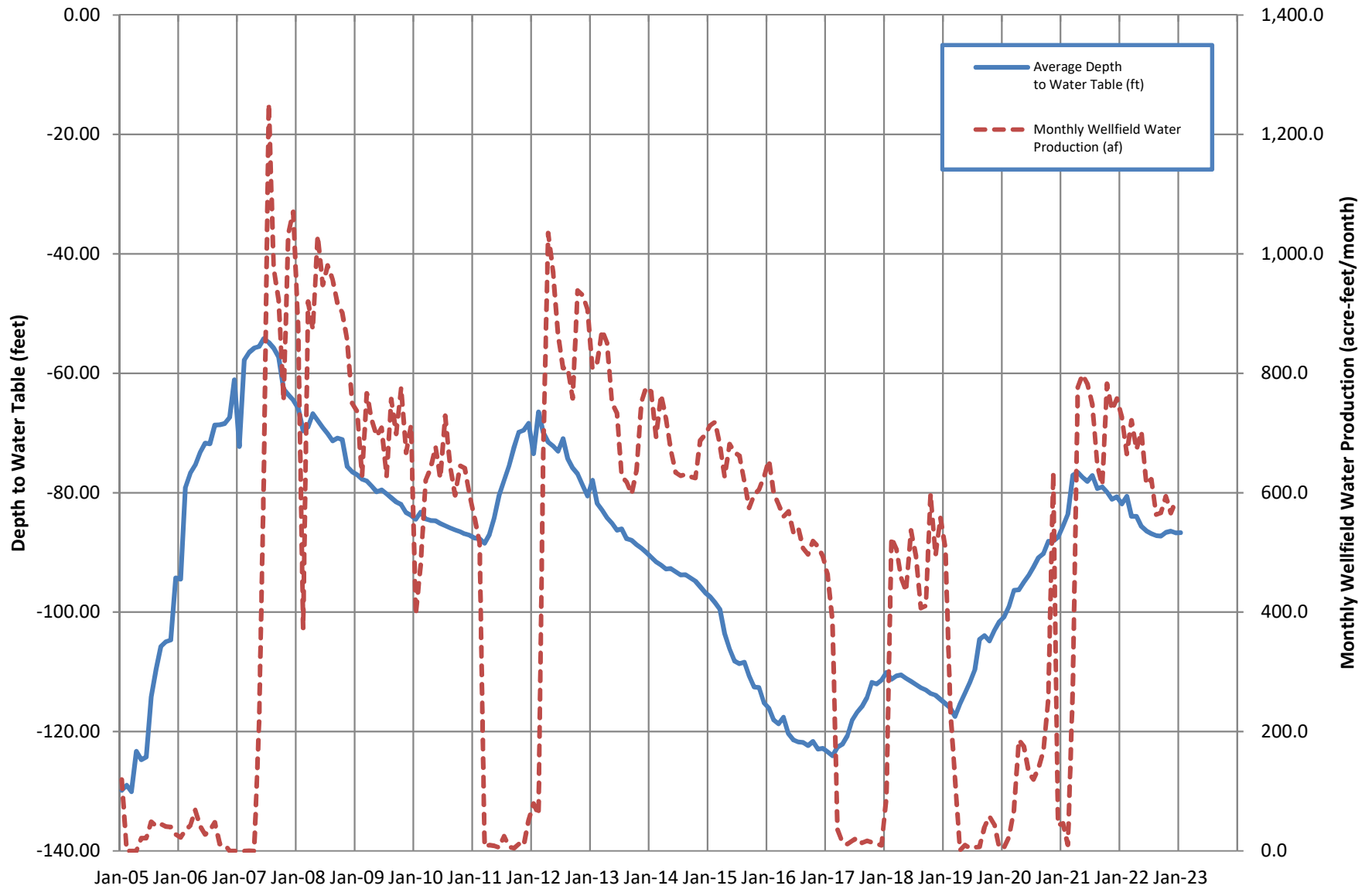


**LAKE HENSHAW RESORT, INC.  
ACTIVITY REPORT  
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

	2021 Nov	2021 Dec	2022 Jan	2022 Feb	2022 Mar	2022 Apr	2022 May	2022 Jun	2022 Jul	2022 Aug	2022 Sep	2022 Oct	2022 Nov	12 MO AVG
Fishing Permits	232	75	76	165	274	798	507	515	693	336	324	232	170	347
Boat Launches	4	2	0	0	6	2	6	3	8	2	2	0	6	3
Motor Boats (full day rental)	4	20	2	5	7	24	6	41	37	11	3	5	10	14
Motor Boats (half day rental)	1	1	0	0	7	5	2	20	15	0	5	2	2	5
Campground/Head Count	247	33	43	143	245	520	1,563	858	2,140	939	517	408	145	630
Campground/Cars, Trucks, etc.	84	16	19	59	138	227	491	324	806	347	472	175	55	261
Campground/Recreational Vehicles	5	0	0	12	9	0	2	19	2	0	0	6	13	5
Mobile Home/Spaces	70	71	68	68	69	71	71	73	72	72	72	72	72	71
M.H.P. (Residents/Head Count)	97	98	95	95	96	96	96	99	98	98	98	98	98	97
Storage	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	8	6	6	6	5	5	6
Cabins	165	67	67	78	138	113	168	148	141	169	174	148	148	130
Hunters	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	11
M.H.P. Daily (Visitors/Head Count)	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

# VID's Warner Wellfield

## Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production



**FY 2023 Budget and Expenses related to HABs**

as of 1/25/2023

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Water Quality Testing Services &amp; Supplies</b>	
Cyanotoxin/Cyanobacteria Testing - Bend Genetics	\$ 90,982
Copper Testing - Sierra Analytical	\$ 5,137
Equipment Rental - Equipco	\$ 1,964
Shipping	\$ 8,552
Sample bottles, misc. supplies & equipment	\$ 1,779
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$ 108,413
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$ 54,207
VID FY 2023 Budget	\$ 52,000
Percent of VID Budget	104%
<b>Water Treatment Services &amp; Supplies</b>	
Copper algaecide for August 2022	\$ 73,329
Copper application for August 2022	\$ 24,000
Peroxide algaecide for future applications	\$ 146,787
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$ 244,116
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$ 122,058
VID FY 2023 Budget	\$ 180,000
Percent of VID Budget	68%
<b>HABs Consultants</b>	\$ 51,936
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$ 25,968
VID FY 2023 Budget	\$ 152,000
Percent of VID Budget	17%
<b>Total VID Expenses, FY 2023 to date</b>	<b>\$ 202,233</b>



San Pasqual Canal Undergrounding Project  
Progress Meeting No. 24



Recent rain's impact on the desilting basin

San Pasqual Canal Undergrounding Project  
Progress Meeting No. 24



**130 yards of concrete pumped for half of the slabs on Monday 1/9/23.**

San Pasqual Canal Undergrounding Project  
Progress Meeting No. 24



**Concrete pour for desilting basin slab**

San Pasqual Canal Undergrounding Project  
Progress Meeting No. 24



**Pumping shotcrete for the gravity wall**

San Pasqual Canal Undergrounding Project  
Progress Meeting No. 24



**Excavating trench to the north of the tunnel to continue with pipe installation from station 84+30**



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 9

**Board Meeting Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Randy Whitmann  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** ABANDONDED H-LINE QUITCLAIM DEEDS AND BILLS OF SALE

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Authorize the General Manager to engage with property owners regarding the District quitclaiming the abandoned 24/36-inch H-Line and associated easements to the applicable property owners.
- 2) Authorize the General Manger to execute Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale documents with interested property owners; to cut and plug abandoned H-Line where feasible at District expense on an as-needed basis; and to exercise discretion to not cement slurry-fill nor cut and plug segments of the abandoned H-Line if property owners are not interested in a Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale, access is infeasible or cutting and plugging at certain property lines is not necessary.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On February 2, 2000, the Board adopted a policy regarding the abandonment of pipelines and pipeline easements. Under this policy, the abandonment in place of large diameter pipelines (greater than 12 inches) required the pipeline to be cement slurry filled. The policy also included provisions for quitclaiming easements having abandoned pipelines of any size; an easement could be quitclaimed provided the property owner either completely removed the pipeline within the property or cement slurry filled the pipeline and accepted ownership.

On November 7, 2012, the Board amended the policy regarding the abandonment of pipelines and pipeline easements to introduce the use of Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale documents for the transfer of pipeline ownership and omit the cement slurry-filling requirement provided the pipeline was cut and plugged with cement at the property lines to prevent any transfer of accumulated water. This new abandonment option allowed the property owner to more easily remove the pipeline in the future because it would not be completely filled with concrete.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The estimated construction cost to slurry fill the abandoned H-Line in its entirety is over \$2,000,000. A less costly alternative is for the District to pursue granting and recording Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale (QDBS) documents with each property owner along the alignment. A QDBS would quitclaim the District's easement over a property and transfer ownership of the abandoned pipeline to the property owner, and the fieldwork for it includes removing short sections of the pipeline at property line crossings and plugging the pipe ends with cement. This alternative would be completed with District forces and has a total estimated construction cost of \$528,000. The estimated construction cost presumes that every property owner agrees to participate (66 property lines at \$8,000 each), every property has access available at the property lines to perform the cut and plug fieldwork, and cutting and plugging at every property line is necessary to prevent the undue transfer of accumulated water. District expenses to complete QDBSs would primarily be administrative and field staff labor (i.e., the majority of the costs would already be accounted for in the operating budget). District staff workload to process QDBS documents and perform the cut and plug fieldwork would be phased over time based on property owner interest and staff availability.

**SUMMARY:** The abandoned, reinforced concrete H-Line was installed in the 1920s and was a primary gravity transmission feed between the Pechstein and Edgehill (E) reservoirs. It is approximately three miles long, ranging between 24 and 36 inches in diameter, and has an alignment running entirely across private properties. The H-Line became inactive sometime in the 2000s and was considered officially abandoned in 2010. Cement

slurry filling of the pipeline has not been pursued by District staff due to the extensive costs and risks associated with the work; the pipeline has unrestrained, push-on joints with missing/removed pipe segments and appurtenances where slurry could escape and result in cleanup issues and property damage. District staff wishes to instead approach property owners with the opportunity to record a QDBS document for the abandoned H-Line at no cost, which will remove the easement encumbrance on their property in exchange for transferring ownership of the pipeline to them (including all associated liabilities). Under this alternative, the abandoned pipeline would be cut and plugged with cement at property lines, where feasible and if necessary, to limit the undue transfer of accumulated water; all work would be performed by and paid for by the District.

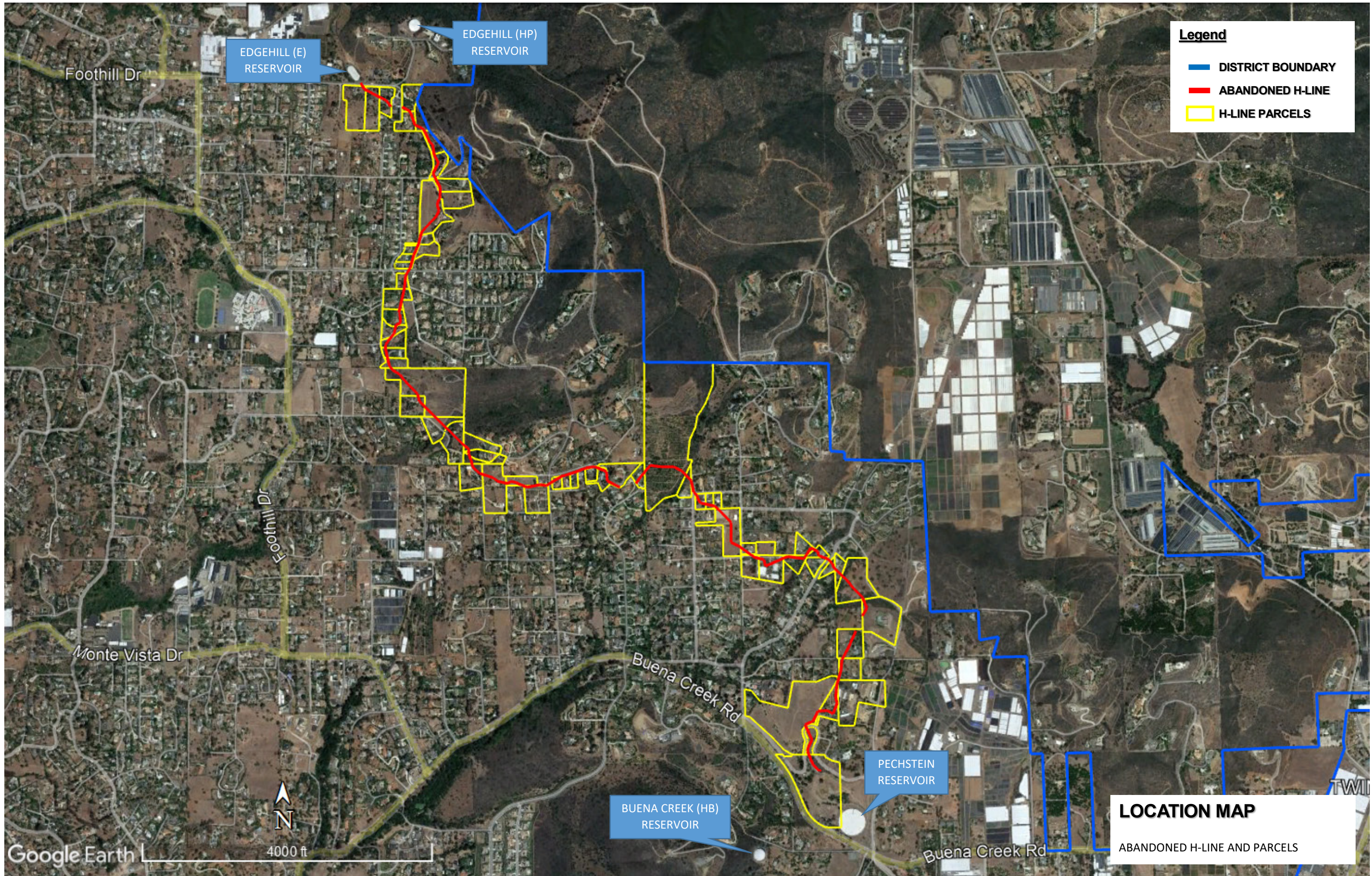
DETAILED REPORT: District Rules and Regulations Section 3.14 (Section 3.14) states that large diameter pipelines (defined as having a diameter greater than 12 inches) are to be filled with a cement slurry mix when abandoned in place by the District. If a property owner requests for an existing easement over an abandoned pipeline to be quitclaimed, regardless of the diameter, they have, at their expense, the option of removing the pipeline prior to executing a quitclaim or instead leaving the abandoned pipeline in place, cutting and plugging each end with cement at the property lines, and accepting ownership as part of the quitclaim document (i.e., Bill of Sale). Section 3.14 does not address the situation present here where it is the District and not the property owner who is requesting the QDBS.

To date, only a few properties have either removed the H-Line from their property or left the pipeline in place and signed a QDBS; all remaining portions of the H-Line remain as District property. Occasionally, staff receives inquiries from other property owners regarding a QDBS, but the cut and plug costs remain a deterrent to the property owners moving forward. Under Section 3.14.4 of the Rules and Regulations, the financial responsibility to abandon an existing pipeline is to be borne by the party requesting/requiring the work to be performed. Given the inherent risks in the District retaining ownership of this particular very large diameter abandoned pipeline and the high cost and lack of feasibility associated with cement slurry filling the entire length, staff wishes to pursue offering the QDBS option to property owners at no cost. It is understood that not all properties will wish to sign the QDBS document. Additionally, others may agree to the process but actual fieldwork to cut and plug the pipeline at property lines may not be feasible due to limited access, existing improvements, environmental constraints, or other factors, or cutting and plugging the pipeline at certain property lines may not be necessary to prevent the undue transfer of accumulated water between properties. Recognizing that the District will not be able to cut and plug the pipeline at each and every property line, the standard QDBS language has been modified to explicitly address any potential build-up or transfer of water within the pipeline.

With Board approval, staff wishes to send out letters to all 66 property owners to gauge interest. Once responses are received, staff will evaluate gap locations and address any fieldwork that may be necessary to cut and plug sections where the abandoned main remains District property. Work would be phased over time based on property owner interest and District staff availability. In order to minimize staff time in administering the proposed process, it is requested that the Board authorize all QDBS documents for the abandoned H-Line to be executed as needed by the General Manager, in a form substantially similar to the attached QDBS document, without further Board approval. Staff believes that this is the best plan of action and is consistent with the overall intent of Section 3.14.

ATTACHMENTS:

- H-Line Location Map
- Rules and Regulations Section 3.14
- Revised Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale Document



**Legend**

- DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- ABANDONED H-LINE
- H-LINE PARCELS

EDGEHILL (E)  
RESERVOIR

EDGEHILL (HP)  
RESERVOIR

PECHSTEIN  
RESERVOIR

BUENA CREEK (HB)  
RESERVOIR

**LOCATION MAP**  
ABANDONED H-LINE AND PARCELS

Google Earth



4000 ft

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### 3.14 ABANDONMENT IN PLACE OF PIPELINES AND PIPELINE EASEMENTS

#### 3.14.1 Policy

When a large diameter pipeline (defined as having a diameter greater than 12 inches) is to be abandoned, it will be filled with a slurry mix and abandoned in place, subject to options available to private property owners as described below. The extra cost of filling an abandoned pipeline with slurry mix will be added to the construction cost of the new line that replaces the abandoned line.

#### 3.14.2 Request for Quitclaim of Abandoned Pipeline Easement

- A. As a condition of having the District approve a request for a quitclaim of a District pipeline easement that contains an abandoned District pipeline that is made of PVC, steel or concrete, the owner of the parcel in which the pipeline easement and pipeline are located must pay to have any portion of the pipeline owned by the District and remaining in the ground cut and plugged with cement where it crosses the property lines, and
  - 1) have the pipeline that is located within the owner's property removed and execute a standard "Quitclaim Deed" document, or;
  - 2) have the pipeline located within the owner's property filled with a slurry mix; and accept ownership of the pipeline via the "Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale" document, or;
  - 3) accept ownership of the pipeline via the "Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale" document.
- B. If the easement contains a pipeline that is made of asbestos cement (AC) and the owner of the parcel in which the easement and pipeline are located requests a quitclaim of the easement, then, as a condition of the approval of the quitclaim, the owner must pay to have the District's abandoned pipeline that will remain in the ground cut and plugged with cement where it crosses the property lines and have the abandoned AC pipeline that is located within the owner's property removed and disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws.

#### 3.14.3 Notification of Intent to Remove Abandoned Pipeline

In cases where the District has prior notification that an abandoned pipeline is to be removed, the District will assure that any portion of the pipeline owned by the District and remaining in the ground is either capped or filled with a slurry mix.

#### 3.14.4 Financial Responsibility

The financial responsibility to abandon, relocate, replace or remove an existing pipeline will be borne by the person requesting/requiring the work to be performed.

(Adopted 11/7/12: Minute Order Nos. 12-11-109 and 12-11-110)

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
AND WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer Street  
Vista, CA 92081-8840

EXEMPT FROM RECORDING FEES  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 6103 AND 27383

Documentary Transfer Tax \$-0- (Public Agency Easement)  
Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_

**EASEMENT QUITCLAIM DEED AND BILL OF SALE (▶ )**

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged,

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a governmental district formed and operating under the Irrigation District Law, California Water Code Section 20500, *et seq.* ("VID"), does hereby REMISE, RELEASE AND QUITCLAIM any right, title and interest to ▶ \_\_\_\_\_, a ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ ("Grantee"), a portion of an interest in real property, being that certain Specific Easement No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ granted by  
▶ \_\_\_\_\_

to VID by Deed recorded on ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ in Book ▶ \_\_\_\_\_, Page ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ as Document No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ in the County Recorder's Office of the County of San Diego ("Easement"), to the extent that the Easement affects, burdens, covers or relates to the parcel of real property more particularly described in Exhibit "A" to this Deed, and delineated in Exhibit "B", which description by this reference is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though set forth at length herein (the "Property").

FOR FURTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt and adequacy of which is also hereby acknowledged, VID further irrevocably transfers, conveys, grants and sells to Grantee and Grantee accepts and purchases any and all improvements, personal property and fixtures, including but not limited to pipelines, valves, facilities, incidental appurtenances, connections and structures, within, on or under the Easement (the "Pipeline"). It is understood and agreed that, on or after the date of this instrument, VID shall be under no obligation to remove, maintain or otherwise be responsible for the Pipeline in any way or any other improvement, personal property or fixtures located within, on or under the Easement, nor shall VID be in any way liable for any condition or state of affairs within the confines of its former Easement(s) quitclaimed to Grantee by this instrument, including but not limited to conditions on the Property created by or related to the Pipeline or water flowing into or off of the Property. All improvements, property and fixtures of VID within the Easement quitclaimed hereby to Grantee shall become the sole property and responsibility of Grantee.

It is the intent of this instrument that VID abandon to Grantee the Easement and Pipeline by quitclaiming and transferring to Grantee all of VID's property interests and ownership of all improvements and fixtures within the Easement to facilitate Grantee's development and use of the lands of which the Easement is a part. Grantee is willing to assume all obligations of and responsibility for the Easement, the Property and the Pipeline, in consideration for VID quitclaiming the Easement and clearing title to the Property by means of this instrument. Accordingly, VID and Grantee covenant, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. Release: Grantee, on behalf of itself, its executors, personal representatives, successors, heirs and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges VID and its directors, officers, employees, attorneys, consultants, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, the “VID-Related Parties”) of and from any and all actions, claims, demands, judgments, attorneys’ fees, costs, damages to person or property, penalties, obligations, expenses or liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown as of the date of this instrument, in any way arising out of, related to or in connection with: (a) the Easement, Property or Pipeline; (b) VID’s transfer of the Easement or Pipeline to Grantee; (c) any damage or injury that may be caused by the Easement, Property or Pipeline, including but not limited to water flowing onto or off of the Property; (d) Grantee’s use of the Easement, Property or Pipeline; or (e) any state or condition of the Easement, Property or Pipeline, or any part thereof, whether direct or indirect. In this regard, Grantee acknowledges that it is familiar with the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542 which provides as follows:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.”

Grantee, being aware of Civil Code Section 1542, hereby expressly waives any rights it may have under that statute, as well as under any other statutes or common law principles of similar effect, with respect to the claims released herein.

2. Indemnification: Neither VID nor any VID-Related Party shall be liable at any time for any loss, damage or injury whatsoever to the person or property of any person or entity whatsoever, including but not limited to Grantee or any employee, agent, contractor, guest or invitee of Grantee, in any way resulting from or arising out of VID’s transfer of the Easement or the Pipeline to Grantee, or Grantee’s use of the Easement, Property or Pipeline or directly or indirectly from any state or condition of the Easement, Property or Pipeline, including but not limited to water flowing onto or off of the Property. In connection therewith, Grantee shall indemnify, defend (with counsel acceptable to VID) and hold VID and each of the VID-Related Parties harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, judgments, attorneys’ fees, costs, damages to person or property, penalties, obligations, expenses or liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever that may be asserted or claimed by any person or entity (including, but not limited to, Grantee or any employee, agent, contractor, guest or invitee of Grantee, or anyone downstream or upstream of the Pipeline) in any way arising out of, related to or in connection with: (a) the Easement, Property or Pipeline; (b) VID’s transfer of the Easement or Pipeline to Grantee; (c) any damage or injury that may be caused by the Easement, Property or Pipeline, including but not limited to water flowing onto or off of the Property; (d) Grantee’s use of the Easement, Property or Pipeline; or (e) any state or condition of the Easement, Property or Pipeline, or any part thereof, whether direct or indirect, whether or not there is any concurrent passive or active negligence on the part of VID or any VID-Related Party with respect to any of the forgoing. In connection therewith: (a) Grantee shall defend any action(s) or proceeding(s) filed in connection with any of said claims, damages, penalties, obligations or liabilities and shall pay all costs and expenses, including attorneys’ fees, incurred in connection therewith; (b) Grantee shall promptly pay any judgment or decree rendered against VID or any VID-Related Party covering such claims, damages, penalties, obligations or liabilities, and Grantee shall save and hold VID and all VID-Related Parties harmless therefrom; and (c) in the event VID or any VID-Related Party is made a party to any action or proceeding filed or prosecuted for such damages, penalties, obligations, or liabilities, Grantee shall pay to VID any and all costs and expenses incurred by VID in such action or proceeding, together with VID’s attorneys’ fees.

This instrument shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of VID, Grantee, and their respective successors and assigns.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Instrument has been executed as of \_\_\_\_\_.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (“VID”)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (“Grantee”)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE NOTARIZED  
(ATTACH SEPARATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)**



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 10

**Board Meeting Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Shallako Goodrick  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: PERSONAL CHECK CASHING AND ETHICS TRAINING

RECOMMENDATION: Amend Vista Irrigation District Rules and Regulations Section 5, Human Resources, to add a provision prohibiting the cashing of employee personal checks and to revise an existing provision that designates positions to receive ethics training.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: At its December 21, 2005 meeting, the Board designated the positions of General Manager and Chief Engineer, Assistant General Manager and Director of Finance to receive ethics training.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: At its January 4, 2023 meeting, the Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 audit report prepared by the District independent auditor, Davis Farr LLP, which included a best practices letter that recommended that the District refrain from cashing personal checks for employees, a practice that has been around for many years. As noted in the letter, the District had implemented a procedure that no longer allows the cashing of personal checks for employees as recommended by its auditor. The Board requested that policy addressing this matter be added to the District's Rules and Regulations.

While reviewing the District's Rules and Regulations to determine where to add the personal check cashing policy, staff noticed that an existing provision contained in Section 5, Human Resources, which designated positions to receive ethics training pursuant to Government Code Sections 53234 through 53235.2, had not been updated to reflect position title changes resulting from organizational restructuring. Staff recommends that the list of designated positions be revised to reflect current position titles that replaced those currently identified in the District's Rules and Regulations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Strikeout version of amended sections of the Rules and Regulations
- California Government Code Section 53234 through 53235.2

## SECTION 5 - HUMAN RESOURCES

- 5.1 *Memorandums of Agreement*
- 5.2 *Personnel Policy*
- 5.3 *Authority of General Manager to Employ Personnel*
- 5.4 *Loaning or Renting of District Property*
- 5.5 *Personal Check Cashing*
- ~~5.5.6~~ *Ethics Training*

### 5.1 MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT

The negotiated Memorandums of Agreement between the Vista Irrigation District and various employee organizations, and the Resolution adopted on behalf of unrepresented and self-represented employees are documents subject to update and change through the “meet and confer” process and are incorporated into these Rules and Regulations by reference.

(MOA with Teamsters, adopted 1/5/2022: Resolution No. 22-02)  
(Confidential and Management Employees, adopted 1/5/22: Resolution No. 22-03)

### 5.2 PERSONNEL POLICY

The District’s Personnel Policy, incorporated into these Rules and Regulations by reference, contains specific information regarding attendance, benefits, conduct, immigration, family leave, discipline, appearance, performance, pay, work periods, use of District vehicles, etc. and is available for review by all employees. The Personnel Policy includes, but extends beyond the scope of the MOA’s and is subject to change and update as a result of Board actions and may be subject to the “meet and confer” process.

(Last revision 1/5/22: Resolution No. 22-04)

### 5.3 AUTHORITY OF GENERAL MANAGER TO EMPLOY PERSONNEL

The General Manager shall employ such personnel as may be necessary to administer, operate and maintain the system for the purpose of proper distribution of water. Each department head shall have charge of his/her respective department and be responsible to the General Manager.

#### 5.3.1 Definitions of Active Employees and Active Directors for the Purpose of Eligibility for Medical Insurance Coverage.

- A. An active employee of Vista Irrigation District is a person who is employed in a regular position with a regularly scheduled work week of a minimum of 20 hours each week.
- B. An active director of Vista Irrigation District is a person who has been elected or appointed to a seat on the Board of Directors representing a division within the District boundaries for a specific term of office.

- C. Vista Irrigation District has contracted with various medical insurance carriers to provide medical insurance to the active employees and active directors in accordance with the terms of the medical insurance company(s) contract.
- D. Vista Irrigation District pays the premiums for active employees and active directors in accordance with the terms as specified in the current Memorandum of Agreement.  
(Last revision 6/27/84: Resolution No. 84-50)
- E. Vista Irrigation District offers no medical coverage through the contracted group plan(s) after an employee or director has separated from the District other than conversion privileges that may be offered by the group plan carrier(s) in effect at the time of separation (or retirement access in accordance with Memorandums of Agreement or Board resolutions, including subsequent amendments), or provided under Federal and State laws (i.e., Cobra).

(Last revision 1/8/03: Resolution No. 03-03)

#### 5.4 LOANING OR RENTING DISTRICT PROPERTY

District employees are forbidden to loan or rent any and all forms of District property without the consent of the General Manager or his designee.

#### 5.5 PERSONAL CHECK CASHING

District employees shall not cash personal checks for employees.

#### 5.5.6 ETHICS TRAINING

The following positions have been designated by the Board of Directors to receive ethics training pursuant to Government Code Sections 53234 through 53235.2.

~~General Manager and Chief Engineer~~

~~Assistant General Manager~~ Director of Administration

~~Director of Finance~~

(Adopted 12/21/05; Minute Order 05-12-107)

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Code: Section: [Up^](#) [Add To My Favorites](#)**GOVERNMENT CODE - GOV****TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57607]** ( Title 5 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )**DIVISION 2. CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 55821]** ( Division 2 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )**PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES [53000 - 54999.7]** ( Part 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )**CHAPTER 2. Officers and Employees [53200 - 53299]** ( Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81. )**ARTICLE 2.4. Ethics Training [53234 - 53235.2]** ( Article 2.4 added by Stats. 2005, Ch. 700, Sec. 4. )**53234.** For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Legislative body" has the same meaning as specified in Section 54952.
- (b) "Local agency" means a city, county, city and county, charter city, charter county, charter city and county, school district, county office of education, charter school, or special district.
- (c) "Local agency official" means any of the following:
  - (1) A member of a local agency legislative body or an elected local agency official who receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.
  - (2) An employee designated by a local agency governing body to receive the training specified under this article.
  - (3) A member of the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school, whether or not that member receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.
- (d) "Ethics laws" include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Laws relating to personal financial gain by public servants, including, but not limited to, laws prohibiting bribery and conflict-of-interest laws.
  - (2) Laws relating to claiming perquisites of office, including, but not limited to, gift and travel restrictions, prohibitions against the use of public resources for personal or political purposes, prohibitions against gifts of public funds, mass mailing restrictions, and prohibitions against acceptance of free or discounted transportation by transportation companies.
  - (3) Government transparency laws, including, but not limited to, financial interest disclosure requirements and open government laws.
  - (4) Laws relating to fair processes, including, but not limited to, common law bias prohibitions, due process requirements, incompatible offices, competitive bidding requirements for public contracts, and disqualification from participating in decisions affecting family members.

*(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 279, Sec. 1. (AB 2158) Effective January 1, 2023.)***53235.** (a) (1) If a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to a member of a legislative body, or provides reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by a member of a legislative body in the performance of official duties, then all local agency officials shall receive training in ethics pursuant to this article.

(2) All local agency officials who are members of the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school shall receive training in ethics pursuant to this article,



whether or not any member receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

(b) Each local agency official shall receive at least two hours of training in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to the official's public service every two years.

(c) If an entity develops curricula to satisfy the requirements of this section, then the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General shall be consulted regarding the sufficiency and accuracy of the proposed course content. When reviewing any proposed course content the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General shall not preclude an entity from also including local ethics policies in the curricula.

(d) A local agency or an association of local agencies may offer one or more training courses, or sets of self-study materials with tests, to meet the requirements of this section. These courses may be taken at home, in-person, or online.

(e) A provider of training courses to meet the requirements of this article shall provide participants with proof of participation to meet the requirements of Section 53235.2.

(f) A local agency shall provide information on training available to meet the requirements of this article to its local officials at least once annually.

*(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 279, Sec. 2. (AB 2158) Effective January 1, 2023.)*

**53235.1.** (a) Each local agency official in local agency service as of January 1, 2006, except for officials whose term of office ends before January 9, 2007, shall receive the training required by subdivision (a) of Section 53235 before January 1, 2007. Thereafter, each local agency official shall receive the training required by subdivision (a) of Section 53235 at least once every two years.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), each local agency official who commences service with a local agency on or after January 1, 2006, shall receive the training required by subdivision (a) of Section 53235 no later than one year from the first day of service with the local agency. Thereafter, each local agency official shall receive the training required by subdivision (a) of Section 53235 at least once every two years.

(2) Each local agency official who, as of January 1, 2025, is a member of the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school, except for officials whose term of office ends before January 1, 2026, shall receive the training required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 53235 before January 1, 2026. Thereafter, each local agency official who is a member of the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school shall receive the training required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 53235 at least once every two years.

(c) A local agency official who serves more than one local agency shall satisfy the requirements of this article once every two years without regard to the number of local agencies with which the official serves.

*(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 279, Sec. 3. (AB 2158) Effective January 1, 2023.)*

**53235.2.** (a) A local agency that requires its local agency officials to complete the ethical training prescribed by this article shall maintain records indicating both of the following:

(1) The dates that local officials satisfied the requirements of this article.

(2) The entity that provided the training.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local agency shall maintain these records for at least five years after local officials receive the training. These records are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1).

*(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 615, Sec. 196. (AB 474) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 463 of Stats. 2021, Ch. 615.)*



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 11

**Board Meeting Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Soto  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** VISTA HALL OF FAME

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider making nomination(s) to the Vista Hall of Fame.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On January 18, 2023, the Board appointed Director Kuchinsky to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The Vista Historical Society (Historical Society) is forming the nominating committee for this year's Hall of Fame honorees; the Board appointed Director Kuchinsky to participate on the nominating committee for the Historical Society Hall of Fame at its January 18, 2023 meeting. At this meeting, the Board also briefly discussed making a nomination(s) to the Regular and Early Residents Divisions of the Hall of Fame and requested that the matter be placed on its February 1, 2023 meeting agenda for further consideration. If the Board chooses to make nomination(s) to the Hall of Fame, the Historical Society requests that the nominee's name(s) be submitted along with his or her background materials by February 22, 2023.

**DETAILED REPORT:** This year the Historical Society will honor Vistans from both the Regular and the Early Residents Divisions of the Vista Hall of Fame. The relevant eligibility criteria for both Divisions include: 1) each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively (this criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate); 2) each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

The Board requested that staff research former Board members, including the individuals that served on the first District Board 100 years ago. The names of the five founding Board members and their years of service on the Board are as follows: Jules J. Delpy - 11.5 years from August 1923 to February 1935 (*Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Regular Division 1995*); Harry S. Merriam - 7.5 years from August 1923 to February 1931; Chester D. Gunn - 3.5 years from August 2023 to March 2027; George S. Henry - 2.5 years from August 1923 to February 1926; and F.J. Knight - 2 years from August 1923 to March 1925.

In light of the District's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, staff reviewed other past Board members and staff who have made significant contributions to the community via their service to the District. The individual who has the longest length of service appears to be former staff and then Board member, the late Paul E. Dorey. He dedicated a combined 48 years of his life to serving the District and its customers (33 years as a staff member and 15 years as a Board member).

Notable honorees already in the Vista Hall of Fame with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Linden Burzell (32 years - 18 years as a staff member and 14 years as a Board member), Hans Doe (33 years), Marty Miller (14 years), Bill Taylor (14 years), Oliver Clark (21 years), and Howard Williams (21 years). From the Early Residents Division honorees with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Frank Delpy (12 years), William Pechstein (2.5 years), Charles Mull (8 years as a staff member), James W. Sutton (12 years), Dale E. Wood (18 years), Harold H. Yackey (17 years - five years as a staff member and 12 years as a Board member), and Ray Betraun (18 years). Honorees with a connection to the Bueno Colorado Municipal Water District include Charles Hausladen and Wells Miller.

**ATTACHMENT:** Booklet of Hall of Fame members and qualifications

# VISTA HALL OF FAME

1989-2022

THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a member of each division must be elected to the hall. There is no upper limit to the number of new members that can be elected each year .

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME

### Regular Division

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

### Early Residents Division

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

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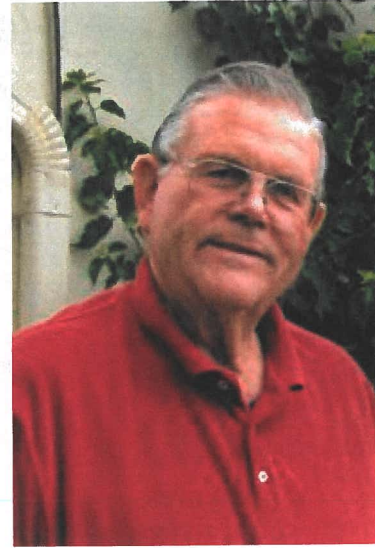
**Thomas J. Adams**  
**1891-1974**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2016**

Thomas J. (T.J.) Adams was the second longest serving member of the Vista Irrigation District (VID) Board of Directors, second only after "Mr. Water" himself, Hans Doe. Mr. Adams served on the VID board for 25 years, from March 1949 to July 1974. It was during his 25-year tenure on the VID board that Vista became incorporated as a City in 1963. The population of Vista grew from 8,300 in 1949 to 39,000 in 1974. Mr. Adams was seated as chair of the VID board of directors in 1954, where he remained chair until he passed away in office in 1974. It was through his leadership that the district was able to accommodate the tremendous population growth with all of the necessary facilities and water rights for the people of Vista.

Adams, a native of Louisville, Ken., had made his home in Vista since 1946, coming here from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had been U. S. Steel's chief metallurgical engineer for 15 years. Adams had owned an avocado grove on Phillips Street when he first came to this city.

In 1951, as a result of a five-year drought, the level of Lake Henshaw (the primary water source for Vista), virtually dried up, going from 120,000 acre feet to only 200 acre feet. In response, VID dug 31 wells at its Warner Ranch watershed, and began pumping water into Lake Henshaw. The need for water for the people of Vista continued to grow with the increase in population and the district began to eye other sources, but few options were available to such a small agency. In 1954, a special election was held in which the people of Vista voted to join and receive imported water from the San Diego County Water Authority. In 1961, the district built its new headquarters on Connecticut Avenue to combine the field and office operation in one location to better serve the VID customers. During Mr. Adams' tenure as president of the VID board, to further accommodate the City's continued growth and demand for water, the district began planning to build a water treatment plant jointly with the City of Escondido. This plant was completed shortly after Mr. Adams' death and allowed all the residents of Vista to receive fully treated water for the first time.



**Howard Amend**  
**1935-2020**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2012**

Howard Amend has been affiliated with Boys' Clubs since he joined the Pasadena, California, club when he was 7 years old.

Howard has given 42 years of continuing dedication to the Vista Boys' Club and the Vista Boys & Girls Club, as it was renamed in 1990.

Prior to being hired as director for the Boys' Club of Vista as of May 1, 1970, he was employed by the Boys' Club of Pasadena in 1953, with time out for military service, and served as director until he left to come to Vista.

He retired as director of the Vista Boys & Girls Club in January 2002. He currently serves on the board of directors and is chairman of the Vista Boys & Girls Club Foundation, the major funding agency for the Club.

Howard and Anne celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in March 2012.

Anne retired in 2011 as a school nurse for Lincoln and Rancho Minerva middle schools.

They have three children: Peter, the oldest, and twins Merrill and Sharon.



**Carl Ames  
1938-2018  
Carol Brady  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2019**

Carl and Carol met in Kiwanis. They have been very busy in the community through the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise. Carl has been a member for 35 years and served two separate terms as President. Carl was the Kiwanis Division 37 Lt Governor in 2014/15 (over 18 clubs). He had been the Club Advisor for the Vista High Key Club for 10 years, brought back the fireworks to Vista his first term as President, and has served breakfast at Brother Benno's Soup Kitchen. Carl was also Kiwanian of the Year two years in a row with the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista. (2007 and 2008). He was captain of the Kiwanis Club team for several years for the Vista ROC project. The team included club members and Key Club members from Vista High School. Carl was a judge for two years for the Pride of Vista Beauty Pageant.

Carl and Carol came up with the idea of a wine and food tasting fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club which has evolved into the Grape Gatsby Affaire. Along with a committee of 15 club members, it grew into a 1920's theme fundraiser which the Club is celebrating its 11th year in April of this year and is the Kiwanis Club's major fundraiser.

Carl was also a Club Scout leader and Boys Scout leader at Beaumont School when his boys were little. He also received Have a Heart 4 Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club in 2008.

He was an Elder at Faith Lutheran Church.

Carl and Carol also took part in the 9/11 Commemorative BBQ that is sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church each year. We work with Honor Flight of San Diego to get 4 WWII Veterans to be our guest and to honor them.

Carol has been President of the Kiwanis Club of Sunrise

Vista for two terms (2011-2013) and has been a member for 13 years. She was Kiwanian of the Year 2006/7 and 2008/9. Carol and Carl received the Have a Heart 4 Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club 2008. Carol has been active at Faith Lutheran Church in many different capacities for the 45 that years she has been a member. Carol was the Den Mother for the Cub Scout sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church when her son was small.

Working for Kids is a passion for Carl and Carol. The one closest to our heart is the StandUp for Kids drop in center in Oceanside which serves all the kids of North County. StandUp works to get the kids off the street. Carol was honored as a special donor last year. I was able to get StandUp For Kids Oceanside to be a Kiwanis Division 37 Project. We ask other clubs for sleeping bags, clothing, toiletries, bottled water and food items

Carol has been a long time supporter of the Oceanside chapter of StandUp For Kids. She is an advocate and avid donor. She shines a constant spotlight on our program and the plight of our kids. She is a shoulder to lean on for the volunteers and always brings her support with a huge hug and a smile. She IS an angel.

We asked Carol how she became involved with StandUp For Kids, here's Carol's story:

I originally got involved in Stand Up prior to 2007 because a friend asked me to donate hygiene products for the girls. Then in 2007, I got back to supporting Stand Up because I was better informed of the needs of the Kids. I got my Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista involved and our first donation at that time was a pickup truck load of clothes, water, food packs and personal hygiene items for both boys and girls. I have never been homeless, but I can relate to the Kids needing what we take for granted living in a home. My family was poor when I was a child growing up. About 5 years ago, I started a tradition at Christmas time to donate a Ginger Bread House kit for the Kids so they could be doing something fun as if they were in a home environment. My husband, Carl, has been my big supporter. It breaks our heart when we are having bad weather or it is cold, knowing our Kids are out in the weather.

In 2008, I asked the Lt Governor for our Kiwanis Division 37 (who oversees 18 Kiwanis club) to make Stand Up For Kids Oceanside a Division Project and it has remained a Divisional Project to date. Our Kiwanis Club donates all the water....I put out pleas for water and my husband, Carl, and I deliver it to Stand Up along with any other items I have collected for the Kids. When the present location needed repairs to the patio where the kids eat their meals, we contacted a friend of ours and he donated materials and labor to make it comfortable.

Carl and I were honored to assist another Kiwanis Club in a past Thanksgiving by serving dinner to the Kids.



**John Barrett**  
1908-1978  
**Gene Barrett**  
1909-1993

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2016**

In 1939, John and Gene Barrett and their two children moved to Vista.

Also in 1939, John Arthur Barrett and Harold Sanborn operated the "Barrett and Sanborn Market" on East Vista Way. Later, they opened a larger market at 306 South Santa Fe Ave. at Eucalyptus Ave. The produce department was operated by Ted Minge; the bakery by Roger MacDonald and his wife, Lois; the liquor department by Bert Baletto.

In 1942, "Barrett and Sanborn Market" was changed to "Buy and Save" and the business was incorporated. John and his wife, Gene, enlarged the Vista "Buy and Save" and branched out, establishing other "Buy and Save" markets in Fallbrook, Carlsbad, Ocean-side, Escondido, Encinitas and other points in San Diego County. Their central warehouse was in San Marcos. Their son, Richard, and their daughter, Barbara, became a very important part of "Buy and Save's" growth.

Vista was a quiet little town with a beautiful climate and friendly people; a lovely place to raise a family.

John Barrett was on the school board; Richard played football for Vista High School, and Barbara Barrett was drum majorette for the band. Gene Barrett did her share working for the P. T. A.

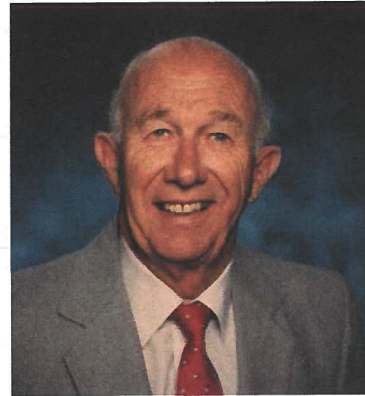
In 1945, John learned to fly an airplane and Gene took lessons. They became the flying Barretts, attending many grocers' conventions, looking for better ways to serve the public with bigger and better "Buy and Save" markets.

Also, in 1945, their home, El Adobe Casa, was

built on what is now East Sunrise Drive. The adobe bricks were made from local soil, molded and dried in the sun. John and Gene designed the adobe, with much of the work done by John and son, Richard. Lupe Lara and Son were the builders.

In 1962 "Buy and Save" merged with Mayfair Markets.

"Buy and Save" markets was a family venture for the four Barretts. They all worked, and it was a happy time to be part of Vista. John Arthur Barrett died in 1978 and is buried in Eternal Hills Cemetery. Gene Barrett died in 1993. A memorial bench in Eternal Hills carries the family name.



**Ray Betraun**  
1923-1991

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2018**

Early Vistans knew that securing a reliable source of water was vital to the growth of their burgeoning agricultural community. Those early pioneers worked tirelessly to ensure their community had water for their crops, their families and for future generations. From forming the Vista Irrigation District (VID) to purchasing Lake Henshaw, community leaders searched for a secure water supply that would meet current and future resource demands. Ray Betraun embodied that community spirit and his contributions to Vista are still felt to this day.

Ray Betraun was born in Buffalo, New York on Christmas Day in 1923 and he moved with his family to Vista as a young boy in 1929. He grew up in Vista and graduated Class of 1942 from Vista High School. Ray went on to major in Mechanical

Engineering at the University of Texas and then joined the U.S. Navy, proudly serving as part of a submarine fleet in World War II.

After his military service, Ray returned to Vista to build a life. He married Shirley Wilkinson in 1948 and they had two daughters, Vicki and Jana. Ray worked with his father and brothers at the family construction business, A.E. Betraun & Sons Construction Company, building many community buildings in Vista, including the former Vista Irrigation District headquarters located at 202 West Connecticut Avenue. After his father retired, Ray continued the family business as Betraun Construction Company.

Ray valued civic duty. He and Shirley were very active with the Vista Historical Society throughout their lives. Ray was also President and State Director of the Vista Jr. Chamber of Commerce, a Buena Colorado Municipal Water District board member, and a Liberty National Bank board member for 10 years.

Ray was elected to the VID Board of Directors in 1973. He was a VID Director for 18 years, serving as the President of the Board from 1986 to 1991. Ray served on the VID Board during a period of growth and development, overseeing the completion of the Escondido-Vista Water Filtration Plant at Dixon Reservoir in 1976, the relocation of the 20 million gallon Pechstein Reservoir in 1978, upgrades to portions of the Vista Flume during the 1980s and major renovations of the Lake Henshaw dam in 1981. He was also instrumental in preventing Blue Canyon Landfill from being located near Lake Henshaw, thus protecting VID's groundwater supply for many generations. Ray was also a member of "Vistans for Water Committee" and helped Vista navigate through the early years of the 1990's drought.

Ray passed away in May 1991. He will long be remembered for his record of commitment to his community and his public spirited dedication, including safeguarding Vista's local water sources and ensuring a reliable water supply for his community he loved so dearly.



**Leon Bone**  
**1874-1962**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2013**

Leon Bone, always known as Judge Bone in Vista, was a man of many talents. In addition to his legal expertise, he was a prolific poet and author.

The Vista Historical Society is fortunate to have the original manuscript of *Day Dreams*, his book of original poems, and several hard copies of his science fiction novel, *Naomi, Daughter of Ruth*, published in 1952.

Born in Vandalia, Illinois, on March 22, 1874, Bone attended Austin College in Effingham, Illinois, for one year and was secretary and vice president of the debating team.

He then taught elementary school for four years and graduated from the Gem City Business College in Quincy, Illinois.

Bone moved on to George Washington University, determined to obtain his law degree, and graduated with the Law Class of 1905.

While there, he served as president of the university's Needham Debating Society.

The Vista Historical Society's original copy of the University news magazine, *The University Hatchet*, dated December 21, 1904, congratulates Bone on being a major force on the debate team: "He is a forceful speaker and his earnestness in the presentation of his argument carries convic-



tion with it." He was described as an "indefatigable worker" at research who made "remarkable strides" in debating while at GWU.

Bone's given name was Leonie, later shortened to Leon.

Judge Bone was married to his wife, Cora, for 53 years. The couple had two children, Victor and Velma. Several of his descendants still reside in the area.

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was formed in 1910, and Bone became one of the organization's first agents the following year. He was closely involved with the investigation and capture of such notorious criminals as John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and Machine Gun Kelly.

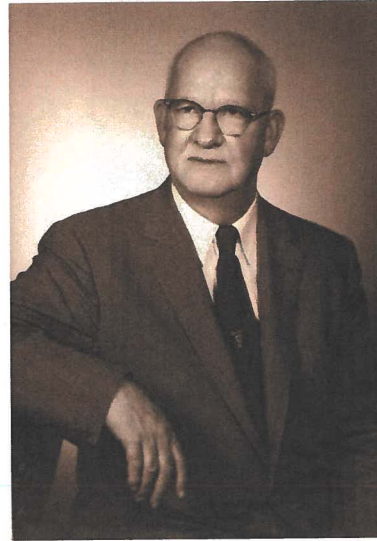
The Historical Society has on display a letter dated November 20, 1936, from J. Edgar Hoover, then head of the FBI, thanking him for his quarter-century of service as a special agent. Bone remained personal friends with Hoover over the ensuing years.

Early in World War II, Bone was called back for duty as a senior investigator for the Army Air Force.

From 1944, until he passed away at his Vista home in June 1962, at age 88, Judge Bone presided over the Vista branch of the Justice Court of California.

Evidence of his popularity was a report in *The Vista Press* on June 3, 1958, that he was re-elected to the Vista Judicial Court at age 84 with a vote of 2,326; his nearest competitor had 810 votes.

Judge Bone wrote poetry for more than 40 years. The original manuscript of his poetry book, *Day Dreams*, is on exhibit at the Vista Historical Society Museum at Rancho Minerva. It demonstrates the heart and philosophy of the "inner man" that complemented Leon Bone's legal talents.



**Ralph T. Brengle**  
1894-1971

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2009**

Ralph Brengle was a retired industrialist and a native of Orleans, located in the Knob Hills Country of Indiana. He served in the United States Navy in World War I, being discharged as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. In World War II, he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

After the war, he organized Ralph T. Brengle Sales Company in Princeton, Indiana. At one time he owned three shopping centers in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brengle came to Vista on his retirement in 1961. He donated funds to the Vista Boys' Club for a gymnasium, and gave 39 acres to the City of Vista with which Brengle Terrace Park was established. The Brengles were honored February 21, 1971, at the dedication of the 13,000-square-foot Boys' Club gymnasium. Orbee Mihalek, Mayor of Vista, proclaimed "Ralph T. Brengle Day."

Mr. Brengle had given away around a million dollars for worthy causes before coming to Vista, including funds to the College of Vincennes for a closed TV station; funds to Gibson General Hospital; and a science building for Oakland City College. He was a member of the Rotary Club and the Military Order of World Wars, San Diego Chapter.

Mr. Brengle died in March of 1971.



**Kathy Brombacher**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2010**

Kathy is the founder of Moonlight Stage Productions summer season at the Moonlight Amphitheatre and the winter season at the Avo Playhouse. Since founding the theatre in 1981, she has helmed its artistic vision; today it is recognized as one of San Diego County's major arts organizations.

The theatre's artistic successes have been recognized by such organizations as the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle, the Patté Awards for Theatrical Excellence, the Robby Awards, and the Billie Awards. Some of the awards the theatre has received from these organizations include Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Choreography, and Best Set Design, among many others.

Under Kathy's vision, the theatre has nurtured many theatrical artists and administrators who began their careers at the Moonlight and have gone on to work with other major arts organizations and entertainment companies throughout the United States. Having established an artistic base that serves all of San Diego County, Moonlight Stage Productions winter seasons have grown artistically each year with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, which has provided grants in support of three productions, *Arms and the Man*, *The Most Happy Fella*, and recently the critically acclaimed *Ring Round the Moon*.

Kathy has produced and/or directed more than 150 shows at Moonlight Stage Productions in the last 30 years. She has seen major milestones during her tenure at Moonlight Stage Productions. In 2009, the completion of the new Moonlight Amphitheatre stage house, constructed in just nine months, was a 20-year dream realized by the City of Vista. The City's renovation of the Avo Playhouse, from a movie theater originally opened in 1948 to a venue hosting the Moonlight's winter seasons as well as numerous rental events, was another milestone in community

support.

As a long-time employee of the City of Vista, Kathy has been recognized as Management Employee of the Year as well as receiving awards and recognition from the California Women in Government for distinguished work; Soroptimists International of Oceanside for work which enhances the community; was named one of the "50 People to Watch" by *North County Magazine*; received the Craig Noel Award for Theatrical Trailblazer by the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle; and the Shiley Lifetime Achievement Award from the Patté Awards for Theatrical Excellence in 2006.

A longtime resident of Vista, she is married to Robert C. Brombacher, D.D.S. She holds a B.A. degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Redlands and an MFA degree in acting, and prior to founding Moonlight Stage Productions was a theatre and music educator in the Vista Unified School District.



**Linden R. Burzell**  
**1924-2008**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2008**

Linden R. Burzell began his career in the water industry as a young Navy Ensign in 1945 when he was assigned to assist the resident officer in charge of administering construction work on the first San Diego Aqueduct.

He joined Vista Irrigation District as its District Engineer in 1946. By 1951, he was general manager and chief engineer. Among the many projects that Burzell brought to completion while at VID was the covering of the original 12 miles of open flume that brought water from Lake Henshaw via Lake Wohlford to Vista. He expanded and improved the infrastructure serving the communities within VID's boundaries, which were moving from an agricultural base to residential and commercial uses.

In 1964, he left to assume his new position as general manager and chief engineer of the San Diego

County Water Authority.

Burzell returned to the VID in 1992 as a member of the Board of Directors. He worked at the policy level to maintain VID's high standards. He served as the Board's president in 1996, 2001 and 2006.



**Paul Luis Vincent Campo**  
1922-2007

**Dorothy Maxine Campo**  
1920-2008

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

Paul and Dorothy Campo moved to Vista in 1954 and bought their home at 1210 Oak Drive where they would live until Paul died and Dorothy moved into assisted living. Paul had been hired to work at Camp Pendleton, where his engineering and geology degrees and experience in water management and hydrology helped him to rise to become its Director of Natural Resources before retiring in 1988. For a number of years, he worked alongside another well-known Vistan, William "Bill" Taylor.

Paul served as a trustee of the Vista Unified School District ("VUSD") for many years. While on the board, he championed the construction of the "new" Vista High School on Bobier Drive and led the effort to develop several more elementary schools to meet the VUSD's growing student population.

Paul always loved to talk about water. He would quote Mark Twain: "Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over." Paul served on the board of the San Diego County Water District for many years, representing the Marine Corps' water interests at Camp Pendleton. He was an early promoter of building more water storage facilities for this area. Among Paul's colleagues on this agency was his friend and another well-known Vistan, Hans Doe. They, and several other of the

older water experts, were collectively known as the "water buffaloes", a term that always made him laugh.

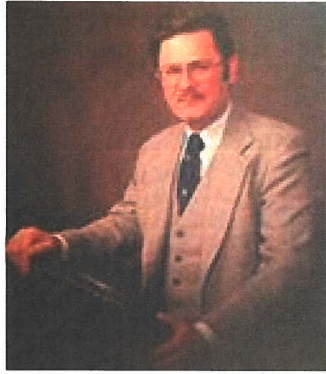
One of Paul's happiest days occurred when he was appointed, and then elected, to the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District, representing District 1. In addition to covering Northeast Vista and the surrounding county land, he was responsible for Lake Henshaw, the District's water reservoir. Because of his interest in water storage and conservation, he made sure that the District never tried to sell off this valuable water resource. This has proven to be a wise decision, given the current water shortage throughout California. He served on the board for many years; only his death caused him to vacate his position. It should come as no surprise that one of his fellow directors was his close friend, fellow water buffalo, and another well-known Vistan, Linden "Lyn" Burzell.

Paul was married for over 57 years to his wife and best friend, Dorothy. Both of them loved what used to be the pastures and grove of old Vista, but understood and accepted the many changes that have occurred over the years.

Dorothy was not a traditional "stay-at-home" wife and mother. She first had a taste of the working world during World War II, when she served as secretary to a defense plant manager. By the time she came to Vista, she possessed the skill and experience to be hired by the VUSD to become the first secretary for the newly-built Crestview Elementary School. She spent many happy years at Crestview. She later transferred to Olive Elementary School, from which she retired in 1987.

Dorothy was also active in the Vista community. In the early 1960s, many of the non-certificated staff at the VUSD asked her to help them form a bargaining unit to negotiate the terms of their employment contract. She then founded the Vista chapter of the California School Employees Association, and served as its first president. For many years, Dorothy acted as a firm negotiator with the VUSD's management. As a result of her efforts, many of her fellow Vistans received better wages and terms of employment.

During her years with the VUSD, many parents and teachers came to know and love her. Most important to Dorothy, however, were the children who attended "her" elementary schools. She always kept her own money in her desk to loan to students who had forgotten their lunch money. For many years prior to government subsidies, she gave away lunch money to students whose families couldn't afford to make or buy them lunch. Years later, when one of those students whom she had helped previously bought lunch for her, she cried.



**Daniel Bennett Carr**  
1939-2010

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2016**

Daniel Bennett Carr was born in 1939, in San Diego. His father worked in the Foreign Service so he was raised primarily in Latin America before moving to Chula Vista at the age of 16. At this young age, he worked at Bearing Engineering in San Diego in order to help provide financial support for his family.

Daniel married Sue Ann Crabbe on May 16, 1959 in Chula Vista.

He was a resident of Vista for forty years. He moved his family to Vista from Chula Vista in 1962 and resided in the community until 2002.

He was an honorable and successful business owner of Carr's City Auto Parts, established in 1962. He later purchased Vista Auto Parts and established North County Warehouse in the City of Vista.

Carr's City Auto Parts was one of the first parts stores to offer delivery service to auto repair shops, gasoline stations, and many other establishments such as Golden Arrow Dairy and Mc Mahan's Furniture Store, who both had their own small fleet of delivery trucks, as well as Prohoroff's Poultry Farm. He would often get up in the middle of the night to help a customer with a broken down vehicle so that they could continue on their deliveries and/or travels as needed.

Carr's City Auto Parts started at 341 N. Santa Fe Avenue. He then built a new and bigger store with a machine shop at 223 W. Vista Way. When the business outgrew that store he purchased the old Safeway Store/Drew's Appliance Center at 420 S. Santa Fe Avenue and moved it there where it continued to grow. It was here that he established North County Warehouse.

In the late 1960's or early 1970's, he also bought Vista Auto Parts. He built a new and larger building on East Vista Way with a machine shop for this business as well. He later sold Vista Auto Parts to Mr. Henry Boothman, a ma-

chinist who had worked for him for many years.

Daniel B. Carr, was an active member of Vista's Optimist Club serving as president from 1965 - 1966.

He was an effective and respected Planning Commissioner, serving the City of Vista in this role from 1970 - 1978.

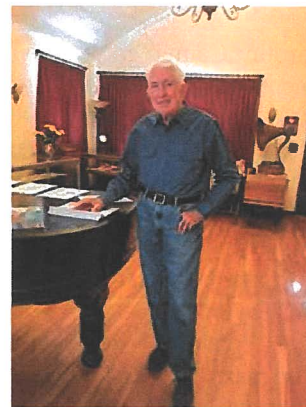
In 1978, he was elected to Vista's City Council with the help and support of many other community members such as John M. Cosh, Terry Hensley, Frank Tiesen, Betty Minor, Orbee Mihalek, Ken Annin and Gil Duran, who were all members of his election committee.

During his term on the City Council from 1978-1982 he served as mayor of Vista from 1981-1982 and served his time in office with distinction.

He was one of the original founders of the Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park, successfully heading up the committee to get the original grading done by Mr. Carl Pinamonti.

He was an avid hunter and tennis player. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying his own airplane.

He never aspired to be a politician. However, because he chose to raise his family and start his business career in the city of Vista, he believed that he had a duty to work for the betterment of the city that gave us so much. He knew he could do good work in the political arena of the city. He was extremely grateful for all the opportunities Vista had provided for us and was honored to serve his beloved "City of Vista" in anyway that he was able.



**Brooks Cavanaugh**  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2018

Brooks was born and raised in Upland, California. In 1955 his family moved to Costa Mesa where he graduated from Newport Harbor High. At Orange Coast College he studied engineering and architecture. In 1970 a City Planner job opportunity arose at the City of Vista. Brooks was hired when the population was just 17,000.

In 1975 the Thibodo family offered to annex approximately 900 acres to Vista, now known as Shadowridge. Brooks began processing the annexation but left the city in 1976 to work for CM Engineering, the lead engineering firm for the annexation.

In 1978, Brooks as a member of the Vista Chamber of Commerce Action Committee proposed annexation of an additional 1,200 acres south of Shadowridge. The city consented and 15 major property owners supported the annexation and rezone to a Research Light Industrial Park now known as the Vista Business Park.

In 1976 The County Land Use Council was formed with the purpose of protecting private property rights. Brooks became its first executive director.

In 1980 Brooks established Land Planning Consultants to assist property owners in development studies and governmental processing. This local Vista business has been in operation almost 40 years.

Brooks was instrumental in the formation of the South Vista Business Park improvement district in 1986. The district purpose was the building of necessary infrastructure including roads and utilities. Sycamore Road, Business Park Dr, and Poinsettia are just a few of those roads. The owners invested over 8 million dollars and was completed in 1988. For the next 20 years, Brooks consulted with over 30 owners providing development plans for use of their business park land.

Brooks and Attorney David Larkin along with the assistance of several other local Vistans formed The Vista Conservancy in early 2000. The Vista Conservancy mission is to preserve environmentally sensitive lands. Along with the City of Vista, today you can walk from the Rancho Vista Adobe to Brengle Terrace Park. Brooks was instrumental in its formation and is still actively involved.

Brooks also chaired the 1996 down town Vista citizen's planning committee which provided direction for the Vista Village Plan. In 2008 Brooks served on the city redevelopment planning and development committee helping to identify areas such as South Santa Fe needing economic stimulation for redevelopment. Since 2006 Brooks has consulted to the Vista Fire Protection District. He has assisted the district in creating 6 North Vista emergency evacuation roads.

Brooks and his first wife Joan raised 3 children in Vista, Christa, Jolean and Daniel. There are now 13

grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Today, Brooks and Stephanie continue to work and live in Vista and enjoy the grandchildren!



**Oliver Clark**  
**1917-2006**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2010**

A native of Iowa, Oliver Clark and his wife, Helen, came to Vista in 1941. He started Clark's Floor Coverings, Inc. in 1946.

He served 22 years on the Vista Irrigation District board of directors. He also was a director of the Vista Chamber of Commerce for many years and holder of four Chamber awards—in 1956, 1958, 1963 and 1966. Clark was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Vista and served as president in 1953. He was a Chancellor Commander, Knights of Pythias Themis 146, Escondido. He served as president of the San Diego Floor Covering Association (two terms), and he was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Floor Covering Association in 1976.

He was also a director of Chartered Bank of London, California Division, from 1964 to 1980. He was a member of the Vista Historical Society and several other organizations. He and his wife had three children: Carol Anne, Oliver R. Clark Jr., and Alan Lee Clark.



**John Cosh**  
**1924-2004**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1989**

**Marjorie Bernice Cosh**  
**1926-2016**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

John Cosh arrived in Vista with his family in 1925 from Canada, along with the Ormsby family. Cosh and his family have supported Vista and the surrounding communities ever since. John Cosh was a longtime banker in the Vista area. He assisted in the founding of the Tri-City Hospital District and was a director for eight years and president in 1974. He was founding president and organizer of the Boys' Club and chairperson of many fundraisers for charitable organizations. He also helped develop Brengle Terrace Park

Marjorie Bernice Brown was born in Mesa, AZ. She was one of nine children born to Blanche & Peter Brown, an American ranching/farming family that settled in the Imperial Valley in 1929. While working in Oceanside as an operator for Bell Telephone, she met the love of her life, John Morton Cosh, in 1948, and married him in 1952.

Marjorie was an active member of the Vista/ North County community and supported many causes. Her full list of accomplishments can only be described as a lifetime of community and family service, and continued to do so in her later years with the Friends of the Vista Library, the Vista Historical Society, and the Grace Presbyterian Church Women's Association.

Intelligent, organized and insightful, Marjorie gave her all to many North County organizations, taking on leadership roles, guiding meetings, and not only

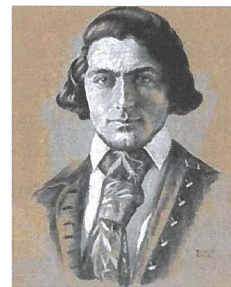
chairing events, but often using her own supplies so it would have the perfect look.

In 2011, Marjorie received the prestigious National Service to Youth Award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for 35 years of devoted service in supporting the organization.

As an original member of the Tri-City Hospital Women's Auxiliary (now of the Tri-City Hospital Foundation), in 1981, she chaired the first Baile De Esperanza charity ball. She was selected as the Outstanding Woman of the Year 1981 by the Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Past President of the VUSD School Board (1979-1983) and then representing the VUSD Personnel Commission (1985-2006), Marjorie received an Honorary Lifetime Membership by the California School Personnel Commissioners Association.

For her outstanding work as past president of both the Patrons of Palomar College and Palomar College Development Foundation she was awarded an honorary degree by Palomar College.



**Cave Johnson Coutts**  
**1821-1874**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

Cave Johnson Coutts was born near Springfield, Tennessee, on November 11, 1821.

In 1838, he received an appointment to West Point and graduated in 1843. He served on the frontier and then at Los Angeles, San Luis Rey and San Diego from 1848 to 1851. He was over six feet tall and weighed 165 pounds, and was known as a man of good education, strict integrity, and gentlemanly manners.

On April 5, 1851, he married Ysidora Bandini of San Diego. They had ten children. In October 1851, he resigned from the army and was

appointed colonel and aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Bigler.

He was a member of the first Grand Jury in September 1850, and became county judge in 1854. In 1853, he moved to a tract known as the Guajome grant, a wedding gift to his wife from her brother-in-law, Abel Stearns. He became one of the wealthiest men in Southern California. Courts purchased the San Marcos, Buena Vista, and La Jolla ranchos, and also government land, amounting to about 20,000 acres.

He died at the Horton House in San Diego on June 10, 1874. The Rancho remained in family hands until it was sold to San Diego County for a park in the 1970's.



**CARL THOMAS "SLICK" DAVIS**  
**1928-1982**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2022**

Carl Thomas "Slick" Davis was born on March 1, 1928, in Taft, California.

At age nine, in 1937, his family moved to Vista, California, where he attended elementary and junior high school. During his Vista High School athletic career, "Slick" lettered in varsity football, varsity basketball, and varsity fast-pitch softball. In 1943, as a 14-year-old sophomore, he quarterbacked the Vista Panthers to an undefeated football season for Coach O.K. "Bub" Williamson.

In 1945, he set the high school basketball scoring record for San Diego County.

From 1941-1945, he was the pitcher for the Vista High School softball team. (During the war years, high schools in San Diego County played fast-pitch softball instead of baseball.)

After graduating from Vista High School in 1945, he played basketball at the Oceanside-Carlsbad Junior College.

He was a veteran of the Korean war, serving as a U.S. Army Military Police (M.P.) stationed in South Korea.

In 1954, "Slick" was one of the original founders of the Vista National Little League.

In 1955, he was a founding member of the Vista Pony League where he also coached the 20-30 Team with his longtime friend, John Oakley (another Vista legend).

In 1954, he was co-owner of Slick 'n Spicy's Liquor Store located at 505 So. Santa Fe, Vista, California. Then, in 1955, he moved to 333 So. Santa Fe, and opened Slick's Liquor which he owned until 1981 (building and business name still there today!) He also owned Sal's Liquor, Buena Vista Liquor, Emerald Spirits, Mike's in Oceanside, and Slick's in Mira Mesa.

In 1974, "Slick" was co-owner (with Ron Piva) of the Vista Roofers' Fast-pitch Softball Team that played in the Western Softball Conference.

In 1976, he formed the Vista Bombers Fast-pitch Softball Team, and participated in the American Softball Association's nationals in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

In 1977, "Slick" took the Vista Bombers to Phoenix, Arizona, for the International Softball Congress World Tournament where they finished in fourth place.

The Vista Bombers Fast-pitch Softball Team also represented the City of Vista in tournaments in Hawaii and Canada.

In 1983, the City of Vista named one of the ball fields at Breeze Hill Park the "Slick" Davis Field.

In 1987, "Slick" was selected to be the recipient of that year's Vista High School "V" award.



**Elva Lagash Dawson**  
**1906-1997**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1998**

Elva Dawson was a native Californian who moved to Vista in 1964. She was a charter member of the Friends of the Vista Library, and the library's Elva Dawson Room was dedicated in her honor. She received a City of Vista Award in 1967, 1972, 1976 and 1978 for her volunteer work. Dawson was a founding member of Vista Beautiful; president of the Woman's Club of Vista and Vista Historical Society; a founder of the Vista Boys' Club Auxiliary; and a member of the Vista Parks and Recreation Commission, Guajome Regional Park Commission and Vista Garden Club.



**Ida Kelly Dawson**  
**1901-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1989**

Ida Dawson was the daughter of pioneers Emma Kelly and Hamilton Squires. She attended San Diego State University and Stanford University. She taught school locally and in Seattle.

On March 23, 1931, she married Clarence Dawson. In 1946, they moved to Rancho Agua Hedionda Y Los Monos, where she owned some of the original land grant acreage. They raised cattle for several years. She gave over 130 acres in the Dawson Y Los Monos Canyon Reserve to the University of California system for research and teaching.



**Frank Bernard Delpy**  
**1896-1948**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2009**

Frank Delpy was born January 26, 1896, at the Vista Delpy Ranch, the second son of Jules J. and Maria Delpy. He lived in Vista all of his life. He attended Vista schools and graduated from Ocean-side High. There was no high school in Vista at the time. He married Elena Rose Itzaina (nee Helen Itzaina), daughter of Jean Baptiste and Maria Itzaina, on December 7, 1919. He had two children, Jacqueline and Frank Junior.

He was the first Vista Irrigation District Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer, an elected position that he held until his death at the office on June 8, 1948. A World War I veteran, he was a member of the B.P.O.E., Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion.

During his tenure at the Vista Irrigation District, with his leadership and assistance the district was able to create, improve and assure the area water supply, thus enabling the agricultural industry to thrive in Vista.





**Jules and Maria Delpy**  
**Jules 1866-1959**  
**Maria 1877-1981**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1995**

The Delpy family first arrived in Vista in 1873. Bernard Delpy started a successful winery in the area later known as Delpy's Corners. His nephew, Jules Jacques Delpy, arrived from Southern France in 1879 to help work in the winery.

In 1894, Jules married Maria, also from Southern France, in Los Angeles. They arrived in Vista a few days later.

The Delpys had many "firsts" in Vista: the first car, the first phonograph and one of the earliest schools. Travelers often stayed at the Delpy home since no hotels existed in Vista at the time. Jules and Maria were successful farmers and were influential in the development of early Vista, including the formation of the Vista School District and the Vista Irrigation District.



**Hans Doe**  
**1903-1988**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2002**

Hans Doe was born in Norway. His family moved to Canada in 1910. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, studying engineering, and became a United States citizen in 1927.

Doe and his wife, Margaret, made their home in Milwaukee until 1946, when they visited Margaret's parents in Vista. They promptly moved to Vista and owned and operated an avocado and macadamia nut ranch.

He was elected to the Vista Irrigation District board of directors in 1951 and later to the board of the Bueno Colorado Water District. Known as "Mr. Water," he served on the most influential boards and committees in the California water industry, including the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, from 1956-1988. He was the only person to serve two terms (four years) as president of the Association of California Water Agencies.

His many statewide accomplishments included appointment to two terms on the State Soil Conservation Commission under Governor Goodwin J. Knight, president of the Resource Conservation Districts Association and chairman of the Southern California Water Conference for ten years. As one of the organizers of the Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, Doe helped promote and build the flood control channel that protects Vista against periodic flooding.



**Harrison and Ruth Doyle**  
**Harrison 1888-1997**  
**Ruth 1898-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1989**

Harrison and Ruth Doyle purchased property in Vista in 1940 and served the community in many ways for over 55 years. Harrison Doyle, a well known author, was the co-founder of the Vista Ranchos Historical Society, the mayor of Vista 1966-68, president of the board of governors of Palomar College, and charter

director of the Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, which brought the flood control channel to Vista. Along with his wife Ruth, he wrote the "History of Vista" in 1983.



**Antonio "Tony" Duran  
1917-1982**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2011**

Tony Duran was born in Kansas and lived in Vista for 56 years. He operated the construction firm of Duran & Duran with his brother, Luz, who is also a Hall of Fame member. Tony was very active in civic affairs. He served on the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees from 1961 to 1969 and was president for five years.

He was one of the founders and a member of the first board of directors of the Vista Boys' Club, now the Vista Boys and Girls Club. He also served on the committee that was responsible for the construction of the club building. He built a day care center for developmentally disabled children (a Vista Rotary project).

Tony Duran was a member of Vista Rotary Club, with perfect attendance for 30 years, and was president from 1956-57. He received the Governor's Trophy for most outstanding club in the district. He was a member of the Vista Elks Lodge (20 years), and Honorary Life Member of the Vista Hispano Club. He was also a member of the General Apprenticeship Board of Palomar College from 1952-57, representing business management. In 1955, he received the National Red Cross award for Life Saving, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1959, Tony organized the North County Building Contractors' Association. In 1960, he received the "Citizen of the Year" award. He also was responsible for a school and addition to an orphanage in Mexico. He founded Vista High School Panther Boosters Club and the Palomar College Boosters Club. He was appointed to committees by both the Vista City Council and the Board of Supervisors.



**Luz Duran  
1915-2008**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 1990**

Luz Duran came to Vista with his family in 1925. Luz and his brother, Tony, formed Duran & Duran and built many of Vista's major buildings, including the Elks Lodge, the Avo Theater, the Optimist Club, and many family homes.

Luz served his community in numerous ways. Among his affiliations were the Knights of Columbus and the Hispano Club, and he was a life member of both the Optimist Club and the Vista Historical Society.



**Paul and Diane Eckert  
Paul 1934-2022**

**Diane 1933-2018**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2014**

Very few people can say they know Vista as well as Diane and Paul Eckert know Vista.

Diane's parents, Robert and Myrna Elsinger, had been residents of Vista since before she was born, and in 1950, Paul's parents settled here while Paul stayed with an uncle in Lawndale, CA, to finish high school. After Paul graduated high

school he relocated to join his parents. Together they started Eckert & Son's Moving & Storage located at 621 S Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA, in May of 1953.

Diane, maiden name Elsinger, finished high school in Vista and went off to Stephens College in Missouri. Upon her return after graduation in June of 1954, she attended the Vistacado Fair where she and Paul met for the first time.

Vista was a small, yet close knit community with about 8,500 people. Now, decades later, the population in this town has grown to over 120,000!

"I loved it so much when Vista was a little town, you knew everyone," Diane recalls. Paul says, "We used to do all kinds of things, including the last Vistacado Fair." He also remembers putting up all of the Christmas decorations in downtown Vista, sponsoring a book drive for the branch library, and coloring 1500 eggs for the egg hunt.

Paul and Diane went on to have 2 children, Robert and Paula, who grew up to have professions and families of their own, including 6 wonderful grandchildren and now 5 great-grandchildren for Paul and Diane. Robert and Paula eventually decided to join Paul in running the moving business and continue to work in the office keeping it a family run operation.

Paul's public service career began with the Vista Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Diane joined the Jaycees' wives' group. They both became actively involved with the local Elks Club and with the Boys & Girls Club, formerly known as the Boys Club. Paul was involved in the San Marcos Rotary Club as well.

Together over the course of 6 months, Paul & Diane campaigned for Paul's election to the County Board of Supervisors in 1978, where he went on to serve 8 years.

Paul remembers one of the highlights of that time "Diane and I were invited to have cocktails with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on their yacht in the San Diego Harbor!"

He also recalls a personal invitation, along with 200 others, including then San Diego Mayor Bill Cleator, to the White House during the Ronald Reagan administration and having coffee and rolls in the East Room. "You've gotta be impressed," he exclaimed.

Looking back, Paul is proud to say he was involved with the county's "Workfare", a work-for-welfare program instituted in San Diego at the time, but is still being utilized in some areas today.

After serving on the County Board of Supervisors, he returned to be involved in the Vista community. Diane was president of the Vista Historical Society from 2003 to 2009 and quickly put Paul to work.

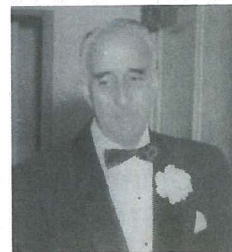
Paul negotiated with the City of Vista to get the

Rancho Minerva house for the Historical Society and went to work refurbishing it. The previous owners, the Huntalas's, have since formally made Paul an honorary member of the Huntalas family.

Paul was president of the Vista Historical Society when they opened the museum in Rancho Minerva in 2009.

More recently, Paul has been involved with a Christian healing center at Branches of the Cross Anglican Church in Vista, saying, "It will be a tremendous asset to the community." He has also continued to help the Boys & Girls Club, being responsible for building its new kitchen, dining room, teen room, and several offices. He hopes that by July he will have an elevator installed to serve the second floor of the building that houses this beneficial youth program.

Paul and Diane Eckert would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the society and those involved for selecting them to receive this honor.



**Robert Elsinger**  
1896-1978

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2013**

Robert Elsinger was born to Sarah Fuiks and Sol Elsinger on June 6, 1896, in Minnesota. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, and then his father moved to Azusa prior to the 1920's; and grew oranges.

Robert followed his family to California in the mid-1920's and became a farmer. He moved to North San Diego County in 1926, and while in Vista, he met and married Myrna Ryerson.

Robert Elsinger budded many avocado groves in Escondido, Fallbrook and Vista. He established one of the first packing plants in Escondido and bought, packed and shipped avocados and limes.

His business was located at 121 North Santa Fe Avenue, directly across from the original location of the Santa Fe Railroad

depot. At one time he owned the old landmark, "Red Barn", on the corner of North Santa Fe Avenue and Jefferson Street. He also had a subsidiary packing shed on the railroad at Buena.

Robert was a veteran of World War I; one of the original members of the American Legion; a member of Vista Elks Lodge #1968; and a member of the Vista Optimist Club. On January 26, 1964, he received a Good Citizenship Medal from the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution for his "patriotism, community service and public spiritedness."

He had three children, Diane Eckert, Nanette Marvin, and Robert Elsinger.



**Barney and Donna Harvey Fields**  
**Barney 1935-2016**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2002**

Barney and Donna Fields are lifelong Vista boosters. They were members of many service clubs and other organizations dedicated to the area's betterment.

They have run a successful business and raised their family here.



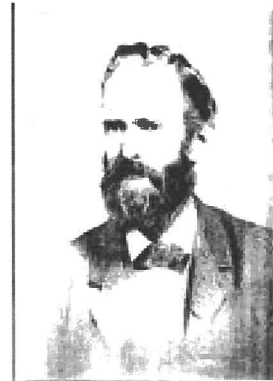
**Joseph H. Fotheringham**  
**1887-1970**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

A land specialist and first mayor of Vista, Joseph H. Fotheringham was born February 22, 1887, in Glasgow, Scotland and came to the United States at age five.

During his 44 years in Vista, he held a variety of civic posts, including the Chamber of Commerce and U.S.O. boards. He was a charter director of the First National Bank of Vista; president of the Downtown Property Owners' Association; elected director of Tri-City Hospital in 1957 and remained a member of that board until 1969.

He was a Vista city councilman and first mayor upon the city's incorporation in January 1963. He was also a member of Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO); president of the San Diego County Division of the League of California Cities; founding member of the Kiwanis Club; past patron, Star of Vista 556 Order Eastern Star; a 32nd Degree Mason; and a past president of the Board of Realtors. He resigned as mayor of Vista in September 1965 and was named president of Tri-City Hospital Board on February 26, 1966.

Fotheringham died in early July 1970.



**John A. Frazier**  
**1832-1899**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

John Frazier was born in Rhode Island. He went to sea with his uncle at the age of thirteen.

In 1881, he and his wife and six children moved to Carlsbad, where he was one of those instrumental in founding what became the Carlsbad Spa. Sometime in 1882, he moved to Vista at least part-time. He lived on what is now Vista Village Drive, west of Santa Fe Avenue.

He applied for a post office in September 1882. At that time, the closest post offices were in Encinitas or by San Luis Rey Mission in a town named San Luis Rey. Creation of a post office at that time named the area, so

he applied for Frazier's Crossing as the name for the community. That name was rejected as there already was a Frazier in California. The name Buena Vista was also rejected. Vista was the name finally permitted and Mr. Frazier became the first postmaster in October 1882. He held the post until November 1886.



**Kenneth Gammie**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2018**

Kenneth Gammie is a Founding Member of the Moonlight Stage Productions, and has been a passionate member of its Artistic Team every season since 1981. Under the leadership of Kathy Brombacher and Steven Glaudini, Ken Gammie has played an important role in helping to grow this once small community theatre to its current glory as one of San Diego County's major Arts organizations. Ken Gammie has conducted over 65 productions at the Moonlight, and was nominated for a San Diego Robby Award for Best Musical Direction in the Moonlight production of Big River in 2005. In 2013, Ken Gammie was inducted into the "Heroes of Vista" Hall of Fame.

For 37 years, Ken Gammie has been a highly respected and beloved music educator for the Vista Unified School District. In 2013, the United States Congress as well as the California Senate named Ken Gammie Educator of the Year for the Arts. A Golden Apple Award recipient (1989), Ken Gammie has con-

tinued to receive honors and awards too numerous to mention for his selfless dedication to his students. For 27 consecutive years, Ken Gammie's middle school orchestras have earned the highest possible, "Unanimous Superior" ratings at the Annual Southern California Band and Orchestra Association Festival competition, which is an extraordinarily rare and amazing accomplishment. Ken Gammie is well known for "going above and beyond the call of duty", giving countless hours of his own time towards the artistic enrichment of the students he teaches and inspires. Through his dedicated work as one of Vista Unified School District's top educators, and as a Moonlight Founding Member and gifted conductor, Ken Gammie's contributions to the Arts in the City of Vista have been immeasurable.



**Sandi Graham**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2022**

I was born in Oceanside at a hospital located on a hillside many years before Tri-City Hospital was even thought of and there was a 2 lane road between Vista and Oceanside.

My mother graduated from Oceanside High School, was Miss Vista in 1929 and married my dad in 1933. I was their first child coming along in 1938 and my brother 3 years later.

Working in the family's drugstore (McDougall's Pharmacy) during my high school years was one of my fondest memories.

I graduated from Vista High School in 1956, and attended Palomar College for 2 years.

I met my future husband at a wedding where he was the groom's best friend. He taught school at Lincoln Middle School. We got married in 1964, and had our only child, a daughter, in 1972. Unfortunately the marriage ended in 1985.

After various jobs in local Dentist/Doctor's offices as a Secretary I was lucky enough to find a job with Vista Unified School District as a secretary and eventually became an Administrative Assistant at California Avenue School which is a school for the handicapped children. I retired in 2002.

After retirement I became restless and needed something to do so I started volunteering for various organizations starting with the Social Committee at Vista Del Mar where I live, which is a retirement complex on Breeze Hill off of Pomelo.

I am a member of the PEO Chapter in Vista, taking after my mother and grandmother.

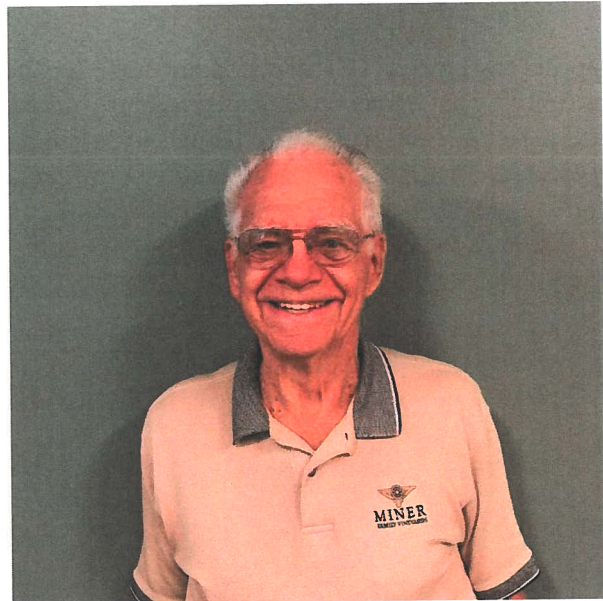
I continue to be a member for many years of the Triple M Club (which my mother and other ladies started back in the 1920s). Our goal is to raise funds for scholarships for high school students.

I became a Moonlight Angel for the Moonlight Amphitheatre volunteering during the shows as an usher and "ticket writer" which I am still doing. I was just awarded the "Star of the Year" last year for my 20 years as a volunteer. This turned out to be my absolute favorite thing to do!!!! How could you NOT love the Moonlight?

I also have been a member of the Vista Historical Society for at least 28 years which includes 18 years as the Membership Chairman. One of my favorite things to do is enjoying looking at pictures of "Old" Vista and reminiscing about life here in Vista.

One of the other "fun" things I did as a volunteer was driving a golf cart that was used to pick up seniors at their cars at the Senior Center when they came in for lunch then taking them back to their cars. What made this especially fun was "working" with my good friend Norm Halus. Wonderful memories.

As you can see volunteering has been a big part of my life. I guess you can say mom and dad had taught me that it was one of the most gratifying things you could do.



**Norm Halus**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2022**

I am proud to nominate Norm Halus for the 2022 Hall of Fame. A long-time Vista resident, Norm has made a significant impact on the quality of life in Vista's neighborhoods and parks, and on seniors and community groups. He demonstrates exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with special project or ongoing activities, serving as a role model by inspiring others.

Norm volunteers many hours in the community and for the City of Vista. He seems to know everyone, greeting them with a smile and a factoid about the city. He is active, positive, and cheerful, bringing people together to make Vista a better place to live.

Norm married his high school sweetheart, Martha in 1952 and pursued his engineering degree at Purdue University. They raised their family and then retired to Vista in 1989, becoming active volunteers in the community.

Since 1992, Norm has served on a City of Vista Commission. Following his wife's death in 2008, Norm continued adding to his daily volunteer activities with the city, his homeowner's association, and on the Scripps Community Advisory Board. In 2013, Norm received the 2013 Vista Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Award.

Traffic Commission 7/1/1992 - 6/30/1994  
 Planning Commission 7/1/1994 - 6/30/98  
 (Chair 7/1/1997-6/30/1998)  
 Parks & Recreation Commission 7/1/1998 -  
 current (Chair 7/1/2003 - 6/30/2006)  
 Sales Tax Oversight Committee 7/1/2012 -  
 current (Vice Chair 2013-current)

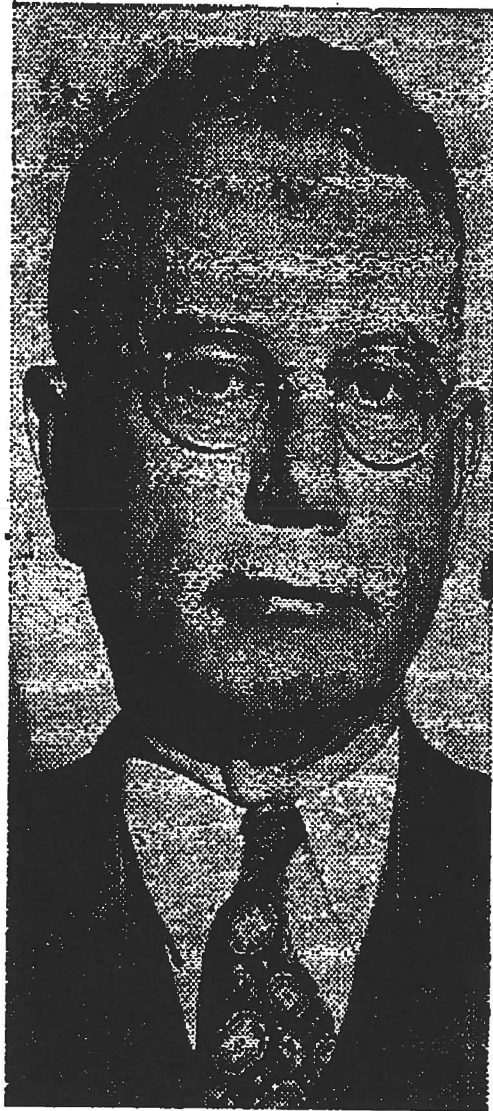
Norm continues to make a positive impact on Vista and what sets him apart, is his love for the city, knowledge of its history, engagement with it's present, and his shared vision for its future. Visitors meeting Norm always walk away knowing more about the city's many amenities and activities. Passionate about improving the quality of life for residents, he has touched numerous facets of City Hall's policies and decisions on traffic, planning, current and new parks, and recreational opportunities. Norm recently served on the McClellan Senior Center's Nutrition Committee and has volunteered at the Center for many years, shuttling seniors back and forth from the parking lot to the Center's front doors.

Norm's passion for volunteering, involvement in the community, and ability to give back are only second to his love for his family. He is truly an asset to our community, and I am honored to nominate him for this significant recognition.

Sincerely,



Judy Ritter  
 Mayor



**Edwin G. Hart**

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**Edwin Gile Hart**  
 1874-1939  
 Elected to the Vista Hall of  
 Fame  
 Early Residents Division 2017

From his arrival in Vista in 1925 until his death in December of 1939, Edwin G. Hart was closely identified with the development of the Vista Irrigation District and one of the principal developers of agriculture in the district. He was the head of the Vista Development Association, subdivider of about 2200 acres of land in Vista, president of the Edwin G. Hart Co. and was the principal organizer of the First National Bank of Vista of which he had been a stockholder and officer since it began business in 1928. Dale E. Wood and Harry Reynolds were Vista agents for disposal of the properties. Later, both were real estate brokers in Vista. He was also president of the San Luis Rey Development Association where his organization owned some 1800 acres.

E. G. Hart was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1874, to John, a Civil War veteran, and Emma Hart. The family moved to California in 1884, where John Hart grew grapes on 40 acres in the Sierra Madre and was prominent in professional music circles. Edwin had two brothers, John, an attorney who served as Acting District Attorney of Los Angeles, and Frank, an accomplished pianist and manager of the Southern California Music Company.

After being in the mining business in Mexico, E.G. Hart went into land development in Southern California.

Mr. Hart was the leading developer of California's expansive avocado industry. His avocado and citrus fruit developments had a large part in creating La Habra Heights, Vista, and North Whittier Heights. The city of San Marino near Pasadena, and its school system were organized many years ago, largely due to Mr. Hart's vision and perseverance.

His first avocado growing experiments were carried on at San Marino after which he developed 1700 acres and the first hillside terraced orchards at North Whittier Heights. Then 3600 acres were developed at La Habra Heights and some 2200 at Vista.

Water and road system developments were followed by plantings. Mr. Hart had also developed probably the largest collection of hibiscus in the State. He was a past president of the Los Angeles Realty Board, first president of the California Avocado Association and an organizer of the Calavo Growers of California. He was also a Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce leader and interested in the welfare of many agricultural industries.

He was killed when he was struck down by an automobile on East Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles, on Dec. 6, 1939. At the inquest, the fatal car's driver was exonerated after the widow had asked that he be absolved

of blame due to the glaring lights of many cars and to the fact that the new boulevard had not been lined off as yet.

Sources include The Vista Press 1939, A History of Vista by Harrison Doyle, and Edwin Giles: Vision of a City Founder by Linda Molino PhD. Published in the Winter 2017 issue of The Grapevine by the San Marino Historical Society.



**Charles C. Hausladen  
1895-1988**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2010**

Charles Hausladen was born in Minnesota. He came to Fresno, California, as a young man and worked in the grape vineyards around Fresno and Delano. He, his wife Mildred and family came to Vista in 1927, where he first worked for Phillips-Hambaugh Company, one of Vista's early developers, who laid out some of our first streets. Phillips Street and Hambaugh Way are named for these two partners. Over the years, Charles Hausladen was known as the man who built many of Vista's streets.

At the time the Hausladen family arrived here, there were about 350 people in Vista. There was a general store, a post office and a hardware store.



.In the late 1920s, Hausladen bought a monoplane and used it and another leased plane to get around in his work. He managed the Chicago Tribune's large avocado planting on "Tribune Hill" near Pechstein Dam for several years. He helped form the Vista Volunteer Fire Department shortly after arriving here. He held the office of president of the Rotary Club in 1951; was a member of the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees; became president of the board of directors of Buena Colorado Municipal Water District in January 1958; and in February 1958 was named superintendent of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. An enthusiastic supporter of his community, he used his construction equipment to level and work the ground for the construction of the Vista Recreation Center in 1940. He also prepared the surfaces for track meets at the schools and for ball games at the Recreation Center.

He was known throughout the area as a civic-minded and dependable citizen. He was called on to fill many varied positions, all of them serving to make our area a better place in which to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Hausladen were Honorary Life Members of Vista Historical Society, Inc. They were the parents of four children.



**John A. and Carol Weise Herrera  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2022**

#### JOHN A. HERRERA

John Herrera's call to service began at the age of 9. He and his siblings worked after school to help support the household. At 14 he enlisted in the Texas National Guard unit, which his father had served with during WW II and after his 2 older, and 1 younger brother also served. At age 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and retired after over 21 years having

served on 3 ships, numerous shore installations and as Senior Corpsman with a Marine Infantry Company in The Republic of Vietnam. Among his ribbons are The Presidential Unit Citation, The Combat Action Ribbon and The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. In 1968 the Department of the Navy implemented The Associate Degree Completion Program for Navy members to obtain a higher education. John was in the first group selected to attend Palomar College in San Marcos and relocated his residence to Vista. After beginning classes he accepted an invitation from the Vista Jr. Chamber of Commerce (JAYCEES) to be a Board member. Much later he attained a BA and MBA from National University in Vista. He did Doctoral studies at United States International University in San Diego. After leaving the Navy John worked for The Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Customs Service, and taught for the Adult Education Program for Mira Costa College, The State of California, as well as other employers. He is married, the father of 3 sons and a daughter, and has lived in Vista for over forty years.

He is committed to community service. John continues the quest for social justice and is a tireless advocate for local students. He and Carol raised funds for Vista High School Show Cats and helped tailor costumes for student competitive events. He is past member of National League of United Latin American Citizens committed to assimilation into American mainstream; Hispanic American for Progress devoted to encourage students to remain in school and aspire to higher education; supporting and obtaining Mariachi instruments for The Vista High School student Club; President Shadowridge Rotary Club, 2004; Mayor Morris Vance advisory committee member to liaison between Latino community and Sheriff's Department to create positive interaction; founding member of Vista Education Foundation to support the arts, scholarships, and technology; founding member Encuentros Leadership to support Boys to achieve optimal education performance; member of American GI Forum; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; Third Marine Division Association; recipient "San Diego Latino Champion Veteran of the Year, 2014, Award" from The San Diego Union Tribune; rec-

ognized with "El Rookie Award" for noteworthy service to Mariachi Youth Programs and Youth Services, 2018-2019, Rotary year by The Route 78 Rotary Club.

John moves about the community in a quiet, unassuming manner, but when critical needs must be addressed, he is prompt in volunteering his service leadership. That may be why he has been selected by the City and the Federal Government to participate in committees to diffuse difficult situations. His presence is seen and felt throughout the community as he goes about making a difference in the lives of those with whom he comes in contact. Through his demonstrated leadership, John has contributed significantly to the quality of life of our hometown Vista.

#### CAROL WEISE HERRERA

Carol Weise Herrera was born and raised near Duncansville, Pennsylvania in a region designated by the railroad industry as, FOOT OF TEN, which designates a unit of measure for rail distance. She is 1 of 8 children. Carol earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary and high school education from The College of Misericordia a small Catholic school outside of Wilkes Barre. She received a Masters Degree in the teaching of reading from Scranton University a Jesuit school. After relocating to California she received an Administrative Credential from San Diego State University. Carol has taught every elementary grade in private and public schools, gifted and talented students, as well as college classes. She was principal of an elementary school in a district neighboring Vista Unified School District for 16 years. The school was recognized by the State of California as a winner of a Distinguished School award. The school was also designated a top performing school by the State.

She was hired by the Army Navy Academy, adult Division, in the 1970's to establish/lead a testing-reading program for enlisted Marines and their dependents at Camp Pendleton/El Toro Marine Corps bases and at Mira Mar Naval Air Station. The program a part of the GI bill was designed to assist military personnel and their dependents to complete their high school degree requirements.

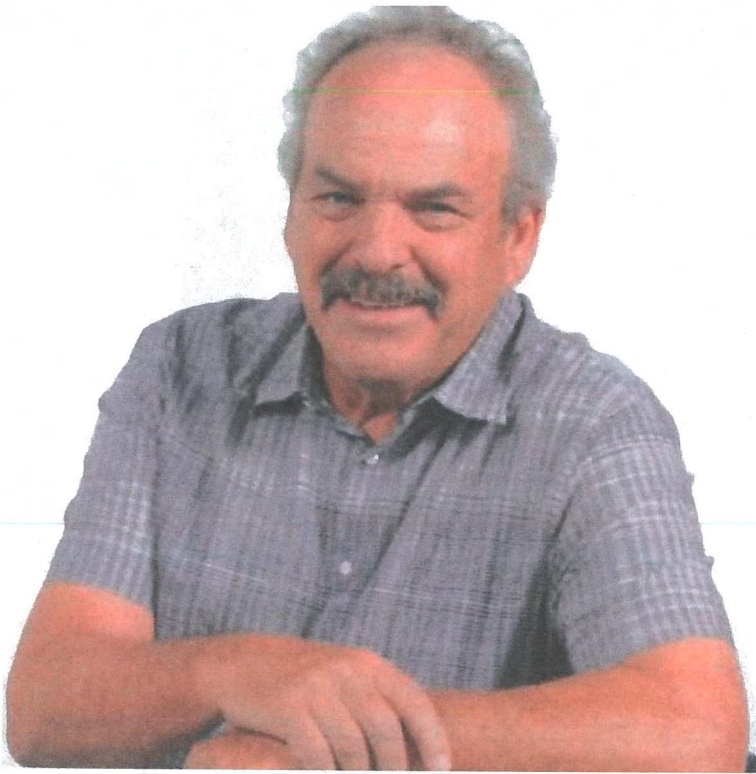
Carol has been recognized as a, Teacher of the Year recipient, by the San Diego Reading Association award, consultant for McGraw Hill Publish-

ing Company and a Western Association of Schools and Colleges evaluator.

She served on the Vista Unified School District board of Trustees for 16 years. The experience prepared Carol for the next phase of her Vista community involvement. As a school board member in Vista she was a vote for increasing the student instructional program by 2 days. As a board member Carol often encountered students who needed shelter, clothing and medical services.

Her position as a 5-year board member of Solution for Change and a 3-year board member of the Assistance League gave her insights into available services for families. Carol was a 12-year member of the Tri-City Hospital Advisory Board. She was a founding member of the Vista Education Foundation and recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award.

Carol has been a member of Sunrise Vista Kiwanis for 20 years. She implemented the BRINGING UP GRADES PROGRAM (BUG) in which students are rewarded for working to improve their reading skills and grades in school. In the past 20-years 18,000 awards have been presented to Vista students. The program continues to this day. Carol initiated a reading program for the Boys and Girls Club. She led a team of Kiwanians to the Club during the pandemic to read individually with a group of children and help them with their reading. This weekly program is very successful. It is on hold due to covid.



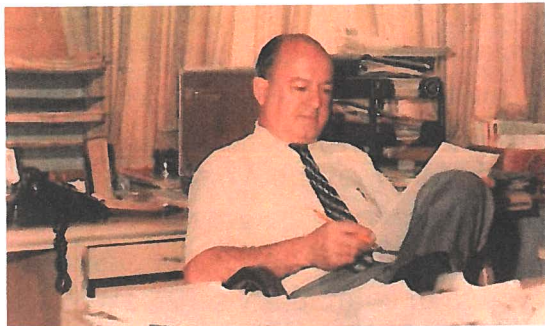
**Ron Holloway**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

artist, Bryan Morse. Ron Holloway's particular skill is in being the strong glue that continues to move the project forward and increase its visibility in the community and beyond. He does this with great energy, great cheerfulness, and committed professionalism. He is active in community service and is a 30 year member of the Amigos de Vista Lions Club. He is a member of Vista's youth Basketball Advisory Board. He previously served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Traffic Commission and was Treasurer of the City Sales Tax Initiative.

Ron Holloway is a registered Civil Engineer and Senior Vice President in charge of the engineering division of BHA, Inc. a land planning, civil engineering and surveying firm he co-founded. Ron has over 40 years of experience in the civil engineering profession. Ron received a civil engineering degree from San Jose State University.

Ron has lived in Vista for many years. He is known for his work with Alta Vista Botanical Gardens. He began as a founding board member in 1999. He oversees the operation, maintenance and new construction of the facilities. He manages the board, employees and volunteers. He promotes events and works toward community involvement. He coordinates with the City with land planning and permits.

The garden concept was first promoted by an enthusiastic genius, Dr. Darien. Many projects have been completed by magical environmental



**Bill Hunktalas**  
**1917-1998**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2019**

Bill Hunktalas was born in 1917 in Tehachapi, CA to Nick and Bessie Hunktalas. Nick Hunktalas had purchased the land around the current Rancho Minerva ranch in Vista, CA, in 1911 but at the time of Bill's birth he was still working as a railroad laborer in the Tehachapi area. Later in 1917 Nick, Bessie and their young son, Bill, moved to Vista to begin their life on Rancho Minerva.

Bill grew up in the family's original farmhouse alongside Foothill Drive in Vista and attended the first schools established in the Oceanside area. As a teenager, Bill helped his father make the adobe bricks that were used to construct the current Rancho Minerva Adobe residence. He also designed and built the large water fountain structure behind the adobe.

As a high school student, Bill excelled in track and field events winning the Southern California CIF high school 100 yard dash championship with a then record time of 9.8 seconds. This record set in 1937 stood for over ten years.

Bill then attended the University of California at Berkeley graduating with a B.S. degree in engineering, specializing in metallurgy. He was hired directly out of college in 1942 along with most of his graduating engineering class by the Alcoa Aluminum Company to support the war effort.

After five years at Alcoa Bill founded his own company, Felton Aluminum Company based in Felton, California. He later moved his company to Santa Clara, CA where he built a large aluminum foundry specializing in sand cast aluminum products for irrigation systems, defense products and other consumer goods. Felton Aluminum became known as a world leader in specialty aluminum products with customers spanning across the globe. Bill was recognized throughout the industry as a specialist in the design and manufacturing of aluminum cast products. He served as President of Felton Aluminum for more than forty five years. Bill died on March 29, 1998 at the age of 80.



**Nicholas "Nick" Hunktalas**  
**1884-1980**

**Bessie Hunktalas**  
**1896-1992**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2011**

Nick Hunktalas emigrated from the village of Kadilla, Greece, to the United States in 1902.

He traveled as far west as he could and ended up in Chico, a little village north of San Francisco. He remembered arriving very hungry and walking up to an orange packing house. He asked the workers for some oranges to eat, but they turned him away. Behind the building he found a pile of discarded fruit and gorged himself. He survived on oranges for a week. At this point, he was very grateful for his luck and mused that someday he would grow lots of oranges.

His first job was as a laborer for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Bakersfield. With the help of a friend named Frank Barkholder, Nick learned English and advanced at his job.

In 1911, a group of Nicholas's friends got together to form the Greek American Land Company. Hunktalas became the vice president. They pooled what little money they had saved to invest in land. With this money, they went to a real estate broker from Los Angeles who drove them down to Vista, where they bought 420 acres of land. They leased the land to local ranchers, who used it to graze their cattle. Nick believed that Vista was the best place in California. So when one by one the other investors

sold their portion of the acreage, he bought most of it.

In 1916, Huntalas decided to get married. As was common for Greeks, he made plans to go back to Greece to find a bride. He had been writing to a cousin he had never met in Patterson, New Jersey. She asked him, on his way to Greece, to stop by and visit her as well as meet a friend. When Nick met the friend, whose name was Bessie, they fell in love. In three days they were married and heading back to California.

Nicholas still worked for the railroad in Bakersfield, but after a year decided to quit and farm his land in Vista.

Living in Vista in 1917 meant a life of isolation and little if any modern comforts. Nicholas built a four-room house, which didn't include the luxury of electricity, plumbing or running water.

At the time, Nicholas was limited to dry-farming. He grew barley and oats when the weather was wet enough. But this crop was not very profitable. Back then, the weather was very dry. Dry-farming was the principal business, as the area's severe water shortage prohibited any extensive irrigation. By 1923, the water problem was acute.

Huntalas's water came from a deep well on his property, but he still needed additional water in order to be able to grow more profitable crops.

In 1923, Nicholas Huntalas was among the first signers of the Vista Irrigation District Water Plan for Vista. The water would come from the recently completed reservoir at Lake Henshaw about 40 miles away, owned by the San Diego Water Company.

The Vista Irrigation District was formed, and irrigation water became available in 1926.

For the Huntalas family, which now consisted of three children as well as Nick and Bessie, the availability of water made a great change in their livelihood.

With the increased supply of water, Nicholas Huntalas began to grow vegetables and plant trees. In about 1928, a new product came alive: the avocado.

Receptive to new ideas and challenges, he started his own nursery from seedlings. In 1933, Nicholas Huntalas had over 5,000 trees, including avocados, oranges, lemons and grapefruit, Nick assisted universities with the development of the tangelo and an avocado strain resistant to root rot.

While the country was in the Great Depression, the Huntalas' continued to thrive. They had a new home, Rancho Minerva, which was built in 1933. The adobe house, complete with full basement, was ready

to move into in May, 1934. For the first time, the family enjoyed indoor plumbing, with hot and cold running water, an electric stove and refrigerator and even a chandelier in the living room.

Nick Huntalas and his wife, Bessie, remained at the ranch until their deaths.

Later, the remaining land was taken for a school that opened in 2007. The historic home is now the Vista Historical Society Museum.



**Ted Huntalas**  
**1923-2016**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

Ted Huntalas was born in the original farmhouse on the family ranch in Vista. That ranch later became known as Rancho Minerva, named by his father for the goddess of wisdom. Ted's birth was attended by a midwife, Mrs. Lorenza Serrano Marron, a granddaughter of the man who accompanied Father Serra to California. The Spanish style adobe home on Rancho Minerva was built in 1933 of bricks made on the property by the contractor. Ted was raised in the home that now serves as the Vista Historical Society Museum.

Ted was the youngest son of Nick and Bessie Huntalas who came to Vista in 1911 to start farming. They acquired a 420 acre tract of land that had originally been part of a Mexican land grant that covered the North County region.

Ted attended Vista High School and took pride in being a member of the first senior graduating class. Following his school graduation, Ted served in the US Army for two years during WWII in the Philippines.

He was discharged in 1946 as a Staff Sergeant and then attended UC Berkeley. After college graduation, Ted returned to Rancho Minerva to manage the family citrus ranch.

Ted was witness to the development of the North County agricultural region that transformed from dry farming to more profitable fruit and vegetable farming with the advent of electricity and water in the 1930's. The Huntalas family was instrumental in forming the Vista Irrigation District that brought the first water to the new rural farming areas in Vista.

Rancho Minerva served as a hub of agricultural development for the burgeoning citrus and avocado industries in the North Country. The ranch grew during 1950's and 1960's to include over 5,000 tress and produced 200,000 pounds of annually of avocado, orange and lemon produce.

Later with the continuing growth of Vista, Ted was active as a licensed realtor and land developer. By funding the infrastructure improvements along Foothill Drive, including the original acreage that Rancho Minerva School is built on, he made it possible for housing to develop.

Throughout Ted's entire life, he was a very active, energetic person who embraced life to the fullest. He approached everything in life with a smile on this face and instilled the values of hard work and perseverance to all around him.

Ted was a frequent donor to the Vista Historical Society, and honored by being made a life time member. Ted was a member of Greek Orthodox Churches, the Hellenic Cultural Society, and a lifetime member of the AHEPA and th Pan Arcadian Greek philanthropy organizations.

Ted retired in 1993 after 70 years of hard work, to enjoy his grandchildren and tour the world with his beloved wife, Irene. All three of his children graduated from college and came back to the area to pursue their careers and raise their families. Ted spent many happy years surrounded by family and loved telling his grandchildren stories about the ranch and the history of Vista.



**Eleanor Hutchins  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2018**

Eleanor Hutchins: Director, Executive Board of The Woman's Club of Vista GFWC and Community Volunteer.

Eleanor is an extremely active, effective community volunteer. In 1992, she organized the Pride of Vista Lions club and she continues to lead and support all of their work in the community. The Pride of Vista Lions club supports eye exams and eyeglasses for needy children in Vista. The Club provides scholarships and passes out dictionaries to third graders. They also plant trees at schools and collect pennies for the Vista Little League.

Eleanor organized and continues to support the Miss Pride of Vista Pageant, which awards \$3,000 in scholarships to local young ladies who provide hundreds of hours of volunteering in the community every year. She is the adult supervisor who ensures the safety of her young ladies. They participate in Festivals, Vista parades, Beach Bashes, and the Easter Egg Hunt in Vista.

Eleanor is currently promoting the formation of an Alpha Leo club in Vista for young people between 12 and 18 years of age to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service.

The Facebook pages for the Pride of Vista Lions and the Miss Pride of Vista Pageant show an active, happy and effective group making a difference in their community. Eleanor plans, promotes, and adds her enthusiasm and energy to all of these activities and fundraisers for both Pride's community volunteering.

Eleanor joined The Woman's Club of Vista GFWC in January 2016 on the urging of the President Elect, Judy Pantazo. When she joined, she said she loves volunteering. Then she proved it by promoting the club with her contacts in the community, running the club's monthly Scholarships Raffle (you can't

say no to her ticket sales pitch!), updating and producing The Women's Club yearbook directory, recruiting a new member who set up a new website, and working with the "Only Losers Litter" trash collecting walks here in Vista. Eleanor also designed and donated flyers and tickets for the Women's Club Centennial Celebration in 2016.

Eleanor promotes the Women's Club's restaurant fundraisers which are actually successful social events that support the Club's scholarships program. "Promotion" could be Eleanor's middle name. She raised more than half the cost of printing the Women's Club directories by selling business card ads. She's a member that the Club depends on for her many generous contributions and hours of dedicated service!

Eleanor is also a member/ Past President of the Soroptimist of Vista. She supports all their community events and fundraisers. For many years she was also involved with the Vista Village Business Association where she promoted the redevelopment of downtown Vista. Some of the projects she coordinated include the Vista Rod Run and the Thursday Night Downtown Street Fair.

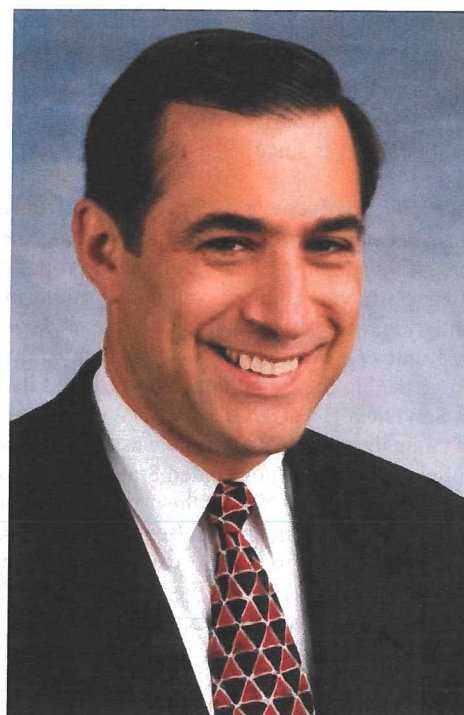
Eleanor is an active member of the Fallbrook Alumni Association. She recently produced a Fallbrook calendar to benefit the association's projects, and as a board member, she helps maintain not only the member roster but their website as well.

She does all this in addition to owning a family business, Hutchins Printing, since 1978.

In 2013 she and her son Eric launched TheVistaPress.com, an online publication, to fill the need for an outlet for community awareness and information. She publishes community service announcements in TheVistaPress.com at no charge to non-profits.

Eleanor works so many volunteer hours for the community that she can't keep track of them all! It seems that she knows everyone in Vista and brings people together to make Vista a better place to live. She works tirelessly to benefit others in need. She's always volunteering and working in the community and setting up new events and projects to make others' lives more productive and comfortable. She is active, positive, and an asset to the community.

Eleanor deserves this recognition for her years of volunteering and connecting in the community. She has made a positive impact on Vista.



**Darrell E. Issa**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2019**

Born November 1, 1953 in Cleveland, OH (the second of six children) Darrell E. Issa is a businessman and Republican politician. In 1970, on his 17th birthday, Issa dropped out of high school and enlisted for three years in the Army. He became an Explosives Ordinance Disposal (EOD) technician.

Issa received a hardship discharge from the Army in 1972 (his father had suffered a heart attack) and earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate. Issa attended Siena Heights University, a small Roman Catholic college in Adrian, MI. Later, while getting a BA Degree Kent State University at Stark, he enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in the Army Reserves from 1976 to 1980 and was promoted to the rank of captain.

After leaving the military, Issa and his wife Kathy, moved back to the Cleveland area where their son, William was born. They pooled their savings to invest in Quantum Enterprises, an electronics manufacturer that assembled bug zappers, radio parts and various consumer products for other companies. Issa later purchased a struggling auto security company, turned it around and became a supplier to Ford as well as producing a proprietary line of automotive security products. As car theft rose in the 1980's, so did the demand for security devices. Toyota, Jaguar, BMW and General Motors joined Ford as customers. Issa sold the company to a California-based maker of home alarms, moved to Vista (where they has lived ever since) to work for the company.

Shortly afterward he left to start Directed Electronics, Inc (DEI) one of the largest auto security manufacturers, which has been a North County employer since 1985 and a large Vista employer since 1989.

With his involvement in consumer-electronics trade associations, Issa became politically active. In 1996 he was chairman of the successful campaign to pass California Proposition 209, a ballot initiative which prohibited public institutions in California from considering race, sex, or ethnicity in the areas of public employment, public contracting, or public education. He was instrumental in persuading the Republican Party to hold its 1996 convention in San Diego.

Issa's first campaign for elected office was 1998, when he sought the Republican nomination for United States Senate to run against incumbent Barbara Boxer. He lost the primary election to Matt Fong. In 2000 nine-term incumbent Republican U.S. Congressman Ron Packard decided not to run for reelection. Issa ran for Packard's seat, capitalizing on his name recognition from the 1998 Senate race and won the November election with 61% of the vote. After the 2008 elections, Issa was appointed ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Following the 2010 elections, Issa became chairman. He became a vocal advocate for improving transparency of federal agency reports and a Government Accountability Office examination of the Federal Reserve. He also became an advocate for investigations into the Obama administration, including the Troubled Assets Relief Program, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, corruption in Afghanistan, WikiLeaks, and the Food and Drug Administration, among other issues.

In 2010 the Project on Government Oversight, a government watchdog group, awarded Issa with its Good Government Award for his contributions to government oversight and transparency. In 2013 Issa introduced the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013 aimed to make information on federal expenditures more easily available, accessible, and transparent. The bill was signed into law by President Obama on May 9, 2014. Other legislation introduced and passed was intended to reduce IT procurement-related waste, and the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014.

In July 2017, Issa introduced the CLASSICS Act to Congress in a bipartisan effort to empower artists through the collection of royalties for the preceding three-year period and by ensuring their creative rights remain in force for pre-1972 recordings just as newer artists are guaranteed by current legislation. Issa has been a consistent supporter of the Fair Play Fair Pay Act: granting performance rights for musicians and record producers.

In addition to the Oversight Committee Issa also served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Middle East and North Africa subcommittees and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade); Committee of the Judiciary (subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet (Chair) and the subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law.

Issa announced in January 2018 that he would not seek re-election for the House seat. On September 19, 2018 President Donald Trump nominated Issa to be Director of the United States Trade Development Agency and he is currently awaiting Senate Confirmation for that position.

Over the last twenty years many local groups have been beneficiaries of the Issa Family Foundation which has concentrated its support in Vista and the North County.



**Michael Thomas "Mickey" Irving  
1901-1985  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2011**

Michael Irving was a member of one of Vista's pioneer families. His parents came to Vista in 1896. He was a well-liked man who participated actively in civic affairs.

Irving was a Vista school bus driver for the Vista Union School District during the 1920's. In 1930, he became a constable for the County Sheriff. As a constable, he was well known as a fair man who was good at his job. In 1936 his position was renamed to sheriff's deputy, and he had Badge Number 1. This badge is now in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Museum.

Irving was married to Maria Etcheverry Itzaina, also a member of a historic Vista family.

He also served as a member of the Vista Chapter of the American Legion.





**Nancy B. Jones  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2017**

Since she retired in 2006 after 19 years of teaching first grade at **Alamosa Park Elementary School**, Nancy B Jones has given thousands of hours of her time and talent to various projects throughout Vista. She consulted at the school, continues working with the Green Thumb Gardening Club, and leads Earth Day field trips to Guajome Regional Park for first grade classes. Her accomplishments can be divided into three categories: Kids, Gardening, and Community.

**KIDS:** Nancy coordinated California School Garden Grant for Vista Unified School District, bringing in \$63,000 for gardens at 20 elementary, middle and high schools 2007 - 2009.

For **Alamosa Park first graders**, she has provided field trips to Guajome Regional Park for Earth Day every year since 2010.

**GARDENING:** As a member of the **Vista Garden Club**, Nancy volunteered to help teach Vista children how to garden through the VGC's gardening classes for children. She served on the executive board as treasurer and corresponding secretary. She coordinated the club's annual Scholarship Luncheon opportunity drawing 2007-2011, raising funds for horticultural college scholarships. For the club's annual free flower show, their gift to the Vista community, Mrs. Jones served as Horticulture Chairman 2008-2013 and was Ice Cream Social Chairman in 2010 and advisor in 2011-2012.

At **Alta Vista Botanical Gardens**, Mrs. Jones serves on the AVBG board as Director of Children's Programs where she is known as "Farmer Jones." Nancy wrote and received the grant for Incredible Edibles garden at AVBG and supervised the building, installation, fencing and irrigation done by volunteers, 2009-2010.

Mrs. Jones founded and organized the Fall Fun Festival for AVBG 2009-present, working with community members to raise donations for the Gardens. The Fall Fun Festival includes a scarecrow contest,

judges, activities for children, student volunteers and certificates of appreciation. Members of The Woman's Club of Vista volunteer at these outdoor events, where children are given opportunities to express creativity, appreciate nature and to learn how to grow vegetables.

She also has organized and provided children's activities for Earth Day at AVBG from 2007-present including The Woman's Club of Vista and student volunteers, and certificates of appreciation. Activities are similar to those for the Fall Fun Festival, with an added bonus of opportunities to learn more about the environment, recycling, and how to enjoy life out in nature. Mrs. Jones continues to lead and provide monthly Kids in the Garden classes at AVBG, promoting environmental awareness and gardening, and has taught over 3,300 children over the last seven years, with all fees paid being donated to AVBG. This includes field trips for Scouts, elementary classes, homeschool and charter school groups at AVBG. She supervised volunteers for workdays at AVBG: high school and community college students earning their Community Service hours 2009-present. She led fundraising to bring the Ricardo Breceda "Serpent" sculpture to the Children's Garden in 2016, collecting donations from Vista Mayor Judy Ritter, The Woman's Club of Vista, and friends of the Gardens to add to her personal sponsorship.

**COMMUNITY:** As a member of **The Woman's Club of Vista** since 2009, Nancy has served as Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Newsletter and Publicity, and has brought energy and enthusiasm to her work as Club President from 2013-2017. She has volunteered with projects for local nonprofit organizations, including coordinating the Club's annual Donation Day from 2009-2013. Mrs. Jones served as Chairman for The Woman's Club of Vista's 95th anniversary celebration in 2011 and helped plan and lead the celebration for the Club's Centennial and fundraiser for scholarships in 2016.

Trained as a **Literacy Tutor** at Vista Library in 2006, she worked with three English learners over a 4-year period to help them earn their GEDs.

In 2012, Nancy Jones was recognized by the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, receiving their **Have a Heart for Kids Award** for all that she does

for the children of our community.

**KIDS, GARDENING, AND COMMUNITY:**

Mrs. Jones has managed to combine all three of these interests: She has worked with the Boys and Girls Club Torch Club kids and other volunteers doing Garden Groomers workdays, weeding and trimming at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens.

In 2011-2013 she led field trips for Vista Magnet Middle School eighth graders to tour AVBG and do mulching and weeding work, 2 days with 100 kids and their teachers each day. From 2014-present she has been working with Rancho Minerva Middle School AVID students as garden mentor, teaching garden and environmental topics along with tours of the Gardens.

The Woman's Club of Vista received two "Club Creativity" Awards from the international General Federation of Women's Clubs in 2016 for the Conservation program at AVBG and for Advocates for Children for the Gardening Club program at Alamosa Park Elementary School. The Club also sponsors the "Only Losers Litter" trashwalks with the Backfence Society to clean up around Vista, bringing in "caped community crusaders" of all ages from schools and service clubs.



**Bainbridge Morse Larkin  
1917-1982**

**Nancy Jane Cooper Larkin  
1916-1986**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2020**

Dick and Nancy Larkin moved to Vista in the spring of 1949 with their three children: David, Janet and Daniel. Nancy was with child to be born in August.

**Historical Background**

Bainbridge Morse Larkin, DMD ("Dick Larkin") was born in Georgetown Massachusetts on April 16, 1917. Georgetown was a small town in northeastern Massachusetts, incorporated in 1838. The house in which Dick grew up (an American arts and crafts Bungalow) was built by Dick's parents, Greta Morse and Richard Larkin in 1915. The Bungalow has been completely restored by Dick's niece, Louise Ann Richardson, and is registered with the Massachusetts Historical Commission as the Larkin — Morse —Richardson House. Parenthetically, the Bungalow has always been in a woman's name, but that's another story.

Dick graduated from Haverhill High School where he was on the football and baseball teams. Dick also played trombone in the high school orchestra. At age 16 "Dick won a trip to Europe playing" I'm Getting Sentimental Over You" (Tommy Dorsey's theme song) in a local talent contest. During his high school years Dick played trombone in the Haverhill DeMolay band, directed by Howard Rowell, a cornetists with the John Philip Sousa band.

Nancy Jane Cooper Larkin ("Nancy Larkin") was born in Bellaire, Ohio on December 16, 1916. Nancy's father, Kenneth G. Cooper, was a lawyer and an active member of the Presbyterian Church in Bellaire. Nancy's mother, Florence Long Cooper, was an Ohio State graduate and very active in civic affairs in Bellaire. Florence was responsible for starting the Girl Scouts in the state of Ohio.

Nancy was very active in clubs at Bellaire High School. Outside of high school Nancy assisted her mother with the civic activities in Bellaire and was involved with youth activities at the Bellaire Presbyterian Church. Nancy graduated valedictorian of her high school class.

Dick and Nancy met at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Dick majored in economics. Nancy majored in sociology. Nancy was invited into Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Cum laude. After graduation from Swarthmore, Dick went to work for North Western Mutual Life Insurance and was sent to Hartford, Connecticut. Nancy returned to Ohio

and became a social worker in a tough section of Columbus where she had to carry a gun for protection

Because Dick and Nancy had been sweethearts at Swarthmore, they decided that a long distance romance was less than desirable; thus they were married at the Presbyterian Church in Bellaire, Ohio on December 30, 1939.

Nancy moved to Connecticut where they lived until Dick decided he wanted to become a dentist. In the fall of 1940 Dick entered the dental program at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dick and Nancy had their first child, David Morse Larkin, on April 3, 1941.

December 7, 1941, "a day in infamy", when the Japanese Imperial Navy attacked Pearl Harbor, brought about radical change in the United States. Tufts dental school was taken over by the U.S. Navy. The Navy accelerated the dental program to prepare dentists for active duty as soon as possible.

While completing Dental School Dick and Nancy had their second child, Janet Adams Larkin, on March 15, 1944.

Dick graduated cum laude from Tufts. Due to his outstanding performance as a dental student, Tufts and the Navy requested Dick to teach younger dental students to help ready them for active duty. Thereafter, Dick was immediately stationed at Newport, Rhode Island. Nancy, David and Janet followed Dick to Newport where they lived in military housing. At night all buildings were blacked out.

The war ended in the summer of 1945 and Dick and David (then 4 1/2 years old) hopped in a 1941 Mercury Coupe and headed for California. Dick chose La Jolla as their destination. Nancy and Janet went to Bellaire, Ohio to live with Nancy's parents until Dick located the house.

Dick immediately began to practice dentistry, having taken over a retiring dentist's practice. The office was well located on La Jolla Blvd. near Scripps Hospital and the Bishops School. Dick's dental practice rapidly grew and he remodeled the office to include a tropical garden and waterfall view from every operatory.

In La Jolla Dick and Nancy had their third child, Daniel Cooper Larkin, born on Leap Year Day, February 29, 1948.

After three years in La Jolla, Dick and Nancy, being cognizant of the rapid growth in La Jolla and somewhat disenchanted with the number of La Jolla's overcast days, began a quest for a community with a slower pace and country environment. At that time Nancy was pregnant

with their fourth child.

A New Home in Vista, California

Dick and Nancy moved to Vista in the spring of 1949 with their three children and one on the way. The couple was drawn to Vista for a variety of reasons. Vista was a quaint community with a population of approximately 5000. Vista had its own water source, thanks to the foresight of early pioneers of Vista in the 1920's. The Vista schools were well organized. Vista's climate was the best in the world according to the Chamber of Commerce. At the time Vista was considered to be the avocado center for San Diego County.

Dick and Nancy bought a five bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on 3 1/2 acres with approximately 1 1/2 acres of avocados for \$25,000. The house was located at 639 Hillside Dr. which shared a common boundary with Charles and Mita Royer.

At the time Dick and Nancy moved into their new home, the avocados had not been picked. Calavo recommended the Grove be harvested immediately. Shortly thereafter Dick received a check for over \$5000 for the crop. Dick was overjoyed and momentarily considered becoming an avocado farmer as opposed to practicing dentistry. Nancy squelched the idea very quickly.

Dick and Nancy had their fourth child, Bainbridge Morse Larkin, Jr., born August 19, 1949.

Because Dick was busy setting up an office by converting an old house on Michigan Avenue across from the old Telephone Company and Richard D. Ring's Law office, he hired Sally Castillo deLeon to help Nancy with her new baby and setting up their new home. At the time Sally was just starting high school.

Dick and Nancy immediately became involved with the activities of Vista. Dick joined the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a prime mover in the organization of the Vistacado days in the early 50's. One year Dick volunteered to be the Chairman of the event. There was a beauty contest at the Avo theater and Jules Strombow professional wrestler crowned the Queen. The first division Marine Corps band played several concerts. Vistacado days brought the whole community of Vista together.

Dick also organized Vista's only band review with the help of Jimmy Jamison, the longtime

chairman of the All Western Band Review held in Long Beach, California, an annual event in November of each year. Jamison arranged to have the same judges used in Long Beach to come to Vista to judge the participating bands. It was a spectacular event for those who enjoyed watching excellent high school bands march down the streets of Vista.

At or about the same time Dick was recalled into the Navy at the time of the Korean conflict. Fortunately, Dick was stationed at Camp Pendleton, so the family did not have to move or interrupt their lives after becoming settled into the flow of Vista.

In addition to raising a family of four, Nancy was active in several community groups, including the Community Church, Triple M, and Panhellenic, an organization of college sorority women. Nancy also helped with Janet's Brownie troop and Job's Daughters. Both Dick and Nancy were involved with their sons Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, DeMolay and high school sports.

Having been born and raised in New England, Dick had a yearning for lakes and streams. Dick located 10 acres in Vista with a year-round stream and built a pond under the direction of the Soil Conservation Service. Lou Whitt, a longtime resident of Vista, excavated the pond. The family enjoyed fishing, swimming and picnicking at the pond in the early 50's. When Dr. Larkin was released from Navy in 1954, the pond property was sold and the family moved to Massachusetts to attend to family members who were ailing.

The Larkins moved back to Vista in 1956. Dick set up a new dental office in the Rancho Buena Vista ("Adobe") owned by Dr. Walter and Anastasia E. Weil. Walter and Anastasia ("Doddles") and Dick and Nancy became good friends both socially and professionally. Dick and Walter planned the first medical offices which included Black's Pharmacy; across the street from the original Vista High School.

Dick and Nancy loved music and encouraged music especially in the schools. In or about 1957 Dick and Nancy formed the Vista Band Boosters organization. Dick used his military connections to bring members of the Marine Corps Band from Camp Pendleton to drill the Vista High School Band into an award winning unit.

Dr Larkin was asked to fill a vacancy on the Palomar College Board of Governors during its formative years. Dr. Larkin served from 1958 to 1961 on the Palomar College Board.

In 1960 Dick and Nancy purchased 10 acres on

Mission Road approximately halfway between Bonsall and Fallbrook. The property had unique features in that two streams came together on the property. Dick and Nancy had always dreamed of having a family business in which all children could participate. Dick located an old barn in Temecula and disassembled it using the siding to build what was later called Valley Fort. Valley Fort consisted of a general store which housed antiques brought from New England and a restaurant which served chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, etc... The building was surrounded by a stockade made of cedar poles. The cedar poles came from Julian. At the time Valley Fort was open only on weekends and included Dixieland music and Western gun fighting, such as the "Shoot Out At The O.K. Corral". The Fort was also open for private party events. The second year the Fort was open, two Vista High School teachers opened a summer camp and build a swimming pool on the property. Valley Fort was featured in an issue of Sunset magazine as a destination point of interest in San Diego County.

Dr. Larkin had a busy dental practice in Vista from 1949 until 1963. He became known as the "Gentle Dentist", and was always helpful to those in need of dental treatment, even on the weekend, regardless of their financial status.

In 1963 Dick had an opportunity to teach at Tufts Dental School and do graduate work in the area of prosthetics. After discussing the opportunity with Nancy, they decided to move back to Massachusetts taking the family with them.

## **THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN VISTA HISTORY FEBRUARY 27, 1926**

In the last part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the main business in Southern California, and certainly in North San Diego County, was agriculture. Successful agriculture requires abundant water especially for the preferred crops of the time which were groves or vineyards. Without sufficient water farmers were limited to more hardy crops such as grains. Water was always on everybody's mind. Negotiations for water went on endlessly. The importance can be seen in the area paper of the time, "The Oceanside Blade", where the main headline in the paper that reported the United States entry into World War I was about water negotiations.

There were also people that made their living providing water. One of these was William Henshaw, the owner of Warner Ranch. After World War I when Vista was trying to develop an agricultural base and running out of water, he was able to provide the water from the reservoir known as Lake Henshaw. According to the website of the Vista Irrigation District, completion of the Henshaw Dam in 1923 made a reliable source of water possible.

An election was held on August 28, 1923 to create the Vista irrigation District. Again according to the website one hundred percent of the eligible voters voted and the measure passed 104 to 4. After construction of the required infrastructure, a ceremony was held in downtown Vista on February 27, 1926 to turn on the water from Lake Henshaw. Reliable water quickly allowed Vista to become the "Avocado Capital of the World". Vista became so well-known for avocados that Vista floats with an avocado theme appeared in the Rose Parade in 1928 and 1932. Vista continued to grow with a mainly agricultural base until after World War II when population growth caused the conversion of agricultural land to housing.



Downtown Vista ceremony  
on February 27, 1926



Henshaw Dam April 5,  
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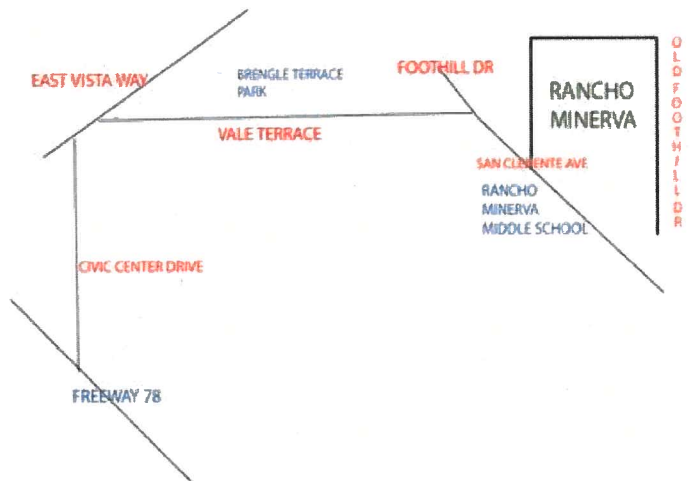


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The hours of the Museum at Rancho Minerva are 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. most Wednesdays through Fridays. Special tours can be arranged for other times. Also, programs are available for presentation on request for schools, clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call 760-630-0444.

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# VISTA HALL OF FAME

**1989-2022**

**THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**VOLUME 2 OF 2**

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## **THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME**

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 90 members.

The Vista Hall of Fame was created in 1989 as part of Vista Heritage Week, to honor significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's vibrant history. Inductions were made in each of the next three years, ceasing in 1992 and starting again in 1995.

The Vista Historical Society then received custody of the photographs.

In early 1994, upon the completion of the Vista Historical Society Museum, the Historical Society began to display the Hall of Fame members' photographic portraits in the museum.

Currently there are two divisions of membership, the Regular Division and the Early Residents Division. The qualifications of each division are described below. Each year a

## **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE HALL OF FAME**

### **Regular Division**

Each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively. This criterion may be waived if it is not considered appropriate.

Each nominee must have made significant contributions to the betterment of the community.

Married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee.

The nominee may be either living or deceased.

### **Early Residents Division**

The criteria is the same as for the Regular Division, and in addition the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination unless waived.

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**Adele Larimer**  
**1915-2000**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2022**

Adele Larimer was born March 24, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois to Jock and Marge Rigoni. She was raised in the downtown area of Chicago and graduated high school at the age of 16. When she graduated she was given a brand new 1931 Ford. In those days you needed a license to drive. They were available at the local drugstore. She was also offered a fishing license at the same time, but history is unclear whether she accepted the offer.

After high school, she went to business college, which was the name in those days for secretarial school. She worked and or volunteered all her life beginning with a variety of jobs in downtown Chicago. The most memorable to her was at the Tea Room of Carson Pirie Scott department store. She was a cashier there. In 1937 she met Richard Larimer who was a machinist working at Western Electric, the manufacturing arm of A.T. & T. They were married about three months after they met on December 31, 1937.

They continued to work and live in Chicago until 1940 when they moved to Vista where his mother was already living. They moved because he liked to travel and his arthritic condition was made worse by the climate in Chicago. They decided to stay in Vista.

He got a job as a machinist for Consolidated in San Diego. While in Vista, Adele worked as an office manager for Sam Brockman, who was a realtor and grove manager. One of her duties was to drive his wife to Los Angeles to shop at Bullock's Department Store, the main store at the time in Southern California. They would then have lunch at Clifton's Cafeteria and drive back. It took several hours on the two lane roads each way.

They lived in a duplex in the area now known as the Townsite. They shared a bathroom with the other half of the duplex. Adele had her first experience with a cow there. One morning, when she was preparing breakfast around 5 a.m. there was a knock on the door. When she opened it she was face-to-face with a cow that came from across Santa Fe Avenue. She said that was the first time she'd actually seen a cow close up.

Richard and Adele enjoyed living in Vista but returned to Chicago because of World War II for the duration of the war. Richard had suffered from rheumatic fever as a child and had a heart condition that prevented him from serving in the military. Because of that, Adele gave up her intention of joining the Navy. Richard returned to his job at Western Electric, and Adele worked there also. After the war they returned to Vista where Richard resumed his job at Consolidated and Adele worked for Hilton Cleaners at their office in the First National Bank building.

After an injury where he lost part of his finger, Richard quit being a machinist, a job that he did not enjoy and went to work for Hilton Cleaners as a driver who picked up and delivered laundry. He also drove the truck in parades in Oceanside where the main office of Hilton Cleaners was located. Later he did the same job for the laundry at Camp Pendleton from 1955 to 1960.

They lived at the corner of Foothill Drive and Beverly Drive renting a house from the owner of an avocado grove on a hill next to their home. The owner's home was on the top of the hill. Because of the hill, they named the two children they had while living there, Jack and Jill. Also, because there were no addresses, when they registered at different times to vote in 1946, they were put in different precincts.

Now that they had children, Adele stopped working for a while to take care of the children. They moved around living on Mason Road for a while and finally buying a home on Manor Drive. During this time, Adele volunteered for the Cub Scouts becoming a den mother for her son's den. When he was forced to leave scouts, to fulfill her commitment she stayed for an additional year. She also did other volunteer work in support of her children including the brownies for Jill.

In about 1957, Adele went back to work to pay for Jill's piano lessons which she took from Mrs. Tunnel on Monte Vista Drive. For a while, Adele

worked for the Medlin Brothers, a pair of doctors on South Santa Fe where she did office work.

Later Adele worked for the Vista Unified School District first starting in the cafeteria at Lincoln Junior High School and remaining friends with people she met there for the rest of her life. Chief among them was a lady named Mary Rojas.

Richard and Adele loved to dance and joined the dance club known as the Saturnalians. This group made up mostly of teachers, held a dance once a month at the Palomar Rider's club house at East Bobier Drive and North Santa Fe Avenue.

In August 1960, they moved to a house they had built at 1648 Foothill Drive. Six weeks later Richard died of his heart condition.

During this time, Jill joined the Palomar Riders with her Palomino horse named Pal. Adele volunteered for the Palomar Riders including pulling horse trailers to their events.

After the death of her husband, she took a job as attendance clerk at Lincoln Junior High School. There she met Betty Clopine who was the secretary to the principal Paul Brostrum at the time. They became best friends. Mrs. Clopine had a second job teaching cotillion at the Woman's Club on the Community Church circle.

When Betty retired Adele took her job as the principal's secretary. She had this job until she retired in 1980. Her last principal was Dudley Hancher.

Beginning in 1960, Adele started volunteering for the Tri-City Hospital auxiliary known as the Pink Ladies. At first, because she was working, she volunteered as a receptionist. Then on Friday evenings, she volunteered in the emergency room where she was known for cleaning up bloody messes. Later she also volunteered in Tumor Registry. This included checking obituaries in local newspaper to see if the hospital's former cancer patients had died. She volunteered for the hospital for about 40 years. In her 80's, when she was no longer able to drive, she walked a mile to get a bus to get to the hospital to volunteer. She also served on the auxiliary's board of directors and helped put on their annual strawberry festivals. She also volunteered in the office of the Community Church of Vista and as a docent at the first Vista Historical Museum. She also drove her friends around to their appointments and on their errands when they were no longer able to drive. She increased her volunteering after she retired. Also, after she retired, Adele and Betty traveled to Ireland as

part of the Belleek Society. They also went hang gliding in Mexico and other trips and to Padre games. She died from lung cancer at her home at age 85 in May 2000.



**Jim and Carlotta Malone  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2020**

My dad, Jim, started teaching at Vista High School in 1971. He was the swimming and water polo coach and taught history, government, economics, and I believe French for a short while.

He moved over to Rancho Buena Vista when it first opened in 1987 and continued to teach senior government, economics and coach swimming and water polo. He also coached an age group swim team for the better part of 15 years outside of school. He retired from full time teaching in 1998...but continued to teach a ROTC class and mentor young stage crafters (sound, lighting, scenery).

He started volunteering at the Moonlight in its second season in 1982...doing whatever they needed as a handy-man. Eventually he was a regular employee of the Moonlight as head carpenter building scenery for the shows. To this day he still helps the shows out over at Rancho. He also was inducted into the San Diego coaches hall of fame and his picture is up in the hall of fame museum in Balboa Park!

My mom was a substitute teacher through the mid 70's and 80's. She coached the girls Vista High swim team and diving for a number of years at my dad's side. She be-

came a full time fourth grade teacher at Monte Vista Elementary in 1987. She retired in 2004.

She volunteered for Moonlight its first year in 1981. My sister and I were cast in Oliver and mom was such a great seamstress she offered to help with the sewing. Eventually she was the go to costumer for the Moonlight.

I joke with my friends out in the industry telling them that my folks only volunteered because we were in the shows...and now they work more than I do...but there's a whole lot of truth to that.



**Gloria E, McClellan**  
**1925-2002**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2004**

Gloria E, McClellan came to Vista as a Marine wife, and she and her husband retired here. During her career she owned a business downtown, but her first love was the City of Vista.

After a term on the Traffic Commission, she was elected to the City Council in 1972 and served as council member and then mayor until her death in 2002.

She was significant in the development of Shadowridge, the Business Park, the downtown redevelopment project, North County Square and many other city projects. She represented the city in many forums over the years.



**Alex and Julia McDougall with their children**  
**Sandi and Tom**

**Alexander McDougall**  
**1908-1999**

**Julia McDougall**  
**1910-1983**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame 2017**  
**Alex-Regular Division**  
**Julia-Early Residents Division**

Julia-graduate of Oceanside High School. Miss Vista in 1929. Married Alex in 1933. Started a school of dancing in North County including Temecula. Was very active with Girl Scouts and served on the Board of Directors in North County for 10 years. She was awarded the highest honor in Girl Scouts in 1973. She was a PTA President, founder of the Vista Women's Club and a member of PEO Chapter in Vista. Helped organize several town functions such as the Old Timer's Picnic in 1967.

Alex-established McDougall's Pharmacy in the Granada building on Santa Fe. Bought a building downtown Vista in 1929 where the pharmacy moved to. Dad was very active in the community and was a member of the Vista Rod and Gun Club, Vista Volunteer Fire Dept(1920's), member of the Rotary Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce (1936), President of the Vista School Board (1945-55), member of the Mason's 1948 installed as Master. He also served on several bank boards, such as the First National Bank, Liberty National, and Chartered Bank of London.

Dad was also the town photographer at one time.

**Sandi Graham and Thomas McDougall**



**Beatrice (Bee) Meyer**

**1911-2007**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Regular Division 1990**

**Frank Meyer**

**1912-1979**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2009**

Frank and Bee Meyer came to Vista from Portland, Oregon, in the summer of 1964, upon his retirement. Frank had been a deputy U. S. Marshal for 23 years and was a past president of the U.S. Marshal's Association for the 9th Region.

In Vista, he became interested in civic matters. He helped organize Vista Drug Education Week and became a member of the drug abuse subcommittee of the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. He was appointed to a five-man drug abuse advisory commission by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and became vice chairman of the advisory committee in 1968.

He helped establish Lifeline in Vista and organized the Vista Coordinating Council, of which he was chairman from 1969 to 1971; was a patron of the Hispano Club; secretary and active member of the Elks Lodge No. 1968 of Vista; member of American Legion Post #365; and the Vista Masonic Lodge No. 687.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was named Kiwanian of the Year of the 37th Division for 1970-71. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1970. In 1971, he was vice chairman of the Vista Citizens Committee on Youth Problems and was active in a campaign against drug abuse. In 1973-74 he was president of Vista Kiwanis; he was also a director of Vista Boys' Club and, just prior to his death in 1979, was installed as president of their board. He had also been a member of the Area Council for Vista Boys' Clubs, a member of the Executive Board of the American Red Cross, Vista

Division, honorary chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, and vice president of the North County Retired Police Officers Association.

Frank was elected to the Vista City Council in 1972 and was Mayor from 1973 to 1976. He was on the Mayor's Select Committee and was vice president of the California League of Cities, San Diego Division, director of the San Diego Office of Emergency Services, vice president of the Office of Economic Development Planning Committee, chairman of the Vista Sanitation District, and on the board of directors of the Comprehensive Planning Organization. He was instrumental in establishing the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center and brought assistance to it at a time when funds were completely depleted. Emergency contacts to County Supervisors brought funds to resume the service to the city.

Meyer organized a Santa Claus campaign and posed as St. Nicholas himself for several years, visiting the North County Association for the Retarded, schools and various organizations, including being Santa for Vista's Christmas Parade in 1976.

One of the first organizations Bee joined after arriving was the Women's Business and Professional Club. She served on the board of directors for many clubs, including the Vista Historical Society, the Boys and Country Friends. Bee was known countywide for her presence at the social functions she covered during her career as a society columnist (The Bee Line).

Frank and Bee were married for 44 years.



**Orbee Mellor Mihalek**

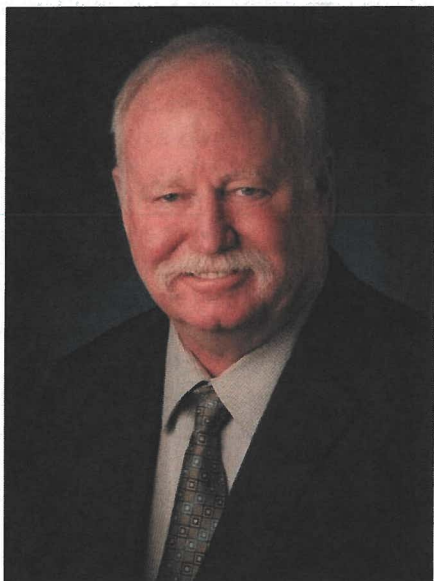
**1913-2006**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Regular Division 1995**

Orbee Mihalek was one of Vista's most avid boosters. She was born in San Diego County and her family moved here in 1939. She helped charter the Soroptimist Club of Vista and ran the Tot Lot, a nursery and kindergarten school, and was a successful businesswoman. In 1964, she was the first woman elected to

Vista City Council and served on the council for the ensuing 12 years; she was mayor from 1970-72. She was named Volunteer of the Year in 1981 and Woman of Dedication in 2005 for her work as a member of the Salvation Army Board, and was a member of the Greater San Luis Rey Planning and Development Council, Woman's Club of Vista, Country Dames, Country Friends, Emblem Club and American Red Cross and was a past president of Vista Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-City Hospital Foundation Board.



**Marty Miller**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

Marty Miller was the coach of Vista's Little League baseball team that went all the way to the final 2 in the World Series in 2005. It was an extraordinary coaching job for a world class team. The team was welcomed home when their airport bus delivered them to Rancho Buena Vista High School in the evening, and there was a parade downtown another day.

Of course there were many people helping. A big project training, moving to games, then the East Coast where they came in a proud second in the world .

Mr. Miller has served on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors since December 2008. He represents Division 1 which stretches from Gopher Canyon Road to Vale Terrace Drive in Vista. Mr. Miller, who owns a construction company in Vista, has served as the Chair of the District's public affairs, water sustainability, and Warner Ranch committees. He has been the District's representative on

the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors since November 2011.

Mr. Miller has had a varied career

Occupation: Businessman/General Contractor  
AA degree in architectural drafting  
Past President and Vice President of Vista Optimist Club

Board member Rancho Buena Vista Little League  
Manager of 2005 RBVLL world series little league baseball team.

Man of the year 2005 Boys & Girls Club of Vista.  
Former baseball coach at El Camino High School in Oceanside.



**Wells Miller**  
**1896-1970**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

Colonel Wells Miller was born in Riverside, Illinois, and grew up there and in Evanston. In World War I, he served in the Marine Corps, leaving with the rank of first lieutenant.

He spent a year in South America mining for emeralds and then engaged in a variety of business activities in the Chicago area.

He was called into active duty a year before Pearl Harbor. From then until 1946, he served with the Marines and retired as a colonel. During the war, he served in the South Pacific.

In 1946, he completed his active duty at Camp Pendleton and with his wife Alice and son Read moved to ranch property in Vista. A second son, Calvin, was born in Vista.

After his retirement, Miller devoted his efforts to agricultural and civic activities. He was active in introducing the cultivation of macadamia nuts to California. In 1954, the California Macadamia Society was formed and he was its first president. He continued in office until his death on February 12, 1970. He served on the board of the Bueno Colorado Water District, Agua Buena Soil Conservation District, and Vista Fire Protection District. He was active in Rotary Club, Community Church of Vista, and the Boy Scout movement. He was also one of the organizers of the Boys' Club of Vista.



**Charlotte "Cleo" Morgan  
1892-1972  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2015**

From "The Vista Press" February 2, 1972

Vista today mourns the death of a woman who loved her community and in turn was loved by all its citizens.

Charlotte "Cleo" Morgan, whose life was concerned with beauty, died Sunday at Tri-City Hospital.

Vista city officials, saddened by her death, praised the quality of her life.

"Vista has lost a true friend and faithful citizen... one who never talked about what should be done, but one who got in and did it. It will be hard to part with someone like this who has given so much of herself to so many people" said Mayor Orbee Mihalek.

Mrs. Morgan, who lived with her husband, Jack, at 164 Walker Way, was interested in the beautification of Vista, the development of a park system, and in upgrading in any way the appearance of our city.

"I have enjoyed a long friendship with Cleo and Jack, one that from the very beginning was full of respect and admiration. Respect for her as a competent businesswoman, and admiration for her beautiful attitude towards life and her fellow man. Surely, heaven will glow with her presence," said Vice-Mayor Kenneth Annin.

Friends may pay their last respects to Mrs. Morgan today from 9 AM to 9 PM at the Vista Chapel Mortuary.

Graveside family services will be held Thursday, at 11 AM at Valhalla Memorial Park in North Hollywood.

"The passing of Cleo Morgan is without a doubt a great loss to our community. Her achievements are examples of a truly outstanding citizen – one who not only dedicated her time and energy to the beautification of our city, but who was firm in

her belief that Vista is truly 'the most beautiful place to live'. Her expression of such conviction was evident by the work she alone performed and projects of beautification which she initiated. Her loss will be felt throughout the community," said Councilman Troy Doan.

Mrs. Morgan is also survived by sons, Upton Smith of Long Beach; Malloy Souberg, of Glendale; a daughter, Mrs. La Vanda Tilt, of Escondido; and 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

"She has been a forerunner in community life. She had an appreciation for Vista that few people had. Vista will miss her greatly," said Councilman Noble Tanner.

Mrs. Morgan was president of the Vista Garden Club for two terms. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Vista; a member of the Second Horizon Club; the Grandmothers' Club; an active force in the Vista Beautiful Committee; a member of the chamber of commerce; a former Grange member; a former member of the Rebekahs; a member of the Palomar Cactus Association and a member of the California Cactus Grower Association.

"We have lost a very dedicated citizen who always strove for the betterment of Vista," said Councilman Stanley Matush.

Philip Ferguson, chairman of Vista Beautiful, said: "Without a doubt she's contributed as much or more than anyone else to the actual beautification of Vista. Both Vista Beautiful and Vista are better because of her efforts."

Vista now – though in mourning – is not somber, but wears like a garment the beauty of her efforts.



**Joe and Mary Mottino**

**Joe 1915-1997**

**Mary 1916-2010**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2012**

Joe Mottino was born in 1915 in Moorpark, California. His future wife, Mary Borra, was born in 1916 in Los Angeles, California. Both families relocated to North San Diego County, the Mottino family to Vista, the Borra family to Escondido. The Mottino were farmers and the Borrass opened the Borra Winery.

Joe and Mary married in 1941 and lived in Vista. They had one daughter, Felinda. In 1944, they purchased a large tract of land in what is today eastern Oceanside. There they ran a successful farming operation for many years. They also owned and operated the Borra Winery. Most of the land they farmed has since been developed as housing and commercial businesses.

The Mottino family is well-known for participation in many local organizations and for their many philanthropic endeavors. The Joe and Mary Mottino Family YMCA, built after Joe's death, is perhaps their largest donation. Joe died in 1997 and Mary in 2010.



**Charles H. Mull, Sr.**  
**1879-1945**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2007**

Charles H. Mull Sr. was an early-day Vista Irrigation District engineer-manager. He also was prominent in real estate development. He developed Mull Estates, which today covers most of Anza Avenue and surrounding streets. The old Mull home was razed in 1982 to make way for an extensive subdivision.

He was the first chairman of Vista Community Association in 1938 and was active in the building of the Vista Recreation Center on Recreation Drive.

He became Vista Irrigation District engineer in December 1936, succeeding Charles H. Bell, and later was engineer-manager. Mull died in February 1945.



**Miriam Alice Small Nichols  
1922-2012  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2008**

Miriam Alice Small Nichols was married to Emil D. Nichols and had four sons: Paul, Patrick, Philip, and David. They retired to Vista in 1970. Miriam was an avid volunteer and environmentalist her whole life, offering her time and talents to promote environment and community events.

Miriam's primary outlet for volunteer efforts was the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She joined the Woman's Club of Vista in 1972.

In 1980 The Woman's Club, Miriam and David's Boy Scout troop began the first glass curbside recycling service for Vista - also the first curbside recycling program in San Diego County.

"At first we collected newspapers in a big piano box under a tree at the clubhouse," Miriam shared. When the box was full, she loaded her Volkswagen bus with the papers and took them for recycling. Then the club re-ceived a grant from the California Department of Conservation for a truck to use in curbside pickup of

news-papers and plastic soda bottles. Miriam created a "Hazardous Household Waste" pamphlet, printed and dis-tributed to over 25,000 residents.

During November 1991 Miriam presented her recycling program to delegates from 70 nations attending the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment: Partners in Life, sponsored by the United Nations Environmental Program. Her presentation was titled: Woman's Club of Vista's Recycling and Hazardous Waste Education Programs. The Global Assembly of Women and the Environment "Partners in Life" had as its goal to demonstrate women's capacities in environmental management as they related to global ecological issues, focusing on water, waste, energy and environmentally-friendly systems, products and technologies. The 218 success stories presented at the Assembly - including Miriam's - were selected from all regions of the world. In October 2008, the CD for \$10,000 from The Woman's Club's curbside recycling was cashed and donated to Alta Vista Botanical Gardens to help build the ponds and waterfall project, a beautiful central water feature which is a delightful focus for visitors. Miriam was The Woman's Club's Beautification Chairwoman. Miriam was an avid supporter of the Gardens, and in December 2009 The Woman's Club of Vista was hon-ored with AVBG's first obelisk award for continued support and donations. In 2012 she celebrated her 90th birthday at the Gardens.

Miriam loved the environment and was well-informed in important issues and events around the world.

Miriam celebrated Earth Day for years. In 1986 and 1995 Miriam and The Woman's Club of Vista planted trees for Arbor Day. In the 1990's Miriam learned how to propagate oaks from acorns and then worked with students at Olive Elementary to start 700 seedlings. They used tar paper cylinders to allow the acorns to grow strong tap roots, and then planted them at local parks. These efforts were recognized by Keep America Beautiful and the United Nations Environmental Program.

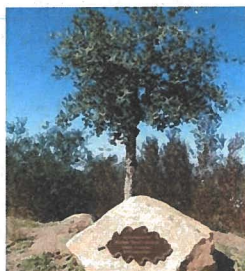
She organized numerous cleanups, historical restoration projects, educational programs for children, and much more. Over four decades, her efforts for local, state, national, and international organizations generated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteers.

She served as The Woman's Club of Vista President for two terms 1976-77 and 1992-93. She served as



Palomar District President for three years 1981-84 when her President's theme was "Bells Are Ringing: For Volunteers." She worked with the District and local clubs to contribute to and celebrate the installation of Mission Bells along the El Camino Real. In 1996 The Woman's Club of Vista installed an El Camino Real Bell at Rancho Guajome Adobe. In 1999 Miriam made the trip into Baja California for the installation and dedication of the third El Camino Real bell at Mission San Miguel, south of Rosarito. She celebrated the centennial of the Mission Bells at a dedication in Los Angeles in August 2006. The bells were originally paid for and erected by the El Camino Real Association in the early 1900s.

Vista Woman's club in 1972. She was the Vista club president for two terms, Palomar District President for three years, and a member of the state board for three years." Published in The San Diego Union Tribune from July 12 to July 13, 2012.



Miriam's plaque and cork oak tree at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens

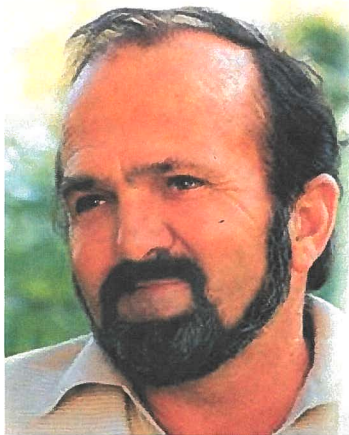
"Miriam Alice Small was born April 4, 1922 in Pullman, Washington, attended local schools, and graduated from Washington State University in 1944. After volunteering for a local typing pool, she met her future husband, Emil D. Nichols, an Air Force lieutenant. They married in 1945 in Macon, Georgia, and went on to have four sons: Paul, Patrick, Philip, and David. As the wife of an Air Force officer, she moved her family 29 times over the course of his career, including stays in Guam, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, England, and numerous states in the United States until they retired to Vista in 1970. Miriam was an avid volunteer her whole life. She created the first curbside recycling program in San Diego County, as well as organizing numerous cleanups, tree plantings, historical restoration projects, educational programs for children, and much more. Over the next four decades, her efforts for local, state, national, and international organizations generated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteers. The United Nations Environmental Program invited her to speak at the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment where she addressed delegates from 70 nations. Her primary outlet for volunteer efforts was the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She joined the



**William Bruno Pechstein**  
1866-1933

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2007**

William Bruno Pechstein and his wife Anna immigrated to this country from Germany, William about 1879 and Anna later. Pechstein went to Wisconsin and then, in the early 1880s, came to California where he met Anna; they were married near Anaheim. With their four children, the Pechsteins came to Vista from Los Angeles in 1910. All four children are native Californians. William was active in community affairs, and with Jules Delpy and Nick Huntalas worked hard to organize the Vista Irrigation District. He was the first secretary-treasurer of the district and was on the board of directors until his death in November, 1933. Anna pre-deceased him in June 1933. Their four children, William Otto, Ernest, Anna and Helen, all lived in or near Vista most of their lives.



**Carl Pinamonti**  
1928-2009

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2014**

The following is the speech given at the Hall of Fame induction by Angela Pinamonti.

To the many citizens and amazing community of Vista, especially to the Vista Historical Society, thank you

for inducting Carl into the 2014 Hall of Fame. Our family is truly blessed to remember our grandpa, brother, and father in this way.

For those of you who may not know, my name is Angela Pinamonti and I am Carl's eldest granddaughter. My father is Carl Pinamonti Jr., who is here today. It surely is hard to capture in so few words not just the dates and the facts, but the essential character of my grandpa. I am one of the countless people who draw inspiration and gratitude from him. This is my attempt to represent his legacy.

Carl was born in 1928 in Inglewood CA. At age 18, he began his family and had seven children Ernie, Maryann, Toni, Carl, Gina, Patrick and Enrico. He got his construction start in the plastering business and ultimately became a general contractor. During the Vietnam War in 1969, the family battled it's largest tragedy, the death of their eldest brother and son, Ernie.

Emerging from heartbreak, and with high hopes to retire, Carl made the trip down to Vista in the early summer of 1970. But grandpa, being grandpa couldn't retire yet, so he continued his construction business. He purchased 9 acres off of Monte Vista Dr, and traveled down every weekend with some of the kids to create his first family home. He completed it within 3 months and the kids were able to attend school in the fall. The whole family moved in Sept 1970 and officially made Vista home.

With no retirement in sight, grandpa began his relationship with the City of Vista. With only one traffic light standing at the time, his first project purchase was 6 acres next door to the old McMahon Furniture Store off of Santa Fe. There, he developed the Franciscan Inn. After building the Inn he moved into Room 48 and used it as his first office. Every morning at 5 am he would meet at Mayfair Market with friends and other contractors. Joe Garassi, was with him every morning. Joe worked with Carl for many years as his superintendent. The Mayfair market would be the place to hash out his next project, Carrow's Restaurant. After the completion of the restaurant, he moved his temporary office at the Inn to one off of Eucalyptus Dr. This was in fact his first true Vista office. In July 1974 the Mayor of Vista, asked the Chamber of Commerce to develop a meaningful program to celebrate our nations birthday in 1976. As a result, the Bicentennial Committee was created consisting of 28 committees. Carl was Chairman of the Development Committee that would oversee the Bicentennial Project. The Committee approved the original amphitheater and Grandpa proceeded to make it happen. If you know my grandpa, there was nothing big or small that would stand in his way. Carl proceeded to encourage the donation of material and labor and he followed it to a successful completion. He continued to donate after it was built. He then

began to build houses around the city and many other commercial projects. He eventually made his way to other neighboring cities, and worked with his brother, Al Pinamonti on many projects.

Throughout the course of his construction career, he became very well known with Vista city building officials. If any of you knew him, you knew he loved attending city council meetings, and interacting with city officials. I mean he was a businessman, so he definitely debated with a few.

If you ever needed Carl for anything during the day, you knew where his lunchtime office was. He sat at his favorite table at Feliccia's Restaurant. He would hash out business deals on the paper tablecloths and many offers were made there. I can remember when my cousins and I had half days at St. Francis middle school. We knew we were going to Feliccia's for lunch to see grandpa. It just felt like home.

In the early 80's, grandpa had his cancer surgery and they removed his Larynx. Carl was definitely known to voice his opinion and in just one day his speech was taken from him. It took him one year of voice therapy just to get out one word. My cousins and I grew up with him this way and never heard his normal voice. I always wondered what he sounded like. It was a constant struggle to understand him, but it didn't damper his lifestyle, because he began to clap and pound on the table to get your attention. He sure did mean business.

Everyone knew Carl for his generosity with his time and money. He loved to help out small builders and therefore loaned money to these businesses to allow them to get their starts. These small acts of kindness played a role in impacting other business owners of Vista. He donated to the Vista Boys Club and was involved in the start of Vista Pop Warner.

If I have one vivid memory of my grandfather's character, it was that he was extremely hardworking, honest, and trustworthy. He ended up working into the 2000s even though he thought of retiring in the 70s. He was the guy known for paying all the trades on time and within days of them submitting bills. If you did the job correctly, you got promptly paid. He was also the grandfather that would donate to any activity that his grandchild was a part of. He was honest and loyal and for that, he was graced with loyal employees. Betty Stevenson eventually followed him down from Hawthorne and became his office secretary. Frank Dvorak met him in Vista and started as the office Manager in the Eucalyptus office and eventually became a City Inspector. One of the few still working for the family today is Beverly Mottino from Vista and that's just to name a few. Eventually, many of his Italian friends had joined him in Vista and also became established in Vista.

One dream he never saw to completion was the Vietnam Memorial Park, named "Ernie's Place" after his late son. Grandpa donated land off of Mercantile and Guajome to be built into this special park. The park has been relocated onto the Corner across from Main St and associated with the new Paseo Santa Fe project, which should be completed sometime in 2015. Fundraising for the park will begin later this year, and will be a great reminder of all of our service men who fought in Vietnam.

Thank you again for letting me share the life and love of my grandpa. It was a gift to create this speech and be able to get to know him even more. He is my inspiration and someone I think about when I meet challenges in my own career. I often think "What would grandpa do?" If he weren't such a generous, hardworking, and amazing man, I wouldn't be standing here making this speech today. On behalf of my Dad, Sister, five Uncles and Aunts, and 15 cousins, we thank you from the depths of our hearts. And thank you grandpa, for giving me a very common question to answer proudly, Are you one of the Pinamonti, Pinamonti's? Yes, that would be me. Thank you.

**Angela Pinamonti**  
**May 17, 2014**



**Bob and Miriam Peirce Pope**  
**Bob 1914-2004**  
**Miriam 1912-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2000**

The Popes moved to Vista in 1952. They owned Sports & Photo from 1954 to 1979. The Popes also owned a chinchilla ranch in the 1950s. Bob Pope, a graduate of the University of Marquette Law School, taught in Vista, Fallbrook and Escondido high schools. He was president of North County Community Theatre, Vista Kiwanis, Boys' Club and the Vista 60-Plus Club. He was a board member and trustee of Vista Elks Lodge and board mem-

ber of the Vista Historical Society.

Miriam Pope was born in Cleveland. She and Bob married in 1937. After moving to Vista, she helped found the Boys' Club of Vista, now Boys and Girls Club.

Mrs. Pope was active in the Vista Woman's Club, the Parent Teachers Association and the Women's Auxiliary of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, and was chairwoman of the Vista Parks and Recreation Commission.



**James Porter**  
1944-2011

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2004**

James Porter was born in San Diego but spent most of his formative years in the Los Angeles area. He graduated from Whittier High School in 1962 and joined the Air Force. He later earned a degree in parks and recreation from Long Beach State College.

Prior to coming to Vista, he worked for the cities of Santa Fe Springs, Montebello, Imperial Beach, Pico Rivera and Alhambra. As director of the Vista Parks & Community Services Department, he was instrumental in the creation of Moonlight Amphitheatre musicals and the Wave Water Park. He retired in 2004. He was a recipient of the California Recreation Society's Fellowship Hall of Fame award.



**Beulah Moss Post**  
1894-1991

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1991**

Beulah Post came to Vista with her husband, Oscar Hartley, in 1932. She worked as a cook for the Vista School District and fledgling Palomar College until her retirement

in 1965. She was active in both political and business organizations and a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Vista Carpenters Hall, which was formed in 1937. She was said to be Vista's "Downtown Cheerleader" and biggest supporter.



**Tom J. Ramoss**  
1905-1982

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2013**

Tom Ramoss was a fifth generation Californian, born in San Juan Capistrano in 1905.

He was baptized in the Old Mission Church and later served there as an altar boy.

In 1922, at age 17, Tom went to work as a wrangler on the 100,000-acre-plus Santa Margarita ranch. His job included handling a remuda of 300 horses, readying them for the dozens of vaqueros employed there at the time who generally had 50,000 cattle and thousands of horses to work.

Tom toughed the wrangling job out for some three months before he was promoted to vaquero. In time, because of his having steeped himself in the Spanish tradition of handling horses, combined with a gentleness and singleness of purpose, he was to become one of the best and most respected reinsmen in the business. When the Federal Government acquired the Santa Margarita ranch in 1942 for the Marine Corps and turned it into Camp Pendleton, Tom stayed on, taking over the riding stables, the horse-shoeing, blacksmithing, etc.

It was there he met his future wife, Patricia Kay, a lady Marine from Boston, Massachusetts. Pat knew horses and was a horsewoman herself. In addition, she was a great admirer of the era in California history which Tom and his Spanish ancestors exemplified, so they had much in common.

In 1947, after their marriage, they moved to Vista.

Tom, who had shod his first horse at 14, established a horse ranch, specializing in champion-class Arabians, in which he was success-

ful. He also put in a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop.

He was a great horse trainer who used an inherent gentleness and patience with the animals. He often spent a year or more on horses he was training, first accustoming them to control with a simple hackamore to guide them, sometimes for months, before a bit was put in their mouths. The Spanish bit, Tom said, should only be entrusted to special hands and placed in the mouths of special horses. The "finished" horse was expected to cut cattle as well as execute necessary movements and specifications. Remarkably, Tom was able to teach his art to others, and the horse world is much richer for this shared talent.

Tom rode in the first "Western" motion picture to receive an Oscar: "In Old Arizona," starring Mary Astor and Warner Baxter. He rode in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena and in the 1932 Olympics.

An expert calf roper, he won the California State Championship in the early 1930's.

Tom Ramoss was a skilled horseman, riding in the Californio style. Upon moving to Vista Tom and his wife became life members of The Vista Palomar Riders Club. He was an integral part of The Vista Palomar Riders until his death, serving two times as president of the group and multiple terms as a board member, and multiple times as committee member and "Trail Boss" for the club's five-day, 100-mile ride from Vista to Palomar Mountain and back.

He was not only an outstanding horseman but a generous individual who donated time as a judge for the Vista Palomar Junior riders, local 4H and other area junior horse groups. Horse people in the Vista area often called on Tom for advice when they were having trouble with their horses or for actual help with the animals including getting horses in the trailer.

He was also a Life Member of Caballeros del Camino Real, and an Honorary member of the Desert Arabian Horse Association.

He had a "flour sack full of ribbons and awards."

Tom Ramoss was an artist on horseback-a California Reinsman.

He died August 10, 1982. His coffin was carried on a wagon drawn by two Clydesdale horses and driven by long-time friend Frank Lopez and accompanied by a large procession of friends.

He was interred with his boots, spurs, bits and some of the iron and steel tangibles of his profession. but he left a priceless bit of golden California history for posterity.



**Karl and Peggy Ramsing  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2017**

Karl and Peggy Ramsing are longtime Vista residents that have contributed to the community in many ways.

Karl was in the Navy and Naval Reserve for 24 years. He was a pilot for American Airlines for 29 years.

Karl served on the Park and Recreation Commission from 1971-1978, most of those years as Chairman. He served on the Sales Tax Oversight Committee from 2007-2010.

Karl has been active in the Friends of the Rancho for many years. He has been the lead person on refurbishing projects at the Rancho, including the total renovation of the tile mural from the Women's Club. Karl has also been the lead person on the barn project. He has spent many hours researching, drawing plans, doing layouts, meeting with experts, getting estimates, visiting barns, etc. He is an excellent woodworker and has been involved with Palomar College Wood Shop.

Karl Ramsing has been an active member of the board of the Friends of the Vista library for the past 5 years. When he first joined the board he represented Vista at the county library meetings for our then president, Bernie Rappaport.

The board has long wanted to improve the look of the entrance to the library. Karl and Peggy have long been active with the city arts development. Karl took on the lead of the Friends of the Vista Library Art Committee for the beautification of the Library project. He coordinated all tasks related to getting the mural at the entrance of the library completed. The mural is by Kait Matthews, former owner of Art Beat on Main Street, and her helper, Brett Stokes. He is working with the mosaic

artist, Cherie LaPorte, for the pillar completion and working with the Randalls who are the bike rack artists. He was able to get donation of rocks for the concrete edging at the entrance. He attends the City of Vista meetings regarding the permits required, setting up installations and coordinating the actual work at the library. In addition, over the past few years, Karl has volunteered for the Friends of the Vista Library Encore Bookstore, by sorting and pricing books that come in as donations.

Karl was selected as the volunteer of the year by the Vista library.

As a personal hobby Karl is active in Packard car club and remodels vehicles. He has donated his remodeled Packard for the Vista Christmas Parade and other community events.

Peggy was a key community member in moving forward the Wave Waterpark construction. Peggy did research and promoted the project throughout Vista.

Peggy served on the 1974 General Plan Committee and on the Planning Commission from 1974-1981. She served on Vista Visions 2000 in 1990-1992. Peggy has been instrumental in most all of Vista's public art projects. It was her idea and follow through that made murals along the Sprinter line possible. Peggy has been active in the Vista library over 25 years.

Peggy has been instrumental in Vista's arts community. She was one of the first members on the Arts Commission serving from 2003-2013.

She took the initiative and compiled a list of all artists in Vista. This list lead to the development of many of the art projects in town, including the Vista Arts Foundation and the downtown art gallery.

They attend and contribute to many city meetings. They are also very involved in their church. They are both health advocates.

Karl and Peggy love Vista and have stayed active and involved for years giving of their time and resources. The Ram-sing's have lived in Vista for over forty seven years. The City Council named them "Persons of the Year" for 2016 for their involvement in promoting art in Vista.



**Bernard Rappaport**  
**1922-2015**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2014**

Bernard "Bernie" Rappaport, a veteran of World War II, his wife, Lenore, and three children; Gideon, Hannah and Sharon moved to Vista from Los Angeles in 1969. Before coming to Vista he was an engineer in the infancy of the semiconductor industry (before the invention of the transistor). Once he settled in Vista, he began to involve himself with the community in a variety of ways.

From 1971 to 1977, Bernie was a member of the Vista Planning Commission and served as chairman of the commission for part of his term. In 1977, he was elected to the Vista City Council. He served as mayor from 1978 – 1980.

Bernie served on the boards of the Rancho Vista National Bank and the Vista Community Clinic. He also served on the San Diego County Grand Jury for a year.

During their 1990 – 1994 campaign to raise money for the construction of a new library, Bernie became actively involved with the Friends of the Vista Library. He was the chairman of the fund raising committee and was instrumental in organizing the "Buy a Leaf" campaign that was very successful and continues to bring in money for the library. When the State Library Board was deciding what libraries to provide construction funds for, Bernie heard that the desperately needed Vista library was far down the list of priorities. He went to Sacramento and pleaded the case for Vista. Our library was made a priority due to his efforts. Thanks to his leadership, the funds were raised and designated by the state library system so Vista was

able to open a much needed new library in 1994. He continued to be an active member of the board of the Friends.

From 2005 – 2006, Bernie chaired the citywide campaign to pass Proposition L. This was the ¼% sales tax initiative that passed in November of 2006. This additional money provided the City of Vista with much needed revenue. The money raised funded two new fire stations, the sports park, and the new city hall civic center, as well as other city construction projects.

Bernie became president of the Friends of the Library in 2004 and remained president for 6 years. During his tenure as president, the Friends were able to donate \$237,500 for matching funds to the Vista branch of the San Diego County library system. This money was matched by the county library system. In addition, \$86,913 was provided directly to the Vista branch of the county library system for numerous books, programs, magazine subscriptions, tapes etc.

As president, Bernie was responsible for bringing the “First Sunday” free concerts to the community. He also organized free piano lessons at the library for several students and worked with the library to develop after school programs.

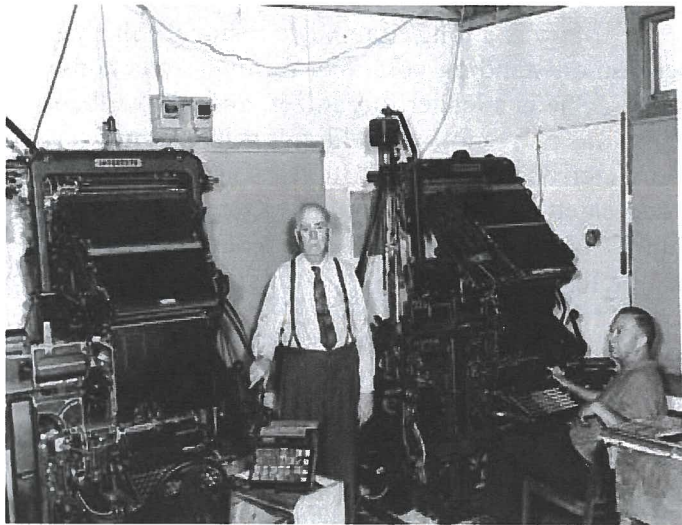


**Mary Regan**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2020**

Mary is a long time Vista resident. She has been an outstanding volunteer for numerous non-profits. She is a leader, organizer, and worker bee. Mary was active in her children's schools and sports activities. For over 30 years, Mary has been a dedicated and active member of Kiwanis Club of Sunrise Vista. She has served in leadership capacities including presidency. Kiwanis clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time. Among her many projects has been the Great Gatsby, which recent proceeds have gone to Operation Hope-Vista and the many homeless children that they serve. Mary has also been a strong supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of Vista, Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and others. She has also been a member of various city commissions and non profit organization's boards.

One of Mary's many achievements that benefitted the community, was her unwavering effort in 2005 to bring the San Diego Symphony Summer Pops to Vista. She headed a collaborative steering committee with Sunrise Kiwanis, Rotary, and the City. Meetings were conducted in San Diego with management of the symphony. There were many obstacles to overcome, but Mary always found a way to succeed in her quest. She would not take no for an answer. Due to her unwavering hard work, the San Diego Symphony did perform at the Moonlight Amphitheater, not just once but annually for several years and as recently 2018. Mary's original idea was inspired by her yearly treks downtown to watch the Summer Pops shows. She brought her idea to fruition and was able to introduce the symphony to Vista families right in their backyard.

Mary has been a successful Vista business owner, and involved in the Real Estate Mortgage community in San Diego County for over 30 years. She is currently working with the senior population and their families to determine if a reverse mortgage is a suitable financial decision. She follows the the C.S. Lewis adage, "You're never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream".



**Melvin Z. "M.Z." Remsburg  
and Everett M. Remsburg  
Melvin 1876-1950  
Everett 1900-1972  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2007**

Melvin Z Remsburg was born in Montezuma, Iowa.

The Remsburg family came to California from Iowa when Melvin was 15. Beginning in 1892, he held positions at several newspapers, including ownership interests. In 1926, he founded The Vista Press and remained there as editor and publisher the rest of his life. The first issues of The Vista Press were printed in San Diego while a 16x32-foot building was constructed in Vista. This work was done by Mr. Remsburg himself with the aid of a carpenter.

M.Z. Remsburg was a member of the Methodist Church for a time; later of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the F&AM. He served three terms as president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the San Diego Unit of California Newspaper Publishers Association. In 1932, he was elected vice president of the San Diego County Development Federation. He was a well-known salon photographer, exhibiting many prints in the San Diego Museum of Fine Art. He held memberships and honorary memberships in numerous lodges, clubs and associations.

Everett M. Remsburg, son of Melvin, was a newspaper man for over 60 years, learning the busi-

ness from his father. Everett served Vista in many capacities. He was the first chief of the Volunteer Fire Department; Chamber of Commerce president for nine years; and helped form the Boys' Club. He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, Scottish Rite Masons, a Shriner, member Elks Lodge, and also a De Molay "Dad." He was an honorary member of Vista Kiwanis Club, member of Lions Club, Optimist Club, Exchange Club, High 12, Jaycees, 60-Plus Club, PTA and others. He was a charter member of the Vista Historical Society, Inc. Everett became publisher of The Vista Press in 1950 on the death of his father. He held rank as captain in the California State Guard, and at one time was Commander of the National Reserve Company of Vista. He served six terms as president of the San Diego County Unit of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, and one term as secretary. Everett died on February 28, 1972, at age 71.



**Patricia Hope Richardson  
Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2016**

Pat Richardson was born in Maine to Martin John Murphy and Gladys Ethel Stapleford, and lived in Connecticut. She married Rocco Church in 1944, and had two sons. She was divorced in 1952, and moved to Vista the same year. In Vista she married Robert Porter Richardson on December 29, 1953. They had three children. When her children were in school she had several part-time jobs one of which was at Orma's Gifts. She timed her jobs to be home when her children arrived home from school.

During her over 60 years in Vista, she has volunteered at many organizations. Chief among them is the Vista Boys and Girls Club where she is credited with helping keep the cost of membership down by her fundraising and volunteer work. She has also received recog-



dition for her work at Rancho Buena Vista, where she was President of the Friends of the Adobe in 1993-1994. She has also volunteered at other organizations including the Vista Historical Society, Tri-City Hospital, Vista Garden Club, Hand and Foot Club Mondays. She also belongs to the Tuesday Night at the Beach Group whose membership included Claire Schwab, Emily Sexsmith, Eleanor Shinner, Barbara Gross, Cathy Brendel, Carol Lee, Janice Blosch, and Pat. As an interesting side light, Pat related the story that she and her husband picked up Debbie Reynolds and a companion from Oceanside, to take her for a fundraiser for the Mary Lou Clack Therapy Pool in Vista at the Officer's Club in Camp Pendleton. They later returned her to the Oceanside Harbor Motel. She was charming. Pat is known far and wide as a great volunteer.



**Meta Hansen Royer**  
**1909-1996**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1990**

Meta Royer arrived in Vista in 1937 and worked with her husband in the real estate business in the Vista area, with five offices. They also organized the first trash and garbage pickup contract with Vista Sanitation District. She was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for 10 years and remembered that the Vista Irrigation District and Chamber were the only governing bodies when she arrived in Vista. The Episcopal Church met in their basement until the church was built.

She recalled the days when Leo Carrillo, a friend of the Royers, would stroll through the town with his silver-studded gauchos and guns in his holsters.



**Emily Dippel Sexsmith**  
**1911-2006**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1992**  
**George Frederick Sexsmith**  
**1908-1991**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2011**

George Sexsmith was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, and came to California in 1912. Before coming to Vista in 1929, he and his father Charles operated a market in Cardiff.

The same year that he and his father opened their market in Vista, George met his future wife, Emily Dippel. They married in 1932.

Sexsmith's Market, which was located at 538 South Santa Fe Ave. in the Granada Building, successfully operated from 1929-1958. It was the first market in Vista to sell frozen foods and canned baby foods, and to operate on the self-service principle.

George was a charter member, first secretary and fourth president of Vista Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary. He was a member of the Vista Volunteer Fire Department and, along with his wife, worked in Civil Defense during World War II as an aircraft observer. He was a director and vice president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce and one of the first three members initiated into Vista Masonic Lodge #687 on May 7, 1945.

Throughout his life, George was known for both his photography and his poetry.

Emily was actively involved in many civic groups, including PEO and the Woman's Club of Vista. She worked as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Heart and Cancer Associations and American Field Service. She was active in bringing music and art to Vista through such organizations as Hidden Valley Community Concerts.

As supporters of the American Field Service

and visiting International Students Association sponsored by the Vista Rotary Club, and other foreign exchange student projects, George and Emily sponsored many international students. They were members of the Community Church of Vista and the Vista Historical Society.



**Alan Shada**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2000**

For over 50 years, Alan Shada has participated in many organizations and has had a major impact in guiding the direction of the community.

He has been president and director of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Vista Board of Realtors, Girls Inc., the Vista Historical Society and Vista Optimist Club.



**Milo Shadle**  
**1923-2001**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1992**

Milo Shadle moved to Vista in 1963 and practiced law here until his retirement in 1977.

He then went into real estate development. He was a past president of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, former chairperson of Santa Margarita YMCA, and former director of Palomar Family Service Association. He was listed in Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in American Law.



**Abraham Michel "Abe" Shelhoup**  
**1902-1981**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

Based on "A History of Vista"

Abraham and Hayat Shelhoup, who lived in a large Mediterranean style home on a hill overlooking Vista, were both natives of Douma, Lebanon, where Abraham was born January 24, 1902. "Abe", as Vistans knew him, came to this country in 1920 to join his father, Mike Shelhoup, who had come to Brawley, California, some seven years earlier.

With his father he came to Vista in 1928 and they purchased a grocery store and butcher shop located in the Pechstein Building in the 100 block of East Vista Way, just east of Santa Fe Avenue. Adding dry goods, "Abe" and his father continued the operation of this market. The two worked together until 1936 when "Abe" bought his father's interest in the business. "Abe" sold the market in 1938 and established a variety store. In 1941 he opened his well known Department Store at 236 East Vista Way (now 236 Main Street), where he sold only name brand merchandise and took great pride in the fact that he served second and third generation customers of some Vista families.

In 1948, Mr. Shelhoup built the Avo Theatre, where Vistans have enjoyed moving pictures throughout the years. The Avo has seen many civic gatherings also, such as the crownings of Miss Vista and some theatrical showings.

Mike Shelhoup, Abraham's father, died in February of 1955 at age 84. Mrs. Mike Shelhoup died in Lebanon in 1978, having attained the age of 103 years.

Hayat Shelhoup came to America in 1940, having lived for a time in Central America and Mexico.

Abraham and Hayat's son, Kamal, holds a

doctorate in Political Science from Claremont Graduate School, and is also an accomplished aviator. He has been selected to appear in the 13th Edition of Who's Who in California.

Abraham was a member of Vista Lodge No. 687, F&AM, Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego, Scottish Rite Bodies, member and past president of Palomar Shrine Club, Vista High 12 Club, Boys' Club of Vista, Director of San Diego County Red Cross, and Vista Rotary Club.

He was a staunch supporter of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Over the years he worked constantly behind the scenes to make Vista a better place. He donated the 286 trees that line East Vista Way; gave two fountains to the city, one at Vista High School, the other near East Vista Way and Indiana Avenue. He provided eight benches for the downtown area, and tables and benches in Soroptimist Park on North Santa Fe Avenue.

He said he enjoyed doing things for people, and many Christmas baskets were provided to needy families with no recognition being sought. While he shunned office holding, he was a guiding force in the city's development.

In addition to his flawless English, he spoke his native Arabic, Russian, French and Spanish.

Vista would not have been the same without Abraham Shelhoup. Abraham Shelhoup died of a heart attack on Sunday, August 16, 1981. He was 79 years of age.



**John Slivkoff**  
**1891-1984**  
**Elected to Vista**  
**Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2013**

The Slivkoff family was loved and admired by the Vista community for almost seven decades. A Russian immigrant, John arrived in the United States in 1911 with his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

In 1917, he came to Vista with his new wife, Mary, and farmed on land leased from early settler, Jules Jacques Delpy. Along with his own farming endeavors, he helped the Delpys with the experimental growing of avocado trees, a unique and profitable crop that would later make Vista the Avocado Capital of the World.

Mary came to America with her family separately, but when they met they found they had live in Russian towns only a few miles apart. They were married on December 24, 1915, a union that thrived for almost 70 years.

The Slivkoffs had four children, John Jr., James, Sarah, and George, a bomber pilot who was killed during World War II when his plane was shot down over Germany.

Over the years, the Slivkoff family supported, and often participated in, countless worthwhile endeavors in their chosen community.

John worked hard all his life, and enjoyed putting in a full day until late into his 80's. At one point in the early years, he supplemented his farming income by buying a baler and charging \$2.00 a ton as he baled hay throughout North San Diego County.

He said that he was proud of having been able to support his family over all the years, "in good times and bad."

By 1926, he was able to buy his own six and one-half acre ranch at the top of San Clemente Avenue. He built his home and barn himself, and he and Mary lived there for the rest of their lives, greatly enjoying the large family gatherings of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John raised mainly avocados, limes and vegetables. He also was a noted beekeeper for many years, with as many as 60 hives at one time.

Various publications featured photos of the red-flowered trumpet vine that grew completely over the barn and additional out-building on the property. The vine had been planted by their son, George, in 1932, and was a happy reminder of him after his death in World War II.

John Slivkoff was noted for his sense of

humor and good disposition. He had a long, flowing beard for almost a half-century, and said that he won "every beard contest" over the years.

He often came to The Vista Press to visit Publisher Everett Remsburg, until Everett's death in early 1972. The two had been fast friends from the arrival in Vista of Everett and his father, M.Z., in 1926, when they started Vista's first newspaper.

John helped unload and set up the typesetting and printing equipment for the fledgling newspaper, and although he struggled financially in those early years, he refused any pay. M.Z. gave him the only lifetime subscription to The Vista Press in its long history, and John made good use of the gift. He lived until 1984, when he passed away at age 93.

As he retired, John Slivkoff passed along his remaining beehives, with a special blessing, to his grandson, Rex Christensen. With his wife, Pat, Rex has property off Buena Creek Road in Vista and is one of the few remaining beekeepers in North County.



**Doctor John C. Stadden**  
1888-1961  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2022**

Doctor John C. Stadden was born and raised in Union, Nebraska.

After becoming a physician and surgeon he practiced in Nebraska for 20 years.

In 1931 he and his wife Muriel came to Vista, California and began his medical practice as a physician and surgeon here. He practiced medicine until his retirement about 1951. During the late

forties he located his practice in the Hillside Hotel, which he owned, located on Palm Dr.

As well as a doctor, he was active in the community in several capacities, including as a member of The Vista Masonic lodge number 687 and he was also the charter president of the Vista rotary in 1937. He was a great friend to the community.

He lived here in retirement until his death on September 29, 1961.



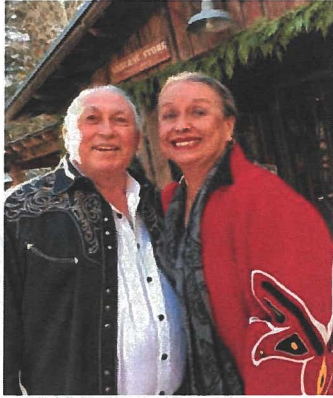
**James W. Sutton**  
1902-1988  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

James W. Sutton, originally from Illinois, served on the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District from March 5, 1935, until February 25, 1947. His 12 years on the Board was the longest tenure of any director in the first 40 years of the District's history. James Sutton was the President of the Board when the Vista Irrigation District purchased Lake Henshaw in 1946. He championed the purchase of the lake, which from that point on, secured a water supply for the growing community of Vista.

Upon Mr. Sutton's retirement in 1947, the Board of Directors issued the following statement: "[We] have seen directors come and directors go, but [we] have never seen a director who gave more unselfishly of his time and thought to District affairs than you have these many years. As the years go by, Vista will enjoy the great benefit and advantage of owning its water system, which you helped to make possible."

James Sutton served on the Palomar College Board of Governors from 1954 to 1966, when he resigned to take a position in San Diego to further his career as an insurance underwriter.

He was also president of the Farm Bureau Center in Vista



**Eplifanio S. Tapia & Virginia R. Tapia  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2022**

Epi and Virginia Tapia are long time Vista residents. Virginia's family settled in Vista in 1935. She has lived in Vista her entire life. Epi's family moved to Vista from Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1953. They are both Vista High School alumni. They will be celebrating 55 years of marriage on September 3, 2022. They own and work at their boutique salon, The Epi Centre Hair Studio, located at 702 Mercantile Street in Vista for the past 25 years. Prior to that they have owned salons in Vista, San Marcos and Ocean-side. They have been Downtown Vista merchants for 45 years. They both were active as board members in the San Diego County Cosmetology Association. Epi was a platform artist and educator for Aveda and Redken corporations and a recipient of several hair styling competition awards. He also was the manager of the May Company Styling Salon opening of El Camino Shopping Center in Carlsbad, California.

Virginia is the operation's business partner and Epi is the Artistic Director of the salon.

The Tapias were heavily involved in community volunteer organizations and over the years they have received many recognitions for their contributions to their beloved City of Vista. They are members of the Vista Historical Society, Friends of Vista Library, supporters of the Avo Playhouse and Moonlight Amphitheater.

Virginia served as Executive of the Vista Chamber of Commerce for 10 years [1989-1999]. She served on the Vista Economic Development Association, North County Tourism Coalition, North County Transportation Coalition, and the North County Chamber of Commerce Association. During

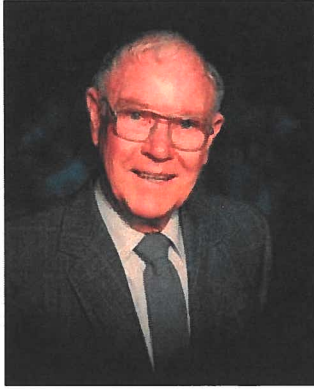
her tenures she received Proclamations from city, federal, state, and county Officials. She was named Vista Woman of the Year by the local press and Woman of Accomplishment by Soroptimist International of San Diego. She is a past member of Children's Home Society, Kiwanis International of Vista, and served on the board of The Vista Community Clinic. She also served as member of the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, chairperson of the Vista Heritage Ball Committee, a member of the Vistans for Vista committee in 1986, and the Save Our City Rally Chair [redevelopment action]. She is a graduate of Vista Leadership 2000 and a graduate of Institutes for Origination Management from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Chamber Management from the University of Stanford.

Epi served on the City's Specific Plan 26 committee and was a board member of the Vista Town Center Association, chairperson of the City of Vista Fireworks, City of Vista Cinco de Mayo Celebration, and the Vista Chili Cook Off. He served on the advisory committee for the purchase of the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, as well as serving on the board of the Boys Club of Vista. He is a graduate of Vista Leadership 2000.

The Tapias were both nominated for Grand Marshals of the Vista Christmas Parade. They have always enthusiastically supported each other's commitments during these years of community service.

Epi and Virginia are humbled by this honor. They continue to love this city and will always support that which contributes to the quality of life of their fellow citizens.

"WE wish to thank everyone who has supported us through the years. Without you we would never have accomplished our endeavors". *VIVA VISTA!*



**William Duncan Taylor**  
**1912-2013**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2012**

William "Bill" Taylor was born June 23, 1912, in Redondo Beach, California, and went to school there. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Idaho.

While at Idaho U he spent three summers working for the U. S. Forest Service. In his last year, he took an 8-hour assembled civil service exam entitled Junior Range Examiner, which led to his career.

Bill spent his working life in various jobs for the Federal Government.

In 1939, he married Mildred Anderson. They are the parents of two children.

In mid-1941, he was assigned as work unit leader to a newly formed Soil Conservation District in San Diego County. His job eventually led, in November, 1948, to a 27-year career in Natural Resource management at Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton.

His initial title was Ranch Manager. The position was fraught with adventure and innovation. The Marine Corps had no rules or precedents governing his duties, and he had to make them up himself.

In 1971, he became the first civilian Director of Natural Resources, following seven colonels who had held the job. There were numerous memorable highlights which made the career an adventure, such as: In the 1960's he was the Commanding General's representative as landlord during construction of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and the 1-5 Freeway through the base, and he received accolades from both agencies for his assistance.

In 1973, he placed a dozen American bison in the Vallecitos, a high meadow area of the base. These were surplus from the San Diego Zoo that no other zoo wanted.

Bill retired from the base on January 15, 1976, but remained active. In 1977, he became a member of the board of directors of the Bueno Colorado Water District, parent of the Vista Irrigation District.

He was elected to the Vista Irrigation District board in 1979, and served there until 1993. Also, he was on the board of the San Diego County Water Authority for six years, ending in 1993. He is a longtime member of the Vista Rotary Club.



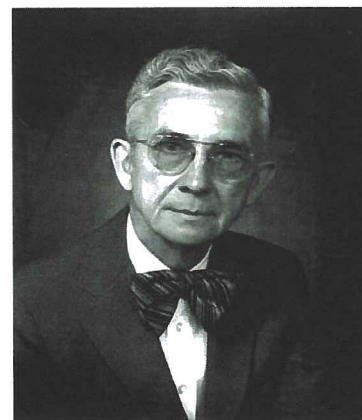
**Russell and Marge Thibodo**  
**Russell 1922-2001**  
**Marge 1925-2017**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1998**

Russell Thibodo's family moved to Vista in 1942, when his father bought the Thibodo Ranch in what became Shadowridge.

In later years, Russell sold most of the land for residential developments and an industrial park. The couple donated acreage and a Spanish-style homestead to the City for what is now tranquil, tree-shaded Thibodo Park.

Russell served on the Tri City Hospital board of directors for 10 years. The couple have been financial supporters of the YMCA, the 4-H Club, Vista Little League and the Boys Club of Vista.

Marge is a founding member of the Vista Foundation, which supports Moonlight Amphitheatre.



**Lloyd Tracy**  
**1921-2008**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 1991**

Lloyd Tracy and his wife, Rosalie, came to Vista from Anaheim in 1963 with their children, Barbara and David.

He owned Vista Insurance Agency for many years and was active in civic and church affairs. He also served on the board of directors of the Vista Historical Society and was elected "Man of the Year" by the Vista Chamber of Commerce in 1977.

Tracy served during World War II with the 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> Division, in Italy, Ireland and North Africa. He earned a BBA degree from the School of Business Administration of the University of Minnesota and entered the insurance business in 1951.

A seven-year member of the City of Vista Planning Commission, Tracy was appointed to the City Council in 1973, elected in 1976, and served as mayor from 1976 to 1978. He was later again appointed to the City Council in 1986 to fill a vacancy. He was a charter member and elder of Grace Presbyterian Church; a founding director and later chairman of the North San Diego County Transit Advisory Committee; a member and 1982 president of Community Development Associates; and a director of the Vista Foundation.



**George Tushak  
1919-1993**

**Early Residents Division**

**Francine Tushak  
1927-2013**

**Regular Division**

**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2018**

daughters, to the Vista area in 1957. George devoted the rest of his working career in the real estate industry heading the George Tushak Corporation. He was one of the founders, and a past president of the North County Jewish Community Center, and one of the organizers of the Jewish Cemetery at Eternal Hills.

He was elected to the Vista Unified School District Board in 1967 and served as the Board president in 1969-'70. While serving as a member of the Board he promoted plans for the new High School on Bobier Drive.

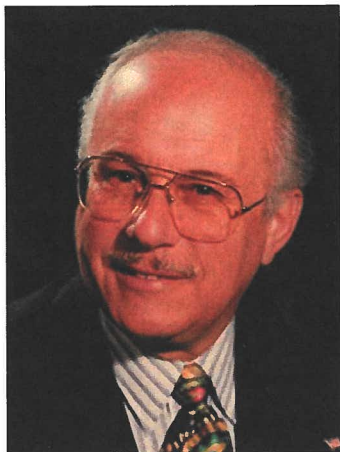
George was a member of Toastmasters International and a sponsor of the North County Community Theatre.

Both George and Francine (1927-2013) were Life Members of the Vista Ranchos Historical Society.

Francine devoted herself to her three daughters while supporting George in all his endeavors. She was a dedicated Girl Scout leader and was active in the Western chapter of United Jewish Federation, hosting fund raisers at the Tushak Ranch. She also was an active member and supporter of Congregation Beth Shalom.

GEORGE TUSHAK (1919-1993), Born in Vienna, Austria, came to the United States in 1941, and to California in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army special intelligence unit as a Richie Boy and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

For several years he owned and operated a large citrus and avocado grove in the Fallbrook area before moving with his wife Francine, and three



**Rocco F. Valluzzi**  
**1938-2006**  
**Regular Division**  
**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2018**

Rocco F. Valluzzi was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He joined the USMC out of college and was stationed at NAS Pensacola, Florida for flight training where he earned his wings.

During his thirty year career in the Marines, he earned: Silver Star- awarded for gallantry in action, Vietnam Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 stars, each star is equal to 4 awards-for heroic achievement involving flying in combat Defense Meritorious Service -awarded for service at CINAC in Hawaii

Air Medal W/V and # 85 -awarded for achievement in flight. "V" is while in combat. the #85 is the number of times it was awarded; one medal was equal to 20 combat missions. Therefore 85 awards was more than 1700 missions during his 2 tours in Vietnam.

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation W/V awarded for service, the "V" indicates service was in combat.

Purple Heart with one star - awarded for wounds received while in combat. The gold star National Defense Service - awarded for services to all who are on active duty during a prescribed calendar date indicated second award.

Vietnam Service -awarded for service in Vietnam by the US government. Stars indicate campaigns during which service occurred, based on specific dates.

Vietnamese Campaign -- awarded for service in Vietnam by the Vietnamese government. The date bar 1960 - is incomplete because the government of South Vietnam is no longer in existence.

He flew helicopters, transitioned into OV10S and served as commanding officer of the squadron until he was transferred to CINPAC West in Hawaii. It was during his shift that Russia shot down a Korean 747 air liner. While in Okinawa he transitioned into the executive jet, flying around Japan and Korea.

Upon retirement Rocco and his family settled in Vista at which time he joined the Amigos de Vista Lions Club. He served in several positions as well as president. He then became involved in various city activities.

His life in Vista led to public office where he served one term as a city councilman. Being an advocate for the citizens made his work all the more enjoyable.

While attending Saint Mark's Catholic Church, he served the community as a Eucharist Minister. The home bound as well as the mass community benefitted from his time. When he was young, the house he lived in did not have a yard or garden so moving into their home in Vista a whole new window of his life opened up. He discovered gardening which led to the Vista Botanical Garden in Brengle Terrace Park. Besides working in the garden, he held the office of president, guiding the garden through development.



**Morris Vance**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2008**

Morris Vance came to Vista in 1980 to fill the job of City Manager, a position he held for 17 years until his retirement. He was elected mayor in 2002.

During his tenure, Vance oversaw one of Vista's most explosive periods of growth. Included were the development of the Shadowridge Community and surrounding commercial and residential areas, the Industrial Parks in north and south Vista, North County Square, the remodeling of the city-owned sewer treatment plant area into the Costco facility, and much of the Downtown Redevelopment Project. Vance also has been a volunteer in civic and religious organizations.





**Velia Villasenor-Telles**  
**Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2016**

Velia Villasenor-Tellas is a long time resident of Vista and someone who has contributed much to the growth of Vista. She is a wife, mother, and community activist with hundreds of hours of community service to her credit.

Velia and her late husband, Chuy Villasenor, founded the Pepper Tree Frosty in 1960. The food and ice cream fare has been a favorite of Vistans for decades. The Pepper Tree Frosty has become a tradition for Vista High School alum and almost everyone else in Vista. When her husband, Chuy, passed in 1984, Velia continued to make the business a meeting place for Vista residents and continued her extensive community service.

Mrs. Telles' lists of accomplishments include:

Serving as a member of the board of directors for the Vista Community Clinic.

Serving on a steering committee for redevelopment in the City of Vista.

Docent for the Rancho Guajome Adobe.

Docent for the Carlsbad Museum of Making Music.

Volunteer at the San Diego Botanical Gardens in Encinitas.

Velia has always made community service part of her family life. She has been joined in many of her efforts by her children and her second husband, Rey. She has always given back because she loves Vista.

In addition to running a business and serving her community, Velia found time to raise three daughters, Chris, Lydia, & Victoria, and her "favorite "son" Danny. Chris is active with New Haven and Danny with the Boys and Girls Club of Vista. She has also been blessed with 12 grand children and 9 great-grand children.



**Richard E. Vought**  
**1936-2016**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2006**

Richard E. Vought, a management consultant, is a volunteer and civic activist with many organizations, including Vista Chamber of Commerce, Vista Boys and Girls Club, Vista Unified School District, Santa Margarita YMCA, Community Development Associates, Encina Water Pollution Control Facility and North County Recreational Center for the Handicapped.

Vought is known as an organizer for events for the Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club, and others. He also served on the board of directors of many groups. A graduate of Denver University, he is a native of Elyria, Ohio. He moved to Vista about 1970.



**Harry and Cora Walker**

**Harry 1888-1984**

**Cora 1890-1984**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2007**

Harry and Cora Walker arrived in Vista in 1926.

They loved the area and the people and helped to develop the town. They helped to establish the first church, The Community Church of Vista. Harry, known as "Hi," actually built the first church building and parsonage. He and Cora were active in the leadership of the church. They were both active in the total community.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the United Way for many years and was Community Chest chairman for two years. He was a member of the Vista Elementary School Board for five years. He and Cora worked feverishly for the Vista Unified School District by going door to door in Vista and Oceanside to gain approval through a special election. In the early 1940's, Hi was a foreman for building structures at Camp Pendleton.

After the war, he and his first son, Roger, formed the Walker and Walker Construction Company and built the first residential subdivision in Vista. This they did in memory of son, Donald, who was killed during World War II. In 1937, Harry joined the Vista Rotary Club and served in every office except secretary. After being president of the Vista Club, he became District Governor of Rotary Clubs in San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.

On July 7, 1976, Vista mayor Lloyd Tracy declared "Hi and Cora Walker Day," celebrating their 50 years in Vista and their 66th wedding anniversary.

They died of natural causes on the same day, January 29, 1984.



**Dr. Walter J. Weil and  
Anastasia Gardiner Weil**

**Walter 1905-1977**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Early Residents Division 2007**

**Anastasia 1911-2006**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**

**Regular Division 1995**

Walter J. Weil, noted eye physician-surgeon, was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Weil, nee Anastasia Gardiner, was born in Scotland.

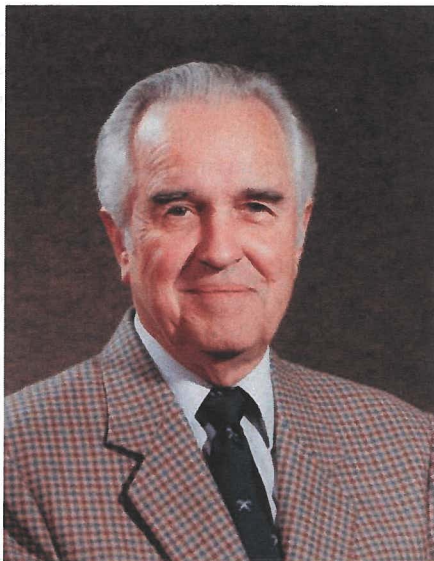
Dr. Weil and Anastasia Gardiner were married in London in 1940.

He opened his eye clinic in Toluca Lake, California, where he practiced for over thirty years. He was on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank and was the first eye surgeon in the San Fernando Valley.

The Weils purchased Rancho Buena Vista from Frederick Reid in 1957. They built a medical center on the property, on Escondido Avenue adjacent to Wildwood Park. The Weils lived at Rancho Buena Vista until 1973, when it was sold for \$100,000.

Dr. Weil, in addition to being proficient in several languages, was a talented musician, playing the piano, violin and guitar. He was a co-founder of Vista Historical Society, and both he and Mrs. Weil were charter directors of the organization.

Anastasia was a dedicated member of the Tri-City Medical Center Foundation. She offered artifacts to Mission San Luis Rey and was also a generous donor to Scripps Memorial Hospital.



**Howard Williams**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2017**  
**1923-2020**

Howard S. Williams was born in Phoenix, Arizona in December 1923. He married his wife Ann in 1946, and together they had one son, Darin. Howard is an Army Air Corps veteran, a 1948 graduate of the University of Southern California, a long-time journalist, and a public relations expert. He had a brilliant career as a newspaper and TV editor, a local Emmy Award winner, and still to this day, a very proud Eagle Scout.

Howard worked at Channel 2, KNXT (now KCBS-TV) in Hollywood in the 1960's and 70's, where he wrote the station editorials for 12 years, and delivered them on the air in 1976. For his TV editorials, Howard won a local Emmy Award as well as six Golden Mike awards. During his journalism career, Howard attended many meetings at the White House and personally met eight different U.S. Presidents: Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan. Howard also met nearly every California Governor from 1960 to 1990.

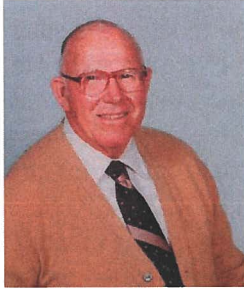
As a strong advocate for openness and transparency in government, Howard and a handful of activists in the newspaper and broadcasting media developed, and

got Governor Reagan to sign, the state's open meeting law, known as the Brown Act. He and another CBS executive founded the California Freedom of Information Committee in 1969, now known as the First Amendment Coalition, which provides a hotline for reporters statewide on First Amendment issues. An offshoot of that group was created called the Bench Bar Media Committee --- and the San Diego County committee still meets, 40 years later.

Howard was instrumental in introducing cameras in court rooms. Cameras were not allowed in courtrooms in 1968 when the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy took place, followed by the trial of Sirhan Sirhan. Working with the judge, Howard ran a project for all three TV networks to put a closed circuit system in the courthouse for the trial. That allowed over 100 reporters in two courtrooms to cover a trial being conducted in a courtroom that seated 50 people. The ban on cameras was lifted in California in 1984, paving the way for cameras in court rooms such as those in the Vista Courthouse. The closed circuit idea promoted by Howard was also used in federal court for terrorist trials in recent years to enable families of 9-11 victims to view portions of the proceedings in Washington and in distant states.

Following his retirement, Howard and Ann relocated from the Los Angeles area to Vista, where they purchased a home in Shadowridge. In 1991, Howard was appointed to the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors to fill a vacancy in Division 4, and he continued to serve for nearly 22 years. Howard served as the District's representative on the San Diego County Water Authority Board for 17 years. Howard was also appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to represent the City of Vista on the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee, an appointment he held for over 20 years.

During his 27 years in Vista, Howard has been a tireless and dedicated public servant. Now 92 years old, Howard still lives in Vista, where his public-spirited efforts will be remembered and appreciated far into the future.



**Oliver Kenneth "Bub" Williamson**  
**1907-1985**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2006**

O. K. "Bub" Williamson was one of the original math teachers and athletic coaches at Vista High School. He taught and coached at Vista High, Fallbrook High, and Palomar College for many years.

He was one of the leaders in the construction of Vista Community Center in 1940. He also was involved in the Boys' Club and several other civic and volunteer organizations.

Williamson was born in Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and raised in Bakersfield, California. He joined the Vista school system in 1932 and was a teacher at Vista High School when it opened for its first year in 1937-1938.



**Dale E. Wood**  
**1896-1973**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

Dale Wood came to Vista in 1926, as the resident representative of Edwin G. Hart Development Company, which was a major developer of agricultural and commercial properties.

Later, Mr. Wood opened his own real estate business. His success and leadership in the community created a high standard for the real estate business.

He was a member of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors from 1954 to 1973. A resolution in his memory, presented by Hans Doe, follows:

"This board of directors, the Vista Irrigation District, this whole community, all are better by reason of Dale Wood's fine work on this board. Over the years Dale gave

generously of his valuable time. His counsel was sound. His good work helped substantially to make possible the excellent record of the Vista Irrigation District during the past nearly 20 years of his incumbency. Dale was proud of Vista Irrigation District and he had every right so to be, for much of Dale lives and will live in Vista Irrigation District."

Born in Iowa, Wood was a veteran of World War I. He was a charter member of Vista Rotary Club, which was formed in 1936. He was a member of Royal Arch Masons of California, and a member of the American Legion.

Dale Wood died February 21, 1973, survived by wife Gene, son Robert Wood, daughter Shirley Hawkins, and six grandchildren.



**J C Wynne**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Regular Division 2017**

JC Wynne grew up in Vista and currently lives in the house that his parents bought when it was built back in 1969.

His #1 mission in life besides his family has been giving back to his hometown of Vista, especially it's next generations. He has so many titles; friend, coach, facilitator, volunteer and Santa but I call him dad. I may be partial but I'm sure there are more than a few out there who would agree that J.C. Wynne is the definition of Vista Pride. Where to start... From a Vista Pop Warner and Vista American Little League coach to president to board member he helped build these youth sports organizations from the ground up which helped so many young kids in Vista develop discipline, team work and sportsmanship.

He kept dreaming bigger and started the Vista Youth Sports Field Foundation with a group of volunteers funded by donations and helped launch the development of the amazing multiplex sports park off Bobier Drive. When Vista High School football wanted to get game film he facilitated a lift for the end zone. When they desperately needed a new field he reached out to NFL alumni to donate towards the project and even put a V in the end zone.

When Vista City Council announced they didn't have enough money for a Santa Claus to ride the firetruck in the parade he volunteered and has been doing it for the better part of a decade and believe it or not, his only stipulation is that they give each kid a free picture with Santa afterwards.

When the City said they no longer had the funding for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt he gathered volunteers and donations to throw it for them and has been doing so for the last 6 years. He has even been gathering volunteers of late to help finish what the City didn't in getting French Fields up and ready again for spring ball.

His name graces the Honor V in the VHS quad, he was awarded the Have a Heart for Kids Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, he was selected as the 2014 Person of the Year for the City of Vista and even had a day proclaimed J.C. Wynne day by the County of San Diego. He constantly astonishes me because I know that he would do anything to better this City for a simple high five or a smile which is why I think that he should absolutely be in the Vista Hall of Fame because he does it all for our community and not the fame.



**Harold H. Yackey**  
1901-1979

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2015**

Following deactivation as a Lieutenant Commander in a Naval Construction Battalion during World War II, Harold Yackey was appointed as Engineer/Manager of the Vista Irrigation District (VID) in May of 1946, shortly after the District purchased Lake Henshaw and Warner Ranch from the San Diego County Water Company.

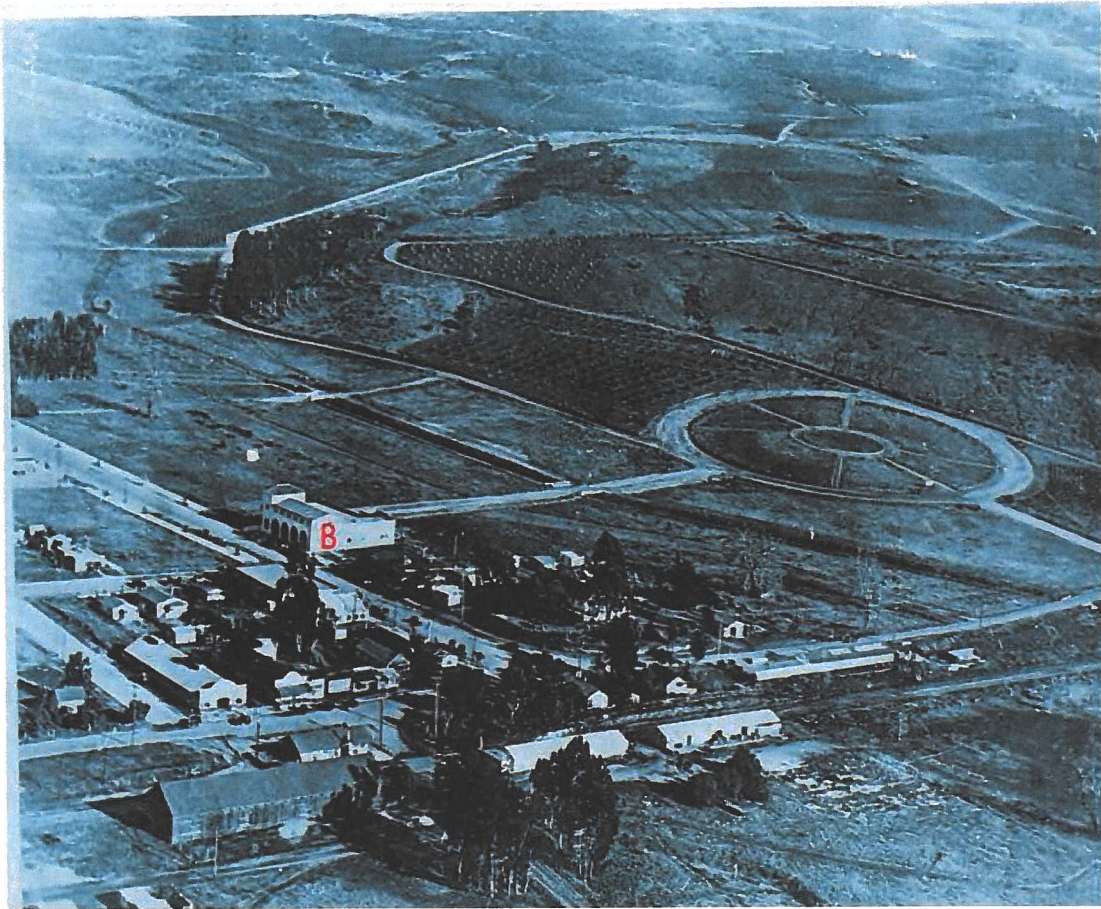
Mr. Yackey was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a graduate of University of Illinois with additional education at the University of California and Luis Obispo College. His identical twin brother, George, also lived in Vista.

Mr. Yackey took over as Manager of VID in a period when the system was in very poor condition due to shortage of materials for pipeline repairs and replacements during World War II. One of his first tasks was to solve the very high water losses experienced during transit from Lake Henshaw. He solved the problem by lining the siphon sections with cement mortar in the late 1940's. Yackey was also instrumental in the covering of the Vista Flume in the late 1940's, primarily to eliminate the infestation of caddis flies and also as a sanitary protection for the water during transit.

Another important achievement was Yackey's implementation of the well program at Warner Basin, giving the District the ability to pump and put into use groundwater when it became obvious that the surface supply in Lake Henshaw would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the District.

Following his resignation in 1951, Yackey worked for a number of years in the water industry in the Los Angeles-Orange County area before retiring and moving back to Vista.

In 1967, Yackey was appointed to the Board of Directors for Division 1, and he served admirably until his death on June 22, 1979. Yackey's engineering background, his vast experience in pipeline and water matters, and his actions and counsel were most helpful to the progress of the Vista Irrigation District as it emerged from agricultural irrigation to an urban water system. As a member of the Board, Yackey also represented the District on the Santa Margarita-San Luis Rey Watershed Planning Agency.



This is an aerial view of downtown Vista taken in late 1928 when the development of central Vista was under way. The building with the red **B** is known as the bank building. This building opened in September 1928. It is located at the southwest corner of Main Street and South Indiana Ave. It remains to this day. The circle configuration at the right side of the picture is today's location of the New Community Church. The roads running through the hills next to the church are Oceanview Dr. to the south (right) of the church and Eucalyptus Avenue to the north (left). The main road running from left to right through the picture is South Santa Fe Ave. This was one of the main routes from Los Angeles to San Diego at the time. The road running to the east, now called Main Street, was a main east-west road called San Diego Blvd., the Inland Highway or Route 395.



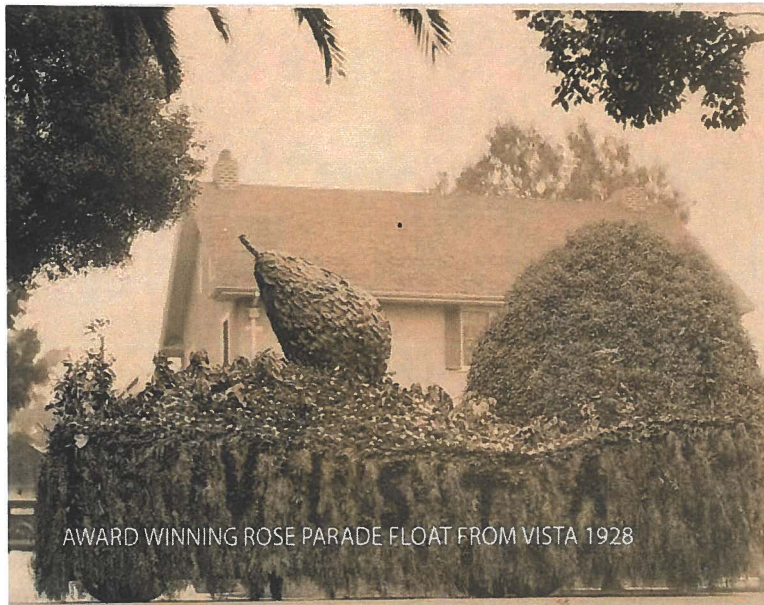
Vista Inn 1912 view across Main Street

The Vista Inn was built in 1912 at the corner of Santa Fe and Main Street where the Wellness Center and Sonic Burger are today. It was located on the Main route in the area from both LA to San Diego, and Riverside to the coast. It was built by the real estate firm that owned what is today downtown Vista. They were in the process of creating lots and a street system to create a downtown that they could sell. Much of their street system including street names and their lot pattern still exist today. They hoped that travelers would stop at the hotel and buy a lot. The building was moved in 1941 to the current site of Union bank and was torn down in 1960.

## Rose Parade

With the introduction of reliable water to Vista in 1926, agricultural production boomed. Vista's production of avocados became so famous in the mid 1920's, that Rose Parade officials requested Vista's participation in the parade. Vista entered floats twice, in 1928 and 1932, winning awards both times.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Horticultural Society sponsored the 1928 float. Calavo, a avocado packing association, and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 1932 entry. This float had Miss Calavo, Marjorie Harmon, riding on it.



1928 Rose Parade Float

AWARD WINNING ROSE PARADE FLOAT FROM VISTA 1928



1932 Rose Parade Float





Calavo Avocado packing plant 1934-1949. In the 1940's This was the largest Avocado packing plant in the world. It burned down in 1949. It was located in the area of the 100 block of Main Street.



Vista Historical Museum  
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 Vista, California  
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 P.O. Box 1032  
 Vista, Ca 92085  
 Phone: 760-630-0444

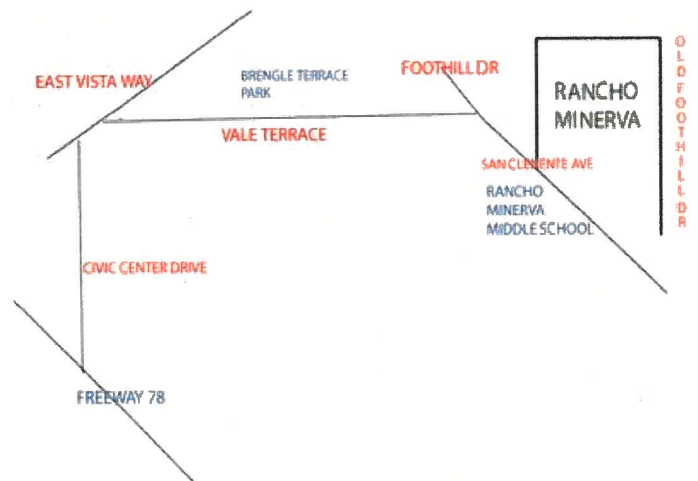
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### MUSEUM HOURS AND AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

The hours of the Museum at Rancho Minerva are 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday Special tours can be arranged for other times. Also, programs are available for presentation on request for schools, clubs and other organizations. In addition, other presentations can be customized to fit your needs. For more information, call 760-630-0444.

MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT RANCHO MINERVA





**Agenda Item: 12**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SUMMARY: Informational report by staff and directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority. No action will be required.



**SUMMARY OF FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2022**

1. Retirement of Directors.

The Board adopted resolutions honoring Directors' retirements:

Resolution No. 2023-02 - Brian Boyle

Resolution No. 2023-04 - Bill Pommering

Resolution No. 2023-06 - Mona Rios

Resolution No. 2023-03 - Joe Mosca

Resolution No. 2023-05 - Jose Preciado

Resolution No. 2023-07 - Matt Hall

2. Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.

The Board noted and filed the Treasurer's report.

3. Ball Valve procurement for the Helix 9 Flow Control Facility Project.

The Board authorized the General Manager, or designee, to award a contract to B&K Valves and Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$215,500 to purchase two 30-inch ball valves for the Helix 9 Flow Control Facility project.

4. Professional services contract with SNC-Lavalin Inc. for Lake Hodges Hydroelectric Facility piping isolation planning study.

The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract to SNC-Lavalin Inc. to provide a planning study for piping isolation at the Lake Hodges Hydroelectric Facility for a period of one year, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$190,000.

5. Resolution for 2023 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resources for Water Conservation Projects.

The Board adopted Resolution 2023-01 authorizing the General Manager to apply to the California Department of Water Resources and to commit the Water Authority to the financial and legal obligations associated with the receipt of grant funds.

6. Employment of retired annuitant as temporary Special Counsel and exception of 180-day wait period.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-08, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority approving exception to the 180-day waiting period to hire a CalPERS retired annuitant in accordance with Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224.

7. Employment of retired annuitant as temporary Senior Engineer and exception of 180-day wait period.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-09, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority approving exception to the 180-day waiting period to hire a CalPERS retired annuitant in accordance with Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224.

8. Approval of Minutes.

The Board approved the minutes of the Formal Board of Directors' meeting of November 17, 2022 and the Special Board of Directors' meeting of December 15, 2022.



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 13.A

**Board Meeting Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Lisa Soto  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: Directors will present brief reports on meetings and events attended since the last Board meeting.



**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 13.B**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Lisa Soto**  
**Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**SUMMARY:** The following is a listing of upcoming meetings and events. Requests to attend any of the following events should be made during this agenda item.

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
1 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Feb. 2, 2023; Noon-1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
2 *	<b>Vista Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer</b> <i>Feb. 8, 2023; 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
3	<b>Grassroots Advocacy and Public Outreach (CSDA)</b> <i>Feb. 14, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
4 *	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Feb. 16, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	Miller (T)
5	<b>Urban Water Spring 2023 Conference (Urban Water Institute)</b> <i>Feb. 22-24, 2023; Hilton Palm Springs</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/17/23</i>	
6	<b>Water 101 Workshop + optional 1-day tour (Water Education Foundation)</b> <i>Feb. 23 &amp; 24, 2023 – Sacramento</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	
7 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Mar. 2, 2023; Noon-1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
8	<b>State Water Project &amp; Bay-Delta Tour</b> <i>Mar. 2-3, 2023; Begins and ends at the San Diego International Airport</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/1/23</i>	Sanchez (R) MacKenzie (R)
9 *	<b>Vista Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer</b> <i>Mar. 8, 2023; 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.; Dimension One Spas, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
10	<b>Lower Colorado River Tour (Water Education Foundation)</b> <i>Mar. 8-10, 2023 – Sacramento</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	
11	<b>Intro to Special District Finance for Board Members (CSDA)</b> <i>Mar. 21, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
12	<b>ACWA Legislative Symposium</b> <i>Mar. 23, 2023; Sutter Club, Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	MacKenzie
13	<b>How and Why Involvement in LAFCO Matters for Special Districts (CSDA)</b> <i>Apr. 4, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
14	<b>State Water Project &amp; Bay-Delta tour</b> <i>Apr. 14-15, 2023; meets and ends at the San Diego airport</i> <i>Registration deadline: 2/1/23</i>	

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Financial Management for Special Districts (CSDA)</b> <i>Apr. 26, 2023; CSDA offices, Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>16</b>	<b>ACWA Spring Conference</b> <i>May 9-11, 2023; Monterey</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	MacKenzie Sanchez
<b>17</b>	<b>Special Districts Legislative Days (CSDA)</b> <i>May 16-17, 2023; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel; Sacramento</i> <i>Early-bird deadline: 4/21/23</i>	MacKenzie
<b>18 *</b>	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>May 18, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>19</b>	<b>ACWA Region 10 Event</b> <i>June 26, 2023; Location TBD</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>20 *</b>	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Aug. 17, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>21</b>	<b>CSDA Annual Conference</b> <i>Aug. 28-31, 2023; Monterey Conference Center</i> <i>Registration deadline: Early-bird deadline: 8/5/23</i>	
<b>22</b>	<b>Effective Meeting Management through Parliamentary Procedure (CSDA)</b> <i>Sept. 12, 2023; Live webinar</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>23</b>	<b>Sixth Annual Western Groundwater Congress</b> <i>Sept. 12-14, 2023; Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>24</b>	<b>CALAFCO Annual Conference</b> <i>Oct. 18-20, 2023; Hyatt Regency, Monterey;</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>25</b>	<b>Special District Leadership Academy (CSDA)</b> <i>Oct. 22-25, 2023; Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country;</i> <i>Early-bird deadline: 9/22/23</i>	Kuchinsky
<b>26 *</b>	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Nov. 16, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>27</b>	<b>ACWA Fall Conference</b> <i>Nov. 28-30, 2023; Indian Wells;</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>28</b>	<b>Colorado River Water Users Association Conference</b> <i>Dec. 13-15, 2023; Paris, Las Vegas;</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	

\* Non-per diem meeting except when serving as an officer of the organization

The following abbreviations indicate arrangements that have been made by staff:

**R**=Registration; **H**=Hotel; **A**=Airline; **S**=Shuttle; **C**=Car; **T**=Tentative; **◊**=Attendee to Self-Register



**Agenda Item: 14**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

**SUMMARY:** This item is placed on the agenda to enable the Board to identify and schedule future items for discussion at upcoming Board meetings and/or identify press release opportunities.

*Staff-generated list of tentative items for future agendas:*

- AB Line environmental (February)
- Wildfire Resiliency (February)
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration planning update (February)
- 2023 Board meeting calendar (March)
- Rename Edgehill Reservoir after former Director Paul Dorey





## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 15

Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023  
Prepared By: Lisa Soto

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.



**Agenda Item: 16**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.



**Agenda Item: 17**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.



**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2023**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

SUMMARY: Discussion concerning real property transactions in compliance with Government Code section 54956.8 regarding:

Real Property Negotiations: 224-260-23, 46  
Property: 50 foot wide Vista Flume easement south of Nutmeg Street  
VID Negotiators: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager and  
Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering  
Negotiating Parties: Nutmeg 134 LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

**Baron T. Willis**  
**1931 Boulders Lane**  
**Alpine CA 91901**  
**Mobile: 619-985-0752**  
**Home: 619-749-8840**  
**btwillis9@gmail.com**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **U.C. Berkeley/ University of California, San Diego**

Major: Pre-Law Program/Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Minor: Psychology

### **College for Financial Planning**

Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor Designation

2017-2023

### **Kaplan Financial Education**

Series 7 Stock Broker License

### **Chelsea Financial Services Broker Training Programs**

Life Insurance and Financial Planning, (Multi-State)

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

### **Commissioner- San Diego LAFCO 2019- Present**

2550 Fifth Avenue Suite 725

San Diego, CA 92103

619.321.3380

### **Alpine Fire Protection District Board**

Vice President 2023 - 2027

Board Member - 2018 - 2022

### **Alpine Kiwanis**

Member - 2018 - Present

Board Member 2019- Present

### **East County Federal Credit Union**

President 2019-2023 Supervisory Board Committee

### **Santee Chamber of Commerce**

Executive Board Member - 1996-1998

Elected to handle budgetary and Administrative issues at the local Santee Chamber

## **Relevant Skills and Strengths:**

- Owner/Operator of successful insurance company
- Office Administrator of success Counseling Business in East County
- Over 10 years in Senior Management position
- Excellent Mediation and Negotiation Skills
- Active in Alpine and surrounding communities helping seniors, homeless and special needs groups
- Strong supporter of our military, public safety and homeless populations
  
- Excellent Customer Service Skills
- Committed to the safety and future of our community and surrounding communities
- Actively involved in community organizations
- Working knowledge of vocational rehabilitation and clinical procedures in counseling office that specializes in Worker's Compensation and Expert Testimony.
- HIPAA trained and compliant; ensuring confidentiality of sensitive medical, mental health and personal information; reviewed confidential and sensitive med/legal files.
- Experience with Workers Compensation and assisting injured workers with re-employment/return to work benefits; identifying suitable employment opportunities after reviewing physical disabilities and permanent restrictions. Assisted government employees in return-to-work with suitable and gainful employment.
- Heavy interaction with injured workers, physicians, attorneys, insurance carriers and claims adjusters, psychologists, government entities, schools and employers.
- Performed client intake
- Conducted Labor Market research, and Labor Market reports
- Reviewed and analyzed Sub Rosa tapes
- Excellent Microsoft Office, PC and Mac experience; managed electronic client data files
- Exceptional interpersonal and organizational skills, reliable and personable

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Hartley Cylke Pacific Insurance Agency, San Diego, CA**

#### **Insurance Broker - 2003 – Present - (FT)**

Responsible for Group Medical, Life and Health Insurance and various Fix Annuities, Retirement Planning and assisting clients with their insurance needs.

### **Chelsea Advisory Services , San Diego, CA**

#### **Insurance Broker - 1997 - Present - (PT)**

Investment Advisor Representative that specializes in Retirement Planning, Series 7 Stock Broker license. Life Insurance and Financial Planning with clients.

### **Jeannette S. Clark & Associates Inc.**

#### **Office Administrator 10/1/2009 - Present - (PT), El Cajon, CA**

Office Administrator and Logistics Manager for Certified Department of Labor Counseling/Vocational Rehabilitation and Personal Counseling Office: Responsible for Drafting and editing legal documents and correspondence, assisted Worker's Compensation clientele (injured Department of Labor, veterans and other government workers) with re-employment/ return to work benefits. Working knowledge of clinical procedures in vocational rehabilitation in a Counseling office. Heavy interaction with physicians, attorneys, psychologists, government entities, insurance carriers and claims adjusters, schools and employers. Performed client intake. Review confidential and sensitive medical files and brief attorneys; conduct labor market research surveys; reviewed, analyzed Sub Rosa tapes; generate legal and general correspondence including drafting expert witness statements; cash handling experience. Troubleshooting of PC/Mac and

software. Electronic data management and filing. Excellent client relations. Greet clients, provide assistance in person and via phone. Answer telephones, respond to e-mails, schedule client appointments, and coordinate travel arrangements.

**Denny's Restaurants**

**Restaurant Manager - 1981 - 1983, Pacific Beach, CA**

Responsible for managing, marketing, scheduling, interviewing, hiring and termination of employees, teaching employees how to maintain a safe work place, food orders, front and back staff, cost of sales, budgets, cash handling, working with vendors and customer service.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

**Alpine Fire Protection District Board  
Board Member - 2018**

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**Alpine Kiwanis  
Member - 2018**

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NOTICE OF ADJOURNED MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT


A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023 WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:00 AM, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 AT THE OFFICE OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 1391 ENGINEER STREET, VISTA, CALIFORNIA.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO )

I, Ranae Ogilvie, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District; that the foregoing is duly noted in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District; that said Regular Board Meeting was ordered adjourned to the time and place above specified; and that I posted a copy of this order of adjournment near the public entrance to the Board Room at the offices of the District.

  
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Ranae Ogilvie, Assistant Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District

POSTED: February 1, 2023