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Delegation from China Visits Vista Irrigation District

Changchun Water Group Corporation learns about infrastructure replacement and water loss control

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The Vista Irrigation District hosted a delegation from Changchun, a city in northeastern China that is located about 600 miles from the capital, Beijing. Staff presented information about the district's water resources and water management strategies.

Board President Richard Vásquez and district staff welcomed representatives from the Changchun Water Group Corporation and the Changchun Municipal Peoples' Government. The Changchun Water Group Corporation serves a population of just over 3.6 million people.

"We are honored that the delegation from Changchun visited the Vista Irrigation District to learn about our district as well how we maintain and replace pipelines to minimize water loss," said general manager Eldon Boone. "Our discussions showed that providing a safe, reliable water supply to customers is a challenge faced by water agencies around the world."

The delegation was very interested in the district's mainline replacement program, especially the type of pipeline material (polyvinyl chloride, also known as PVC) that was being used when old steel and cement pipes were being replaced. The representatives explained that their water pipelines are mainly cast iron and that they were experiencing substantial water loss in their water system. The delegation and staff also discussed pressure regulation as means to reduce water main leaks and water loss.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 129,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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