



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 - 9:00 AM**  
**1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081**  
**Phone: (760) 597-3100 [www.vidwater.org](http://www.vidwater.org)**

**NOTICE FOR PARTICIPATION**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An emergency is defined as a work stoppage, a crippling disaster, or other activity that severely imperils public health, safety, or both. Also, items that arise after the posting of the Agenda may be added by a 2/3 vote of the Board. Items on the agenda may be taken out of sequential order as their priority is determined by the Board of Directors. The Board may take action on any item appearing on the agenda.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the public may address the Board on items not appearing on the posted agenda, which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to five (5) minutes; the total time allowable for all public comment on items not appearing on the agenda at any one meeting may be limited. Comments on items listed on the agenda will be taken before or during discussion of the agenda item. Members of the public desiring to address the Board are asked to complete a speaker's slip available on the table near the entrance of the Boardroom and present it to the Board Secretary prior to the meeting.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Any member of the Board, staff or public may request that items from the Consent Calendar be removed for discussion. Items so removed shall be acted upon separately immediately following approval of items remaining on the Consent Calendar.

- A. Paving Services**  
*Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Joe's Paving, Inc. for paving services on Independence Way (D-2382; DIV NO 3) in an amount of \$90,606.50.*
- B. Acceptance of Water System**  
*Recommendation: Accept this water system for a multi-family development known as Silverado Townhomes, consisting of 62 attached condominium units on approximately 4.9 gross acres owned by KB Home Coastal, Inc., located at 425 Smilax Road, Vista (TM 5634; LN 2021-019; I-3094; APNs 217-191-02 and 217-191-03; DIV NO 5).*
- C. Grant of Right of Way**  
*Recommendation: Accept Grant of Right of Way (R52) for a specific easement over a single-family residential lot consisting of approximately 0.40 acres owned by Michael Romeo, located along Mar Vista Drive in the City of Vista (APN 183-372-14; DIV NO 4).*
- D. Encroachment Permit**  
*Recommendation: Approve Encroachment Permit (141) for a dedicated specific easement over a single-family residential lot consisting of approximately 1.19 gross acres owned by Gonzalez CGG Living Trust 10/12/79, located at 2145 Dons Way, Vista (LN 2024-020; APN 181-200-64; DIV NO 5).*
- E. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on December 11, 2024**  
*Recommendation: Approval of draft minutes.*
- F. Ratification of check disbursements**  
*Recommendation: Adopt a resolution ratifying checks numbered 76237 through 76388 in the amount of \$1,006,288.19 pursuant to the cash disbursement report detailing expenditures.*
- 7. FISCAL YEAR 2024 AUDIT**  
*Recommendation: Accept the Fiscal Year 2024 audit report by Davis Farr LLP.*
- 8. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**  
*Informational report concerning the financial results of the District.*
- 9. DIVISION REPORTS**  
*Informational reports by Operations and Field Services, Water Resources, Administration, and Engineering Divisions concerning District operations and activities.*
- 10. VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION**  
*Recommendations: 1) Consider appointing a Board member to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame; and 2) Consider making a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame.*
- 11. DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**  
*Recommendation: 1) Eliminate the Groundwater Committee; and 2) Review and ratify committee and outside organization appointments for 2025.*
- 12. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
*Informational report by staff and Directors concerning the San Diego County Water Authority.*
- 13. MEETINGS AND EVENTS**
  - A. Reports on meetings and events attended by Directors*
  - B. Schedule of upcoming meetings and events*

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

*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.*

**15. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

*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.*

**16. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

*Informational report by the General Counsel on items not requiring discussion or action.*

**17. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

*Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.*

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

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- *VID Board meetings are generally held on the first and third Wednesday of each month.*

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I, Ranae Ogilvie, Board Secretary of the Vista Irrigation District, hereby certify that I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda outside the lobby of the District office at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, in accordance with Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a).

Date: January 2, 2025

  
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Ranae Ogilvie, Board Secretary



**Agenda Item: 6**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date:**

**January 8, 2025**

**Prepared By:**

**Ramae Ogilvie**

SUBJECT: CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Paving Services
- B. Acceptance of Water System
- C. Grant of Right of Way
- D. Encroachment Permit
- E. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on December 11, 2024
- F. Ratification of check disbursements



**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 8, 2025**  
**Prepared By: Frank Wolinski**  
**Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: PAVING SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Joe’s Paving, Inc. for paving services on Independence Way (D-2382; DIV NO 3) in an amount of \$90,606.50.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$90,606.50; funding for pavement restoration on Independence Way is included in the Fiscal Year 2025 capital budget for the Main Replacement Program.

SUMMARY: The District advertised and solicited bids from 10 contractors for final asphalt repairs for this project. Three contractors attended the mandatory job walk, and two responsive bids were received. Joe’s Paving, Inc. responded with the lowest bid.

DETAILED REPORT: District staff installed approximately 1,500 feet of various sizes of PVC pipe in Elm Drive and Warmlands Avenue to complete the final phase of this project. Paving requirements for this project include approximately 9,400 square feet of paving. The bid results were as follows:

Joe’s Paving, Inc.	\$ 90,606.50
Kirk Paving, Inc.	\$183,000.00

Based on the bid results and past performance, staff recommends executing an agreement with Joe’s Paving, Inc. for paving services on Independence Way.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): This agreement is for a phase of the mainline replacement project, which is a project that staff previously determined to be exempt under Class 2 of the State CEQA Guidelines section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 14 CCR § 15302(c), because it consists of replacement or reconstruction of an existing utility system and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and there is no potential for the project to cause either a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.



## STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item: 6.B**

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	<b>January 8, 2025</b>
<b>Prepared By:</b>	<b>Christina Olson</b>
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	<b>Randy Whitmann</b>
<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Brett Hodgkiss</b>

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WATER SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION: Accept this water system for a multi-family development known as Silverado Townhomes, consisting of 62 attached condominium units on approximately 4.9 gross acres owned by KB Home Coastal, Inc., located at 425 Smilax Road, Vista (TM 5634; LN 2021-019; I-3094; APNs 217-191-02 and 217-191-03; DIV NO 5).

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On January 5, 2022, the Board approved this waterline project.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: The water system is ready for acceptance by the Board, which will allow the Notice of Acceptance to be filed with the County Recorder.

DETAILED REPORT: All work required by the construction agreement (I-3094) has been completed. Under District inspection, the owner's contractor installed approximately 20 feet of 8-inch waterline, 20 feet of 6-inch waterline, one 4-inch domestic service, one 1-inch irrigation service, two 8-inch fire services, and miscellaneous appurtenances. The owner has paid for all meters and installed all necessary backflow devices.

This project will be completed with the filing of the Notice of Acceptance.

ATTACHMENT: Map



SILVERADO TOWNHOMES  
 APN 217-191-02 & 217-191-03

**LEGEND**

- EXISTING**
- W — WATER MAIN
  - ⊕ FIRE HYDRANT
- PROJECT PUBLIC FACILITIES**
- ⊕ DOMESTIC SERVICE
  - ⊕ IRRIGATION SERVICE
- PROJECT PRIVATE FACILITIES**
- ▴ RPDA BACKFLOW
  - ▬ RP BACKFLOW

**VICINITY MAP**



**OWNERS:**  
 KB HOME COASTAL, INC.  
 9915 MIRA MESA BLVD. #100  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92131  
 (760) 550-1957

**ENGINEER:**  
 RICK ENGINEERING  
 5620 FRIARS RD  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92110  
 (619) 291-0707

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE**  
**SILVERADO TOWNHOMES (425 SMILAX RD)**

APN: 217-191-02 & 217-191-03		T.B. 1108-C5
SCALE: NTS		L.N. 2021-019
APPD. BY: CO	DATE 12/23/24	W.O. <b>I-3094</b>
DRAWN BY: JR	DATE 12/20/24	
SHEET 1 OF 1	MAP I22	
REVISED 12/26/24 Jose Rodriguez		

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## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.C

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	<b>January 8, 2025</b>
<b>Prepared By:</b>	<b>Christina Olson</b>
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	<b>Randy Whitmann</b>
<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Brett Hodgkiss</b>

SUBJECT: GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY

RECOMMENDATION: Accept Grant of Right of Way (R52) for a specific easement over a single-family residential lot consisting of approximately 0.40 acres owned by Michael Romeo, located along Mar Vista Drive in the City of Vista (APN 183-372-14; DIV NO 4).

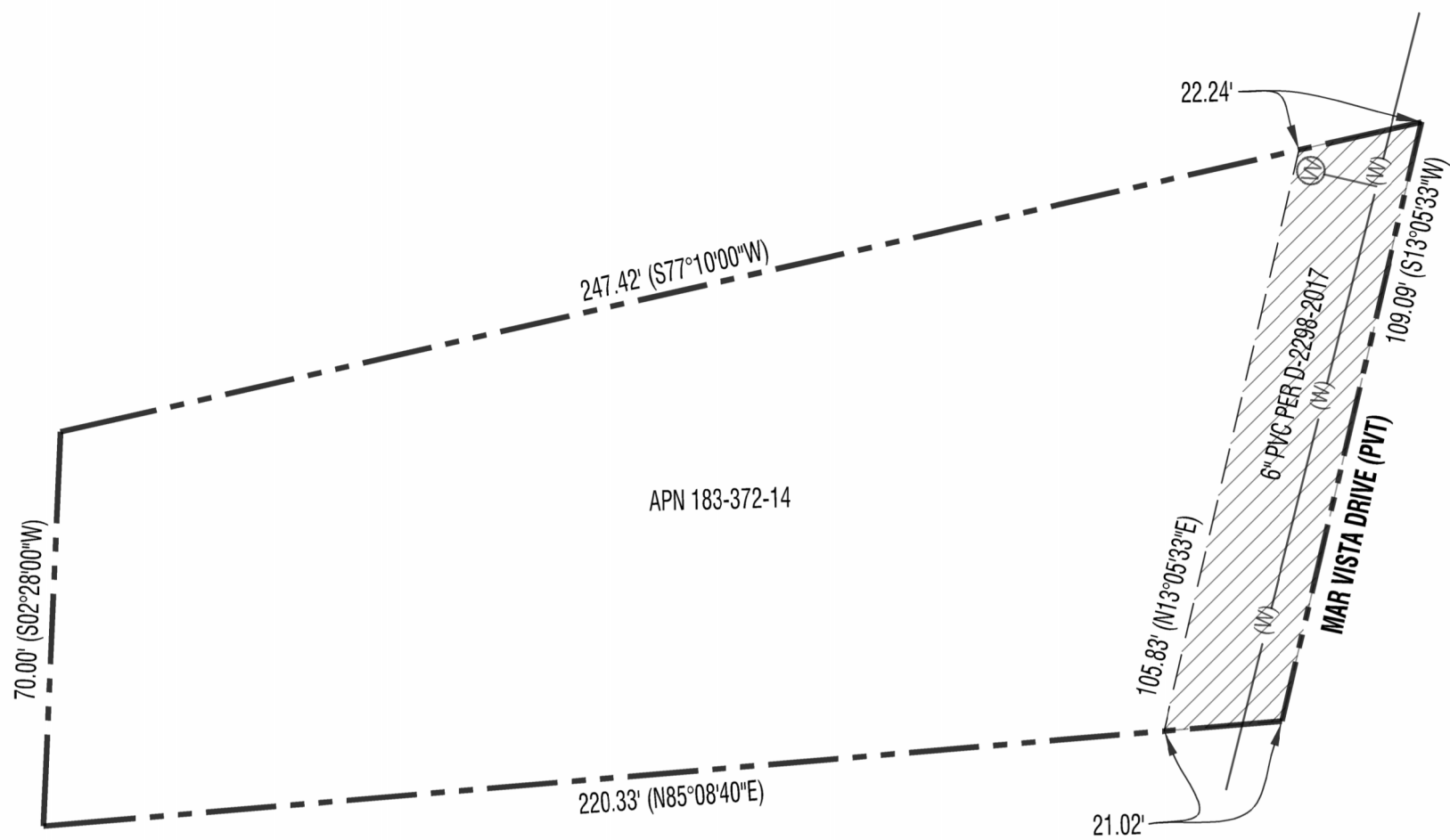
PRIOR BOARD ACTION: In 1927, the Board accepted Grant of Right-of-Way (V140).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: The owner, Michael Romeo, is in the process of developing a single-family residence on APN 183-372-14. The District has existing facilities within the property currently covered by Blanket Easement (V140). Acceptance of Grant of Right of Way (R52) via an easement document will allow the District to secure a dedicated specific easement over existing facilities that front the property.

ATTACHMENT: Map



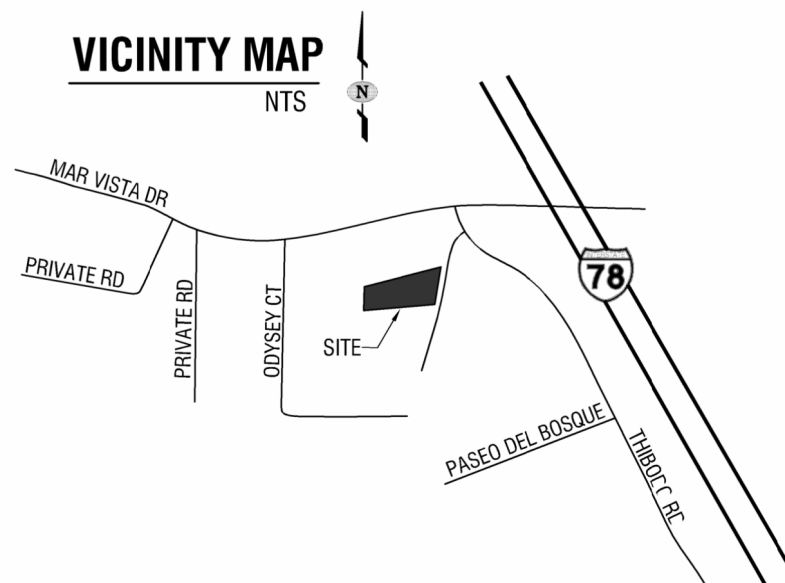


**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY LINE
- (W) — EXISTING 6" PVC
- ▨ PROPOSED VID SPECIFIC EASEMENT (R52)
- (W) — EXISTING 5/8" WATER SERVICE

**VICINITY MAP**

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**OWNER:**  
 MICHAEL ROMEO  
 448 WOODLAND HILLS DRIVE  
 ESCONDIDO, CA 92029

**ENGINEER:**  
 DAVID H. LOWEN, P.E.  
 ACAL ENGINEERING, INC.  
 211 MAIN STREET, SUITE 205  
 VISTA, CA 92084

<b>VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT</b>	
<b>GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (R52)</b>	
<b>MAR VISTA DRIVE (VACANT LOT)</b>	
APN 183-372-14	T.B.
SCALE: NO SCALE	L.N. 2024-028
APPD. BY CO	DATE 12/30/24
DRAWN BY JR	DATE 11/15/24
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## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.D

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	<b>January 8, 2025</b>
<b>Prepared By:</b>	<b>Christina Olson</b>
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	<b>Randy Whitmann</b>
<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Brett Hodgkiss</b>

SUBJECT: ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

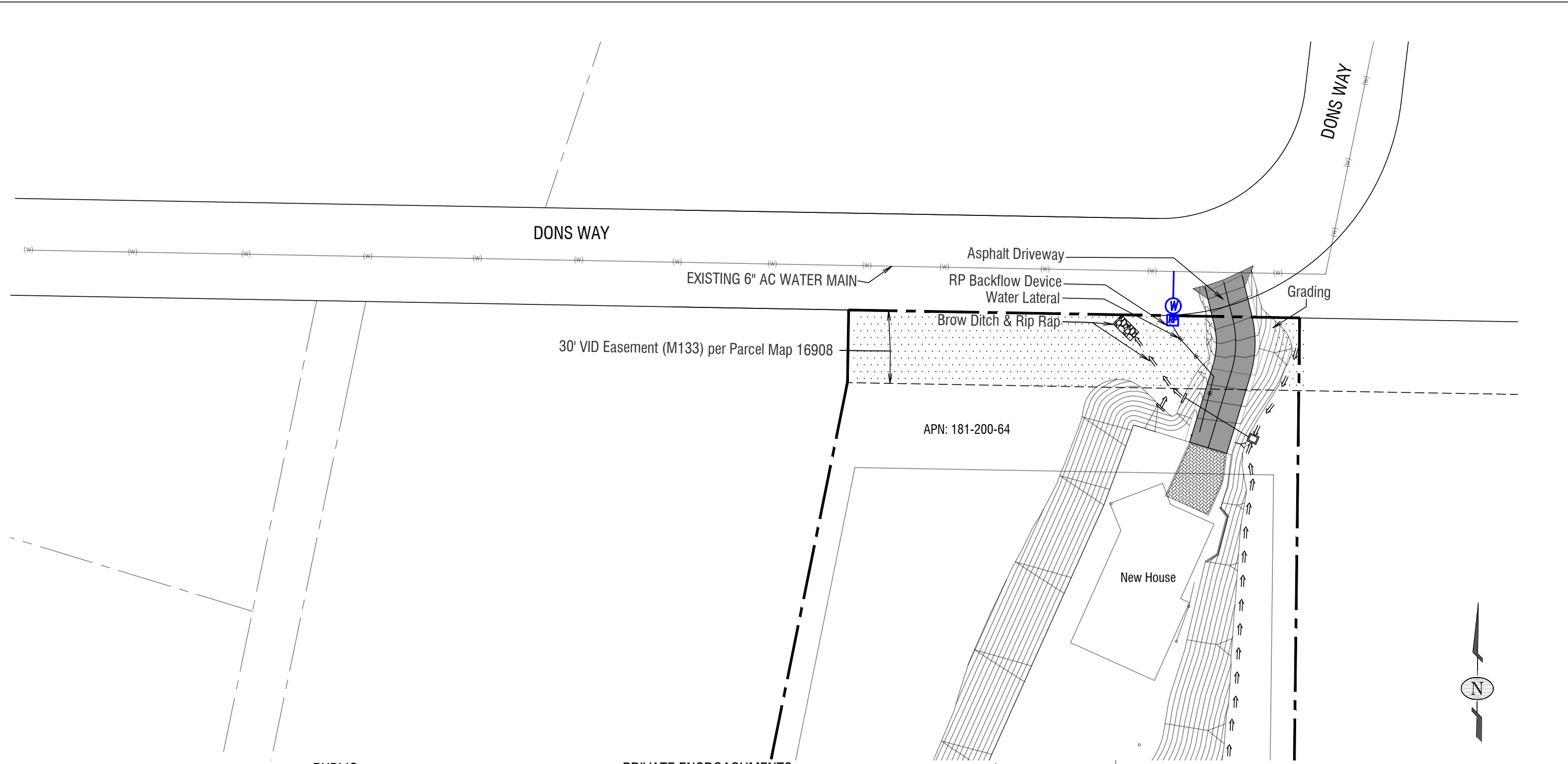
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Encroachment Permit (141) for a dedicated specific easement over a single-family residential lot consisting of approximately 1.19 gross acres owned by Gonzalez CGG Living Trust 10/12/79, located at 2145 Dons Way, Vista (LN 2024-020; APN 181-200-64; DIV NO 5).

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On April 1, 1992, the Board accepted Grant of Right of Way (M133).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

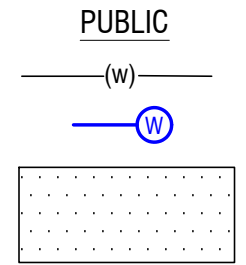
SUMMARY: The owner, Gonzalez CGG Living Trust 10/12/79, is in the process of building a single-family residence for APN 181-200-64. Review of the plans found that several proposed site improvements (asphalt driveway and grading, backflow device and water lateral, brow ditch and rip rap) encroach into Specific Easement (M133). Approval of Encroachment Permit (141) will allow the owner to proceed with the single-family residential improvements; in accordance with said permit, any costs to replace the encroachments as the result of District water main construction or maintenance will be borne by the permittee.

ATTACHMENT: Map



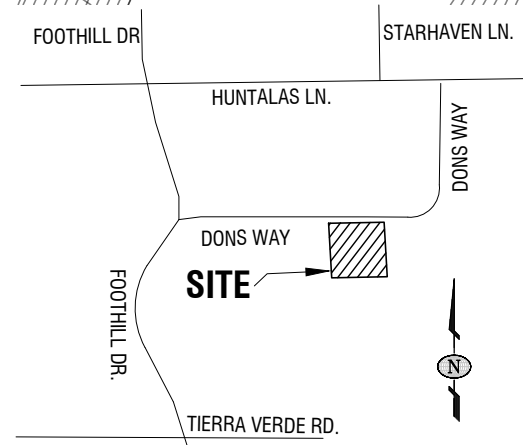
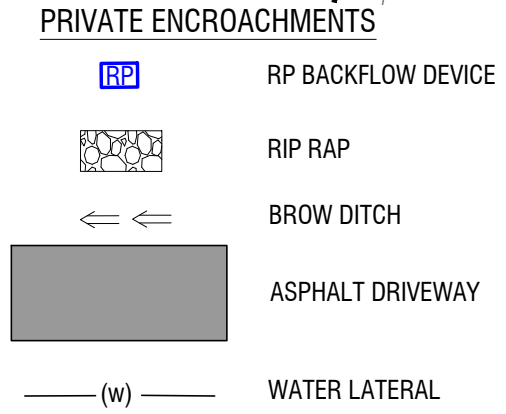
OWNER:  
 GONZALEZ CGG LIVING TRUST 7/21/2012  
 1240 OAK DRIVE  
 VISTA, CA 92084

ENGINEER:  
 BHA, INC.  
 5115 AVENIDA ENCINAS SUITE "L"  
 CARLSBAD, CA. 92008-4387  
 BRUCE RICE



EXISTING WATER MAIN  
 NEW WATER SERVICE

EXISTING SPECIFIC  
 EASEMENT (M133)  
 ENCROACHMENT AREA



<b>VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT</b>			
<b>ENCROACHMENT PERMIT 141</b>			
2145 DONS WAY			
APN 181-200-64			T.B.
SCALE: NO SCALE			L.N. 2024-020
APPD. BY CO	DATE 12/30/24	W.O.	
DRAWN BY NR	DATE 12/30/24		
SHEET 1 of 1	MAP J14		
REVISED 12/30/24	Nicholas Reardon		

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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

December 11, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

First Vice President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Ranae Ogilvie, Secretary of the Board; Lesley Dobalian, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; and Shallako Goodrick, Director of Administration. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present. Branden O'Donnell, Finance Supervisor, Kenneth Wulf, Inventory Control Clerk and Sabrina Willis, Accounts Payable Clerk were present for agenda items 7 and 8.

Other attendees: Friends and family members of Kenneth Wulf and Sabrina Willis were present for agenda items 7 and 8. LaVonne Peck and Stephanie Zehren of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority were present via teleconference.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kuchinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

24-12-130	<i>Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.</i>
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**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

24-12-131	<i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 2024-41 approving disbursements.</i>
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**DRAFT MINUTES**

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A. Emergency Paving Services

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board ratified the emergency contract with Joe's Paving, Inc. for paving services on South Melrose Drive in an amount of \$82,727.71.

B. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 20, 2024

The minutes of November 20, 2024 were approved as presented.

C. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-41**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 76091 through 76236 drawn on US Bank totaling \$1,756,352.67.

**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 11th day of December 2024.

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**7. RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE KENNETH WULF**

See staff report attached hereto.

Finance Supervisor Branden O'Donnell, Director of Administration Shallako Goodrick and General Manager Brett Hodgkiss each spoke about Kenneth Wulf and expressed their sincere appreciation for his 15 years of exemplary service to the District. Mr. Hodgkiss noted that over the course of his career, Mr. Wulf had worked with every department at the District in some capacity, beginning with his role in Customer Service as a Meter Reader, followed by his role in Operations as a System Operator, and finally in his current role as Inventory Control Clerk and that he will truly be missed. Mr. Hodgkiss and the Board thanked Mr. Wulf for his hard work and dedication to the District and congratulated him on his impending retirement.

**8. RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE SABRINA WILLIS**

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. O'Donnell, Ms. Goodrick and Mr. Hodgkiss each spoke about Sabrina Willis and expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation for her exemplary 18 years of service as the District's Accounts Payable Clerk. Ms. Goodrick said that Ms. Willis' positive attitude, hard work and dedication to the District will be sorely missed. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that from day one Ms. Willis showed herself to be a team player, and that every day since, her commitment and hard work throughout her 18-year career never wavered. He, along with staff and the Board, thanked Ms. Willis for her service to the District and wished her the best in retirement.

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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24-12-132      *Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director Miller, the Board of Directors adopted Resolutions 2024-42 and 2024-43 honoring Kenneth Wulf for his 15 years of service and Sabrina Willis for her 18 years of with the District, respectively, by the following roll call vote:*

*AYES:            Directors Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie*  
*NOES:            None*  
*ABSTAIN:        None*  
*ABSENT:         None*

*Copies of Resolutions 2024-42 and 2024-43 are on file in the official Resolution Book of the District.*

At 9:24 a.m., First Vice President Sanchez announced that the Board would take a break for some refreshments.

**9.      CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION-GENERAL MANAGER**

At 9:40 a.m. the Board went into Closed Session to conduct the performance evaluation of a public employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

At 11:04 the Board came out of Closed Session and First Vice President Sanchez stated that there was no reportable action.

**10.     GENERAL MANAGER COMPENSATION**

See staff report attached hereto.

The Board took the following action:

24-12-133      *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved a 2.52 percent increase (in addition to the 3.48 percent adjustment already included in agenda item 12, Revisions to the Compensation Schedule) to the General Manager's salary for 2025.*

General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell suggested carrying the action forward for consideration during agenda item 12, Revisions to the Compensation Schedule.

Director Miller advised the Board that he would need to leave the meeting early and requested that the order of agenda be changed to ensure the full Board was present for specific items. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

24-12-134      *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Olson and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors approved changing the order of agenda items to proceed as follows: 13, 14, 20, 12, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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**13. COMPREHENSIVE COST OF SERVICE/WATER RATE STUDY WORKSHOP**

See staff report attached hereto.

The Board set the date and time of the Comprehensive Cost of Service/Water Rate Study workshop for January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller reported that the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Board of Directors would be holding a Special Meeting on December 19, 2024 to address existing litigation with the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). He reported that the Water Authority, Imperial Irrigation District and MWD executed a second water exchange agreement at the recent Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference and that the MWD Board of Directors approved additional funding for the Delta Conveyance Project. Director Miller provided an update on the grant awarded to MWD for its Pure Water Southern California Project and discussed the impacts of the California Air Resources Board's Advance Clean Fleet rules. He advised the Board that he was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Water Authority's Water Planning and Environmental Committee for 2025.

**20. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING**

See staff report attached hereto.

The Board took the following action:

Director Miller nominated First Vice President Sanchez to be President for 2025.

24-12-135 *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors elected Patrick H. Sanchez as Board President for 2025.*

First Vice President Sanchez nominated Director Miller to be First Vice President for 2025.

24-12-136 *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors elected Marty Miller as the First Vice President for 2025, to preside in the absence of the President.*

Director Miller nominated Directors Kuchinsky, MacKenzie, and Olson to serve as Vice Presidents for 2025.

24-12-137 *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors elected Directors Kuchinsky, MacKenzie, and Olson to serve as Vice Presidents for 2025.*

First Vice President Sanchez moved to approve staff's recommendation for the positions of Secretary of the Board, Assistant Secretaries of the Board, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurers.

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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24-12-138      *Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie), the Board of Directors designated Ramae Ogilvie to serve as Secretary of the Board with Elizabeth Xaverius and Brett Hodgkiss designated as Assistant Secretaries of the Board. Shallako Goodrick was designated to serve as Treasurer with Branden O'Donnell and Brett Hodgkiss designated as Assistant Treasurers.*

First Vice President Sanchez stated that he has had preliminary discussions with each of his fellow Directors regarding their Committee interests and noted Committee appointments would be made at the January 8, 2025 Board meeting.

**12. REVISIONS TO COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

See staff report attached hereto.

Ms. Goodrick reviewed the proposed revisions to the 2025 Compensation Schedule stating that the revisions reflect the negotiated salary adjustments in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teamsters Union, which also established terms and conditions of employment for unrepresented employees, approved by the Board at its November 20, 2024 meeting. She said that an Engineer I/II position was added to the Compensation Schedule, noting that the Engineer I/II position would replace a vacant Engineering Specialist I/II position. Ms. Goodrick said, as presented, the proposed revisions would increase the annual labor cost by \$669,000.

Director Sanchez referenced the previous action taken on agenda item 10, General Manager Compensation and the following action was taken:

24-12-139      *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2024-44 approving the revisions to the Compensation Schedule effective January 1, 2025 to include the additional salary adjustment made to the General Manager's Compensation for 2025, by the following roll call vote:*

*AYES:            Directors Miller, Olson, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie*  
*NOES:            None*  
*ABSTAIN:        None*  
*ABSENT:         None*

*Copy of Resolution 2024-44 is on file in the official Resolution Book of the District.*

**11. DIVISION REPORTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

First Vice President Sanchez presented Director Miller with a service award recognizing him for his 16 years of service on the Board of Directors.

Director of Water Resources Lesley Dobalian provided an update on the Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study stating that the goal is to have the oxygenation system operational by spring 2025. Director MacKenzie suggested that the biological review report be provided to the Warner Ranch Committee for review when complete. Ms. Dobalian also provided an update on the Lake Henshaw Well Project noting that the Request for Proposal (RFP) to drill a new groundwater well at the Lake Henshaw Resort will be finalized December 2024 and issued in January 2025; it is anticipated that an item to enter into an agreement to drill a new well would be placed on a February 2025 Board agenda.



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Director Kuchinsky requested information on past water main/pipe leaks.

**15. MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director MacKenzie reported on her attendance at the California Special Districts Association's (CSDA) San Diego Chapter meeting where she heard a presentation on recent and future weather patterns. She reported on her attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Fall Conference where she attended Local Government and Membership Committee meetings as well as a City/County Nexis Subcommittee meeting. Director MacKenzie also reported on sessions that she attended relative to Proposition 218 and paving standards.

Director Miller reported on his attendance at the Annual CRWUA Conference where he heard discussions related to water rights on the Colorado River.

Director Kuchinsky also reported on his attendance at the ACWA Fall Conference where he received updates on various water-related issues and heard a presentation focused on Assembly Bill (AB) 2257, legislation aimed at protecting water agencies from water rate litigation.

First Vice President Sanchez reported that he attended the ACWA Joint Power Insurance Agency's (JPIA) Summit and programs as well as the Energy Committee meeting at the ACWA Fall Conference; he noted that the District received the ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award acknowledging the District's efforts in maintaining its low loss ratio in ACWA JPIA's Workers' Compensation Program. First Vice President Sanchez said that he also attended CRWUA and heard presentations related to avoiding litigation and Post-2026 management of the Colorado River. He requested authorization to attend the Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference February 26-28, 2025 in Palm Springs.

All Directors requested authorization to attend the Vista Chamber of Commerce's State of the Community luncheon on January 27, 2025.

24-12-140	<b><i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors authorized First Vice President Sanchez and Directors Kuchinsky, Miller, MacKenzie and Olson to attend the Vista Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Luncheon on January 27, 2025; and authorized First Vice President Sanchez to attend the Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference on February 26-28, 2025 in Palm Springs.</i></b>
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At 12:23 p.m. Directors Miller and Kuchinsky left the meeting.

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

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss stated a news release would be issued regarding the annual organizational meeting.

**17. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

First Vice President Sanchez presented Director MacKenzie with a service award honoring her for 32 years of Board service and commended staff for a great Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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Director Olson thanked staff and Directors for welcoming and assisting him with his recent election to the Board of Directors and said he recognizes that he has big shoes to fill in following Director Vásquez's many years of service to Division 2.

**18. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Mitchell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**19. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Hodgkiss followed up on Director Kuchinsky's comment regarding AB 2557 related to rate challenges and stated that he would defer to the District's Rate Consultant to cover this topic in more detail during the upcoming workshop on January 15, 2025. Mr. Hodgkiss wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 12:30 p.m. Director Sanchez adjourned the meeting to January 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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Patrick H. Sanchez, First Vice President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



# Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 11/27/2024 - 12/26/2024

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
76237	12/04/2024	Refund Check 76237	Customer Refund	1,452.70
76238	12/04/2024	Refund Check 76238	Customer Refund	4,014.00
76239	12/04/2024	Refund Check 76239	Customer Refund	224.91
76240	12/04/2024	A-1 Irrigation, Inc	Roofing Supplies	224.98
	12/04/2024		Paint, Hardware	26.91
	12/04/2024		Wire for Dam Entry Keypad	21.01
76241	12/04/2024	Escondido Metal Supply	Steel Tube - Truck 11	17.09
76242	12/04/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Office Supplies - Garage	25.97
	12/04/2024		Warehouse Supplies	162.21
	12/04/2024		Water Bottles - Wellness Grant	916.62
	12/04/2024		Pontoon Boat Supplies	20.10
	12/04/2024		Tablet Case	96.49
	12/04/2024		Tablet Case	(96.49)
	12/04/2024		Warehouse Supplies	41.62
76243	12/04/2024	Auto Specialist Warehouse	Brake Parts - Truck 18	267.52
	12/04/2024		Front Brake Pads - Truck 47	92.60
76244	12/04/2024	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration	Water Rights Fee 07/2024 - 06/2025	350.00
76245	12/04/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Independence Way	4,322.50
	12/04/2024		Traffic Control - Sunset Dr	1,615.00
	12/04/2024		Traffic Control - N Santa Fe Ave	3,015.00
	12/04/2024		Traffic Control - Osborne St	1,140.00
	12/04/2024		Traffic Control Plan (2) - E Vista Way	70.00
76246	12/04/2024	CODE 3 Media	Pre-construction Video - Lonsdale & E Indian Rock	1,440.00
76247	12/04/2024	City Of Escondido	Escondido Water Treatment Plant 09/2024 & 10/2024	277,082.00
76248	12/04/2024	Clancy Contracting Services, Inc	Asbestos Pipe Disposal	2,500.00
76249	12/04/2024	Akeso Occupational Health	First Aid	296.34
	12/04/2024		New Hire Physicals (2)	534.00
	12/04/2024		X-ray Exam	315.28
76250	12/04/2024	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	167.93
	12/04/2024		Office Supplies	201.31
76251	12/04/2024	Core & Main	Corp Stop 1" MIP X Flare (24)	1,974.48
76252	12/04/2024	Cornerstone Construx LLC	Refund - Quitclaim Deed & Bill of Sale Fee	984.00
76253	12/04/2024	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	496.18
	12/04/2024		Portable Restroom Service	97.68
76254	12/04/2024	Direct Energy	Electric 11/2024 - T & D / Cathodic Protection	74.83
	12/04/2024		Electric 11/2024 - Reservoirs	30.38
	12/04/2024		Electric 11/2024 - Pump Stations	1,484.79

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
	12/04/2024		Electric 11/2024 - Treatment Plants	39.11
76255	12/04/2024	DIRECTV	Direct TV Service	116.99
76256	12/04/2024	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	Trash Service	484.57
76257	12/04/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	DFW Meter Box Large DFWPW6C4-12 (8)	1,164.77
	12/04/2024		Ell / PVC Sch 40 / 1" / 90° / S x S (20)	16.24
	12/04/2024		Coupling / Brass / 1" (5)	29.77
	12/04/2024		Adapter / PVC Sch 80 / 1" / Male (20)	102.84
	12/04/2024		Nipple / Brass / 0.75" x CL (10)	26.74
	12/04/2024		Coupling / Brass / 0.75" (5)	21.16
	12/04/2024		12" Ring Gaskets (Green) (10)	95.26
	12/04/2024		Adapter / PVC Sch 40 / 1" / Male (20)	17.32
	12/04/2024		6" Pipe Restrainer with T-Bolts (PWM-C6) (5)	197.56
	12/04/2024		Coupling / PVC Sch 40 / 1" / S x S (20)	16.89
	12/04/2024		Bushing / Brass / 1.25" x 1" (5)	36.05
	12/04/2024		8" Pipe Restrainer with T-Bolts (PWM-C8) (6)	396.20
	12/04/2024		Weld Flanges (2)	1,071.68
	12/04/2024		Tee 8" DI Flange (1)	495.79
	12/04/2024		Gate Valve 6" FL R/W (1)	956.80
	12/04/2024		Coupling 8" Deflection C900 (5)	622.17
	12/04/2024		Corp Stop 1" MIP X Flare (7)	545.13
	12/04/2024		Tubing 2" Copper Soft 20' (20)	542.77
	12/04/2024		Ell 6"x16" POxFL Bury DI (1)	453.00
	12/04/2024		Coupling 6" Macro (1)	386.30
	12/04/2024		Wire 10 Copper (1000)	378.88
	12/04/2024		Coupling 6" Deflection C900 (2)	103.92
	12/04/2024		Adapter 8" DI POxFL (1)	222.45
	12/04/2024		Service Saddle 8x2 PVC (1)	225.20
	12/04/2024		Coupling 8" Repair PVC C900 (2)	288.64
	12/04/2024		Corp Stop 2" MIP X FIP (1)	290.43
	12/04/2024		Gate Valve 6" POxFL R/W (1)	959.70
	12/04/2024		Zinc Anode bag 30lb (6)	1,091.16
	12/04/2024		Tee 8x6 DI POxFL (1)	332.33
	12/04/2024		Gate Valve 8" POxFL R/W (1)	1,516.69
	12/04/2024		Service Saddle 8x1 PVC (7)	1,447.76
	12/04/2024		Tubing 1" Copper Soft 60' (180)	1,753.65
	12/04/2024		Gate Valve 8" FL R/W (2)	2,990.36
	12/04/2024		Angle Ball Mtr Valve 1"Flare Swl Mtr Nut Lockwing (2)	294.38
	12/04/2024		CLAVAl Maintenance Parts	10,074.31
	12/04/2024		DFW Meter Box Large DFWPW6C4-12 (10)	1,526.33
	12/04/2024		DFW Meter Box Lid Small D1324 (VID Stamp) (25)	1,786.13
	12/04/2024		DFW Meter Box Small DFW1324CH4-12 (26)	3,208.53
76258	12/04/2024	Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co (EyeMed)	Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	14.24

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	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	8.78
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	8.78
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 -Employees	1,543.94
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - J MacKenzie	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024- M Miller	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 14/2024 - P Sanchez	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 14/2024 - R Vasquez	14.24
	12/04/2024		Vision Insurance 12/2024 - P Kuchinsky	14.24
76259	12/04/2024	Grainger	Entry Gate Opener for Dam	1,414.24
76260	12/04/2024	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Hydraulic Hose Parts	68.05
76261	12/04/2024	D-Tek Enterprises, Inc	Live Bee Removal (1) - Thibodo	110.00
76262	12/04/2024	Joe's Paving	Patch Paving	3,800.00
	12/04/2024		Patch Paving	8,452.95
76263	12/04/2024	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Front End Work - Truck 61	1,500.74
	12/04/2024		Replaced NOX Sensors/Reprogrammed - Truck 75	1,019.52
	12/04/2024		Upper Radiator Hose Assembly - Truck 47	176.32
76264	12/04/2024	Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard	Legal 09/2024	1,847.50
76265	12/04/2024	Moodys	Dump Fees/Oversize (4)	2,400.00
76266	12/04/2024	North County Auto Parts	Air Intake Box - Truck 45	169.76
	12/04/2024		Wheel Paint (2)	27.15
	12/04/2024		Wheel Paint (6)	86.58
76267	12/04/2024	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Battery - Truck 15	202.28
	12/04/2024		Battery Core - Truck 15	(22.00)
	12/04/2024		Alternator - Truck 15	161.34
	12/04/2024		Alternator Core - Truck 15	(10.78)
76268	12/04/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	4" 90 Degree Ell (1)	159.89
76269	12/04/2024	Powerland Equipment, Inc	Chain Saw	1,799.41
76270	12/04/2024	San Diego Friction Products	Axle Hub Caps, Wheel Chocks	605.70
76271	12/04/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	Gas 11/2024 - VID Headquarters	798.14
	12/04/2024		Electric 11/2024 - VID Headquarters	7,832.04
76272	12/04/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 11/16/24 - 11/30/24 - VID Headquarters	5,209.80
	12/04/2024		Fuel 11/16/24 - 11/30/24 - Henshaw	227.22
76273	12/04/2024	Specialty Mowing Services, Inc	Mowing Service - Daley Bench	4,998.48
	12/04/2024		Mowing Service - Finkbinder	4,996.10
76274	12/04/2024	Discount Tire	Tires (4) - Truck 47	1,089.50
76275	12/04/2024	The UPS Store 0971	Shipping 11/30/24 - RWS Well #2	300.71
	12/04/2024		Shipping 11/30/24 - HABS	453.96

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76276	12/04/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	244.55
76277	12/04/2024	Verizon Wireless	Air Cards (4)	152.04
	12/04/2024		Cell Phones 10/16/24 - 11/15/24	2,279.72
76278	12/04/2024	Volt Workforce Solutions	Temporary Service PE 11/08/24	551.67
76279	12/04/2024	TS Industrial Supply	Locks 2029 Master (16)	287.96
	12/04/2024		Air Hose - Truck 75	592.83
	12/04/2024		Spray Nozzles for Pressure Washers (3)	82.02
76280	12/04/2024	Xerox Corporation	Xerox Supplies & Maintenance	182.24
76281	12/11/2024	Refund Check 76281	Customer Refund	173.04
76282	12/11/2024	ACWA/JPIA	Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	904.70
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
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	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Employees	195,463.37
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - Retirees	41,818.38
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - P Sanchez	1,878.49
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - J MacKenzie	1,878.49
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - M Miller	1,878.49
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - R Vasquez	2,230.09
	12/11/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 12/2024 - P Kuchinsky	1,878.49
76283	12/11/2024	Airgas USA LLC	Oxygen & Acetylene	79.16
76284	12/11/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Coolers (7) - HABs Samples	136.29
	12/11/2024		Footwear Program (1)	179.20
	12/11/2024		Portable Water Tank for Concrete Saw	121.90
	12/11/2024		Parts for String Trimmers	143.94
	12/11/2024		Warehouse Supplies	43.74
	12/11/2024		Water Bottles - Wellness Grant	114.15
	12/11/2024		Tablet Keyboard	129.60
	12/11/2024		Pull Starters (4)	83.71
	12/11/2024		Food Grade Anti-Seize	135.39
	12/11/2024		Warehouse Supplies	22.72
	12/11/2024		Retirement Gift	299.81
76285	12/11/2024	Auto Specialist Warehouse	Front & Rear Brake Pads - Truck 11	256.55
76286	12/11/2024	Boot Barn Inc	Footwear Program (1)	178.58
76287	12/11/2024	Brett Hodgkiss	ACWA JPIA Summit/ACWA Conference - R Whitmann	94.38

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	12/11/2024		ACWA JPIA Summit/ACWA Conference - P Sanchez	42.04
	12/11/2024		ACWA JPIA Summit/ACWA Conference - J MacKenzie	94.37
	12/11/2024		ACWA JPIA Summit/ACWA Conference - B Hodgkiss	276.63
76288	12/11/2024	Brown and Caldwell	Flume Replacement Alignment Study 9/27/24-10/31/24	27,611.23
76289	12/11/2024	CDW Government Inc	Unitrends 9019 Support Renewal	4,173.62
	12/11/2024		Unitrends Forever Cloud Subscription 500GB (14)	13,935.88
76290	12/11/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Lexington Dr	1,520.00
	12/11/2024		Traffic Control - E Bobier Dr	807.50
	12/11/2024		Traffic Control - Duo Ct	1,520.00
76291	12/11/2024	Citi Cards	DocuSign - additional envelopes for E-signatures	40.66
	12/11/2024		Kitchen & Restroom Supplies	1,410.17
	12/11/2024		Cloud Base Phone System	27.59
	12/11/2024		GFI Faxmaker	15.00
	12/11/2024		Microsoft Azure	883.05
	12/11/2024		Refreshments for Employee Event	159.42
	12/11/2024		Refreshments for Training	73.97
76292	12/11/2024	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	18.45
76293	12/11/2024	Complete Paperless Solutions, LLC	Laserfiche Participant Users Subscription 2024 (14)	835.39
76294	12/11/2024	Consort North America, Inc	Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation 10/2024	370.00
76295	12/11/2024	Core & Main	Spool for 4" Meter Set	512.96
76296	12/11/2024	Drug Testing Network Inc	Annual Administrative Fee 01/2025 - 01/2026	150.00
76297	12/11/2024	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	Trash Service	480.34
76298	12/11/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	Flange 8" SOW (3)	129.90
	12/11/2024		Flange 6" DI Blind 8-hole (1)	96.26
	12/11/2024		Flange 12" SOW (1)	84.44
	12/11/2024		Pipe 1" PVC Schedule 40 (100)	60.62
	12/11/2024		Nipple 2x6 Brass (2)	50.88
	12/11/2024		Service Saddle 12x2 PVC (2)	666.50
	12/11/2024		Adapter 2" Copper x MIP (12)	298.77
	12/11/2024		Adapter 12" DI FLxPO (1)	441.66
	12/11/2024		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 6"-8" (6" gasket) 3/4 x 3 1/4 (24)	500.12
	12/11/2024		Ell 8" DI PO 45 Degree (2)	483.88
	12/11/2024		Fire Hydrant LB400 Check Valve (2)	4,124.33
	12/11/2024		Coupling 6" Macro (10)	3,863.01
	12/11/2024		Gate Valve 12" POxFL R/W (1)	2,934.64
	12/11/2024		Corp Stop 2" MIP X FIP (10)	2,904.35
	12/11/2024		Gate Valve 6" FL R/W (3)	2,841.56
	12/11/2024		Tubing 2" Copper Soft 20' (40)	1,108.48
	12/11/2024		Adapter 8" DI POxFL (3)	667.36
	12/11/2024		Ell 2" Brass Street 90 Degree (5)	172.12
	12/11/2024		1" Poly Insert Stiffeners (Ford 53-72) (20)	75.78
76299	12/11/2024	Frank Wolinski	Reimburse - AWWA Cross Connection Certificate Renewal	125.00

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76300	12/11/2024	Government Finance Officers Association	ACFR Award Fee 12/2024	460.00
76301	12/11/2024	Grainger	Supplies	64.54
	12/11/2024		Air Monitor Filters	68.42
	12/11/2024		Label Maker	1,289.95
76302	12/11/2024	Hach Company	CL17 Buffers (8)	679.81
76303	12/11/2024	D-Tek Enterprises, Inc	Live Bee Removal (1) Elevado	110.00
	12/11/2024		Live Bee Removal (1) Friendly	110.00
76304	12/11/2024	Inland Kenworth (US) Inc	Wheel Speed Sensor	76.11
	12/11/2024		Air Brake Hose	13.03
76305	12/11/2024	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Replaced Front Axle U-Joints & Seals - Truck 61	1,328.29
	12/11/2024		Driver Door Window Glass - Truck 40	416.04
	12/11/2024		Coolant Hose - Truck 65	38.31
76306	12/11/2024	Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard	Legal 10/2024	2,194.50
76307	12/11/2024	Major League Pest	Monthly Pest Control	225.00
76308	12/11/2024	Moodys	Dump Fee/Oversize (1)	600.00
	12/11/2024		Dump Fees/Oversize (3)	1,800.00
	12/11/2024		Dump Fee/Oversize (1)	600.00
	12/11/2024		Dump Fees/Oversize (2)	1,200.00
76309	12/11/2024	North County Auto Parts	Air Compressor Belt	33.73
	12/11/2024		Shocks (4) - Truck 61	487.06
	12/11/2024		Cleaning Pads	35.07
	12/11/2024		Shop Chemicals, Oil	84.88
76310	12/11/2024	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Battery - Truck 45	179.36
	12/11/2024		Starter	(212.26)
	12/11/2024		Creeper	101.74
76311	12/11/2024	Pacific Pipeline Supply	Clamp 4x2 Repair Full Circle SS Romac SS2 (1)	310.14
	12/11/2024		Ell 6"x16" POxFL Bury DI (3)	898.75
	12/11/2024		Fire Hydrant LB400 Check Valve (4)	8,010.50
	12/11/2024		Tubing 1" Copper Soft 60' (100)	920.13
	12/11/2024		Sleeve 8"x12" Galvanized Top Sections (50)	811.88
	12/11/2024		Pipe 6" PVC DR-14 C900 (40)	627.85
	12/11/2024		Coupling 8" Repair PVC C900 (4)	590.15
	12/11/2024		Coupling 1"x1" Female Flare x Super Grip (10)	368.05
	12/11/2024		Service Saddle 8x1 Brass AC (2)	363.72
	12/11/2024		Nut Bolt Gskt Kit 6"-8" (6" gasket) 3/4 x 3 1/4 (24)	298.77
	12/11/2024		Tubing 1" Copper Soft 60' (240)	2,208.30
	12/11/2024		Flange 6" SOW 6-hole (5)	254.39
	12/11/2024		Flange 4" SOW (4)	76.34
	12/11/2024		Fire Hydrant 6" Break Off Spool LB400 (3)	896.31
	12/11/2024		Adapter 6" DI POxFL (4)	692.80
	12/11/2024		Adapter 4" DI FLxPO (4)	441.66
	12/11/2024		Coupling 12" Repair PVC C900 (2)	950.44



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	12/11/2024		Fire Hydrant 6" Break Off Spool LB40 (3)	876.82
	12/11/2024		Grease No-Oxide 1 gal (8)	640.84
	12/11/2024		Fire Hydrant Rod 15"x.5" Break Off SS (5)	427.59
	12/11/2024		Coupling 12" Deflection C900 (1)	373.46
	12/11/2024		Compression Curbstops (10)	1,537.71
76312	12/11/2024	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tire - Truck 4	482.08
	12/11/2024		Tire (1) - L4 (left front)	1,624.97
76313	12/11/2024	Paychex of New York LLC	Onboarding/Recruiting/Flex Services	812.50
76314	12/11/2024	Phenova Inc	Proficiency Testing	537.35
76315	12/11/2024	Pool & Electrical Products Inc	Chlorine	160.69
	12/11/2024		Chlorine - E Reservoir	132.82
	12/11/2024		Chlorine - H Reservoir	66.41
	12/11/2024		Chlorine - SLR Reservoir	132.82
	12/11/2024		Container Deposits	(50.00)
76316	12/11/2024	Red Wing Shoe Store	Footwear Program	180.00
76317	12/11/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	Electric 11/2024 - Henshaw Buildings & Ground	1,011.35
	12/11/2024		Electric 11/2024 - Henshaw Wellfield	11,377.51
76318	12/11/2024	Shallako Goodrick	Reimburse - myCPE Online CPA Continuing Education	179.00
76319	12/11/2024	Sonsray Machinery LLC	Hydraulic Steering Cylinders (2) - F1	993.43
76320	12/11/2024	State Water Resources Control Board	Aquatic Pesticide Permit 07/2024 - 06/2025	3,630.00
	12/11/2024		Lanthanum Clay NPDES Permit 07/2024 - 06/2025	3,630.00
	12/11/2024		NPDES Permit 07/2024 - 6/2025	3,630.00
76321	12/11/2024	Tifco Industries	Shop Supplies	288.65
76322	12/11/2024	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	1,959.00
76323	12/11/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	244.03
76324	12/11/2024	Verizon Wireless	SCADA Remote Access	410.85
76325	12/11/2024	Vista Fence Company Inc	Clamps, Buckles, Posts	93.83
76326	12/11/2024	Volt Workforce Solutions	Temporary Service PE 11/15/24 - SDCWA Intern Program	536.76
76327	12/11/2024	TS Industrial Supply	6" End Cap	85.16
	12/11/2024		Air Chisel Bits (3), Reflector Kits (3)	221.48
76328 - 76330	12/18/2024	Refund Checks 76328 - 76330	Customer Refunds	1,217.21
76331	12/18/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Crimping Tool	384.23
	12/18/2024		Retirement Gift	117.99
	12/18/2024		Cell Phone Charger	17.04
	12/18/2024		Binder	23.26
	12/18/2024		Terminal Blocks for Dam Entry Gate	22.07
76332	12/18/2024	American Water Works Association	AWWA Membership 2025	8,058.00
76333	12/18/2024	Answering Service Care, LLC	Answering Service 11/2024	397.82
76334	12/18/2024	Boot World Inc	Footwear Program (3)	529.67
76335	12/18/2024	California Department of Justice	Fingerprinting	245.00
76336	12/18/2024	Canon Solutions America, Inc	Canon Supplies & Maintenance	154.19
76337	12/18/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - S Melrose Dr	3,325.00

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	12/18/2024		Traffic Control - Via Teresa	1,377.50
	12/18/2024		Traffic Control - Vale Terrace	1,377.50
76338	12/18/2024	Christopher Craghead	Footwear Reimbursement 12/2024	180.00
	12/18/2024		Tuition Reimbursement 12/2024	990.00
76339	12/18/2024	City of Oceanside	Weese Treatment - 11/2024	2,103.65
76340	12/18/2024	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	2.51
76341	12/18/2024	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	RealQuest Online Services	368.23
76342	12/18/2024	Direct Energy	Electric 11/2024-VID Headquarters	4,498.46
76343	12/18/2024	Dudek	RWS Consulting 9/28/24 - 10/25/24 - New Well	1,870.00
76344	12/18/2024	Electrical Sales Inc	Solar Chargers	66.83
76345	12/18/2024	Employee Relations, Inc	Background Checks	468.13
76346	12/18/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	Pipe 8" PVC DR-14 C900 (860)	21,598.04
	12/18/2024		Pipe 6" PVC DR-14 C900 (20)	291.19
76347	12/18/2024	D-Tek Enterprises, Inc	Live Bee Removal (1) Lynn Way	110.00
	12/18/2024		Live Bee Removal (1) Kilby	110.00
	12/18/2024		Live Bee Removal (1) Anns Way	110.00
76348	12/18/2024	Home Depot Credit Services	Lumber	60.59
	12/18/2024		Material for Boardroom	242.08
	12/18/2024		Material for Boardroom	246.14
	12/18/2024		Material for Boardroom	14.01
	12/18/2024		Lumber	32.72
	12/18/2024		Supplies for Flume Repairs	179.34
	12/18/2024		Security Light	100.15
	12/18/2024		Tools/Batteries	103.06
	12/18/2024		Paint	96.78
	12/18/2024		Tower Light, Kiosk Roofing Supplies	133.45
	12/18/2024		Tools	135.41
	12/18/2024		Hardware	8.57
	12/18/2024		Supplies	445.93
	12/18/2024		SCADA Supplies	108.80
76349	12/18/2024	InfoSend Inc	Data processing / Mailing Service 11/2024	13,767.71
	12/18/2024		Digital Newsletter bill insert	331.61
76350	12/18/2024	Jackson & Blanc	Quarterly Planned Maintenance	4,085.50
76351	12/18/2024	Jo MacKenzie	Reimburse - ACWA Fall Conference 12/24	969.89
76352	12/18/2024	K2 Calibrations LLC	GFG Calibration Gas	238.20
76353	12/18/2024	Leon Perrault Trucking & Materials	Trucking & Material 11/2024	13,820.25
76354	12/18/2024	Moodys	Dump Fee/Oversize (2)	1,200.00
	12/18/2024		Dump Fee/Oversize (1)	600.00
76355	12/18/2024	Mutual of Omaha	LTD/STD/ Life Insurance 01/2025	6,899.90
76356	12/18/2024	NAPA Auto Parts	Filters (5)	70.74
	12/18/2024		Electric Brake Controller	153.16
76357	12/18/2024	NHA Advisors, LLC	Municipal Financial Advisor 10/01/24 - 11/15/24	5,493.75

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76358	12/18/2024	North County Auto Parts	Trim Panel Retainers	19.76
	12/18/2024		Shop Chemicals, Wiper Blades	299.20
76359	12/18/2024	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Gate Battery-Henshaw's	223.63
	12/18/2024		Belts	28.51
76360	12/18/2024	Pacific Safety Center	Respiratory Fit Testing	1,495.00
	12/18/2024		Silica Training	795.00
76361	12/18/2024	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tire (1) - Truck 10	308.01
	12/18/2024		Tire (1) - L4 (right front)	1,531.22
76362	12/18/2024	R & R Controls Inc	Temperature Sensor	55.54
76363	12/18/2024	Raftelis	Water Rate Study	5,170.00
76364	12/18/2024	Rincon del Diablo MWD	MD Reservoir Water Service	37.40
76365	12/18/2024	SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC	Catch Basin	130.77
	12/18/2024		Catch Basin	(57.89)
	12/18/2024		Trench Shovel	54.92
76366	12/18/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 12/01/2024 - 12/15/2024	6,096.84
76367	12/18/2024	Spok, Inc	Pagers	51.37
76368	12/18/2024	Shred-it	Shredding Service	186.25
76369	12/18/2024	Umpqua Bank	No. American Lake Management Conference	1,002.09
	12/18/2024		ACWA Fall Conference 2024 - R. Whitmann	501.62
	12/18/2024		NIGP Membership Renewal	195.00
	12/18/2024		Refreshments for Interviews (5) - Inventory Clerk	136.91
	12/18/2024		Refreshments for interviews (8) - Facility Worker	134.95
	12/18/2024		Refreshments for interviews (5) - AP Clerk	88.20
	12/18/2024		CRWUA 2024 Conference - M. Miller	401.36
	12/18/2024		ACWA Fall Conference 2024 - P. Sanchez	752.43
	12/18/2024		CSDA Qtrly Meeting - J. Mackenzie	80.00
	12/18/2024		CRWUA 2024 Conference - P. Sanchez	218.82
	12/18/2024		Refreshment for retirement - R Vasquez	52.99
	12/18/2024		ACWA Fall Conference 2024 - B. Hodgkiss	752.43
	12/18/2024		CSDA Qtrly Meeting - B. Hodgkiss	80.00
	12/18/2024		San Diego Union Subscription	208.00
	12/18/2024		CSMFO Membership	150.00
76370	12/18/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	249.63
76371	12/18/2024	Volt Workforce Solutions	Temporary Svc PE 11/22/24 - SDCWA Intern	536.76
76372	12/18/2024	Vulcan Materials Company and Affiliates	Cold Mix	2,911.24
76373- 76381	12/26/2024	Refund Checks 76373 - 76381	Customer Refunds	3,647.24
76382	12/26/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Cresent Dr	1,615.00
	12/26/2024		Traffic Control - S Melrose Dr	434.80
76383	12/26/2024	Grainger	Air Compressor Valve	137.51
76384	12/26/2024	Joe's Paving	Patch Paving Emergency Repair - S Melrose	82,727.71
76385	12/26/2024	McMaster-Carr Supply Company	Maintenace Supplies	149.18
76386	12/26/2024	PSHRA	Membership Renewal FY 2024-2025	420.00

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76387	12/26/2024	Underground Service Alert of Southern California	Safe Excavation Board Fees	170.49
76388	12/26/2024	Volt Workforce Solutions	Temporary Svc PE 11/29/24 - SDCWA Intern	268.38
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>1,006,288.19</b>



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

**Board Meeting Date:** January 8, 2025  
**Prepared By:** Shallako Goodrick  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2024 AUDIT

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the Fiscal Year 2024 audit report by Davis Farr LLP.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None by this action. The fees for Fiscal Year 2024 audit services are \$25,750.

SUMMARY: The District's independent auditors, Davis Farr LLP, are issuing an unmodified opinion on the District's Financial Section in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The ACFR will be discussed in detail during the Board meeting.

The independent auditors found no material weaknesses involving the internal control structure or its operation. As requested, the auditors have reviewed the District's best practices to evaluate potential enhancements to District procedures and have no recommendations this year.

DETAILED REPORT: See attached financial statements and the auditor's letters. Shannon Ayala, CPA, Principal, Davis Farr LLP, will be in attendance to present the audit.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ACFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024
- Summary of Audit Results Letter for the year ended June 30, 2024
- Management Letter for the year ended June 30, 2024

# 2024



**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**

*Prepared by:*

*The Finance Department  
Vista Irrigation District  
Vista, CA*

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**Vista Irrigation District  
Annual Comprehensive Financial Report  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024  
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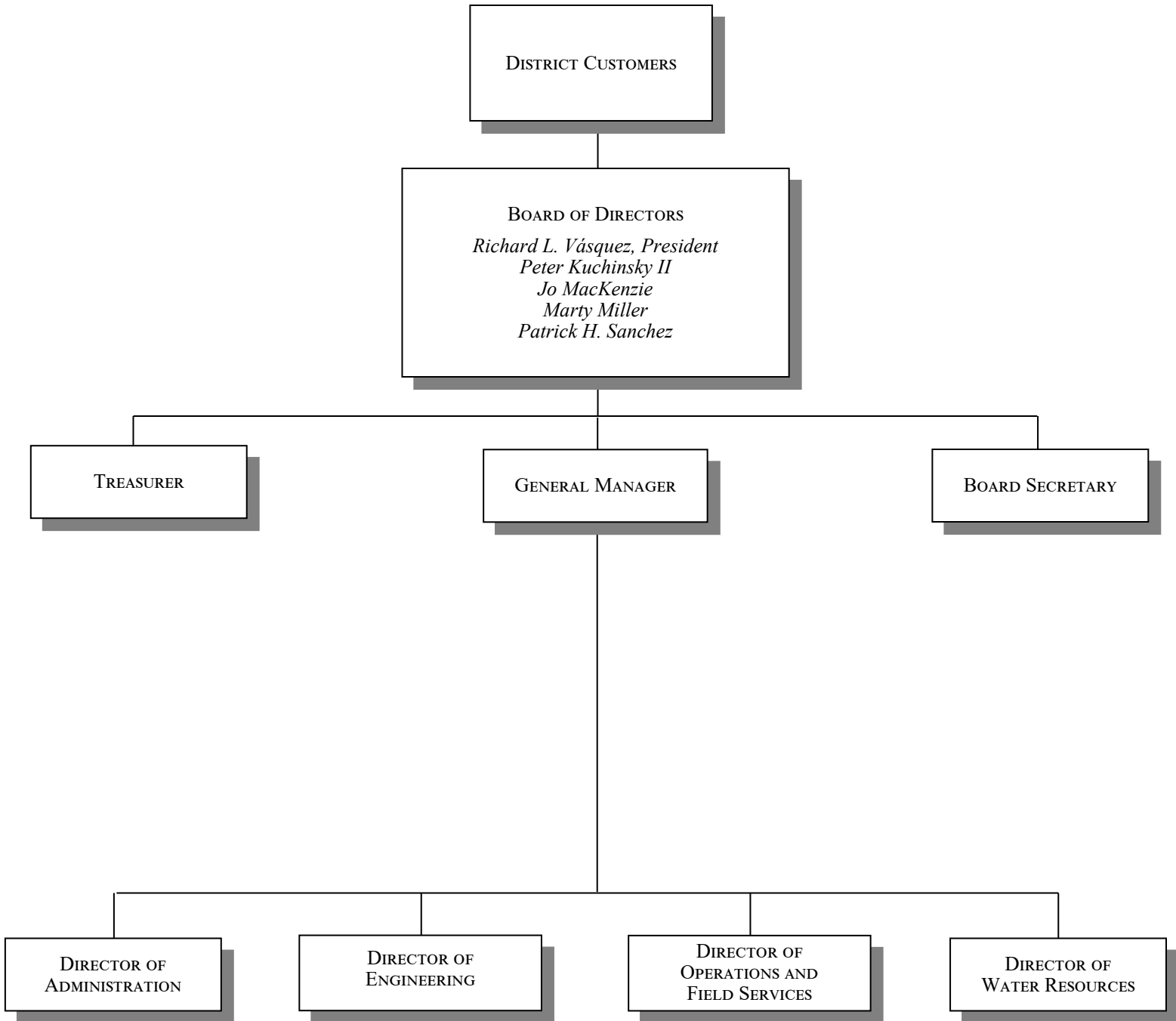
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## **Introductory Section**



**Organization Chart  
As of June 30, 2024**





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**Administrative Staff**

Brett L. Hodgkiss  
*General Manager*  
Ramae Ogilvie  
*Board Secretary*

November 13, 2024

To the Board of Directors and customers served by the Vista Irrigation District:

We are pleased to present the Vista Irrigation District's (District's or District) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The purpose of the report is to provide the Board of Directors, our customers, and any other interested parties with reliable financial information about the District.

The report was prepared by the District's Finance Department following guidelines set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Responsibility for the accuracy of the data presented and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including disclosures, rests with the District. We believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respects and that it is presented in a manner that provides a fair representation of the financial position and results of operations of the District. Included are all disclosures we believe necessary to enhance your understanding of the financial condition of the District. Internal controls are an important part of any financial reporting framework, and District management has established a comprehensive framework of internal controls to provide a reasonable basis for asserting that the financial statements are fairly presented. Because the cost of an internal control should not exceed the benefits to be derived, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute assurance, that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). The letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The District's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Davis Farr LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, has audited the District's financial statements. The goal of the independent audit is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditors concluded, based upon the audit,

that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

## **Profile of the District**

### **District's Service Area**

The District's service area consists of a 33-square mile area in the northwestern quadrant of San Diego County (County) that lies west of the Interstate 15 Freeway and east of the Interstate 5 Freeway, encompassing approximately 21,152 acres. Within the District's boundaries are the City of Vista, portions of the cities of San Marcos, Escondido and Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of the County. The District provides potable water to its service area.

### **District's Authority**

Vista Irrigation District is a special district of the State of California organized in 1923 under the Irrigation District Act (Water Code §20500, et. Seq.) and authorizing statutes (Water Code §22975, et. Seq.) and approved by voters on August 28, 1923 which coincided with the building of Henshaw Dam in 1923 by the San Diego County Water Company. Completion of the dam made it possible for the Vista community to receive a reliable source of water, instead of relying on wells in the area. In June 1946, the District purchased the San Diego County Water Company; included in the purchase was the 43,000-acre Warner Ranch, which includes Henshaw Dam and Lake Henshaw. In 1954, the District became a member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) in order to receive water imported from the Colorado River and Northern California.

The State of California Water Code also authorizes the District to exercise the power of eminent domain; to fix, revise and collect rates or other charges for the delivery of water, use of facilities or property, or provision of service; and to fix in each fiscal year, a water standby or availability charge on land within the boundaries of the District to which water is made available by the District. The District may also issue bonds, borrow money and incur indebtedness.

### **Governance**

The District's Board of Directors is comprised of five members elected by the citizens within their geographical area (divisions). Each Director serves a four-year staggered term and must be a resident of the division he or she represents. The District operates under a Board-Manager form of government. The General Manager is appointed by the Board and administers the daily affairs of the District and carries out policies of the Board of Directors. The District budgets a staff of 88 under the direction of the Board-appointed General Manager.

### **Water Services**

The District serves more than 29,000 customers. Typically, 15 to 25 percent of the District's water comes from its local water supply, Lake Henshaw, and remainder comes from purchased water sources, including the Colorado River, desalinated seawater and the

Sacramento River/San Joaquin River Delta in Northern California. In years when Lake Henshaw is low, over 90 percent of the water delivered to customers would come from purchased water sources via SDCWA. The District currently delivers approximately 14,000 acre feet of water annually to its customers.

The water system operates over 429 miles of pipe, 12 storage reservoirs, and 8 pump stations. The District jointly owns the Escondido-Vista water treatment plant (EVWTP) with the City of Escondido. The EVWTP has a permitted capacity of 75 million gallons per day and treats raw water before it is delivered to customers.

## **Local Economy**

### **District Economic Results**

The estimated population of the District is 132,430. According to the San Diego Association of Governments, the per capita personal income of residents in the City of Vista, which encompasses the majority of the District's service area, was \$58,044 in 2023. From 2013 to 2023 the population increased 3.2%, and the median household income (adjusted for inflation) increased by 15.5%.

The District's total service connections increased from 29,083 to 29,116 in Fiscal Year 2024. Water sales during that same period were 14,048 acre feet, down 298 acre feet or 12.1% from sales of 14,346 in Fiscal Year 2023. Of the 14,048 acre feet, or 4.6 billion gallons sold in Fiscal Year 2024, 72% was distributed for residential use, 12% for industrial and commercial use, 10% for landscape irrigation use, 4% for agricultural use and 2% for governmental use.

### **Bay-Delta Fix**

The Bay-Delta, a 1,000 square mile network of islands and waterways at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers east of San Francisco Bay, is a key water supply source for California, including the 3.1 million residents and business community in San Diego County.

Water supplies from the Bay-Delta come to San Diego County via the State Water Project. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) purchases the water from the State Department of Water Resources under a water supply contract. This water has become increasingly unreliable in recent years, as deteriorating ecological conditions have led to regulatory restrictions on pumping water supplies from the Bay-Delta. How much and when the District would begin paying for a Bay-Delta fix (via its water wholesalers, SDCWA and MWD) is undetermined at this time.

### **MWD Lawsuit**

During 2021 and 2022, the SDCWA was successful in its decade-long rate case litigation against MWD and received payments for damages interest and legal fees from MWD

totaling over \$91.1 million. The SDCWA Board of Directors distributed pro-rata shares to each of its member agencies. There were a total of four distributions made to each member agency, two in each year; three of the distributions were based on each member agency's purchases of municipal and industrial (M&I) water from 2011 to 2014 and one distribution was based on each member agency's purchases of M&I water from 2015 through 2017.

The District received its pro-rata share of the disbursements totaling \$3,183,170.62 during 2021 and 2022 (\$1,571,006 in February 2021; \$1,227,642.91 in November 2021; \$369,938.92 in June 2022; and \$14,582.44 in August 2022). The District's Board of Directors approved using the monies received to offset the financial impact of SDCWA rate increases beginning in April 2022 and continuing over a five-year period.

## **Long-Term Financial Planning**

New facilities and system improvements are funded by water rates and service fees. Water rates and service fees are increased over time based on the long-range capital improvement plan to replace facilities. Expanded facilities are funded by developer fees and capacity charges.

Items in the long-range capital improvement plan are determined not only by the depreciation schedule, but through a process which assesses a combination of factors including age, condition and the critical nature of the facility. The long-range capital improvement plan spreads projects over several years to maintain a constant level of capital projects to maximize the efficiency of District resources. Funds collected or accumulated in years in which there are no new or expanded facilities are placed into the District's capital improvement reserve account. Funds in the capital improvement program reserve account are used to pay for construction projects in years that the costs of construction projects exceed the amount collected from water rates. Financing options may need to be considered and utilized should the cost of a large capital project exceed the amount available on a "pay-as-you-go" basis and/or in the capital improvement program reserve.

## **Major Initiatives**

### **Mainline Replacement Program**

In 1995, the District's Board of Directors initiated an on-going Main Replacement Program with the goal of replacing aging pipelines before they reach the end of their useful life and become a maintenance liability. Formalizing a Main Replacement Program has allowed pipe replacements to be prioritized based on the age of the line, leak history, and pipe material as well as factors related to site conditions. Another important factor is input from District crews, who evaluate the line's condition at the time repairs are being made.

Since its inception, the Board of Directors has allocated \$39.375 million to the program, which has allowed the replacement of nearly 41.32 miles of older pipe ranging in size from 4 to 20 inches.

## **Accomplishments**

### **Financial Statement Awards and Acknowledgements**

#### **Awards**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current Annual Comprehensive Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

#### **Acknowledgements**

We would like to express our appreciation to the Finance Department staff and the independent accounting firm of Davis Farr LLP for the efforts made to prepare this report. We would also like to thank the members of the District's Board of Directors for their continued interest and support in all aspects of the District's financial management.

Respectfully submitted,



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Brett Hodgkiss  
General Manager



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Shallako Goodrick, CPA  
Director of Administration



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## **Financial Section**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District  
Vista, California

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the Vista Irrigation District (the District), as of and for the year June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

The District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in

accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Plan's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Contributions – Pension Plan, Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability and Related ratios and Schedules of Contributions – OPEB* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Report on Summarized Comparative Information***

We have previously audited the District's 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated November 16, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 financial statements from which it has been derived.

### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The other information comprises the *introductory section* and *statistical section* but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 13, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

DavisFarr LLP

Irvine, California  
November 13, 2024



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**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Our discussion and analysis of the Vista Irrigation District’s financial performance provides an overview of the District’s financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District’s financial statements, which begin on page 9. This annual financial report consists of two parts -- Management’s Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the Financial Statements.

**Financial Statements**

The District’s financial statements include four components:

- Statement of Net Position
- Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Notes to Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position includes all of the District’s assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference reported as net position. Net Position is displayed in two categories:

- Investment in capital assets
- Unrestricted

The Statement of Net Position provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District and assessing its liquidity and financial flexibility.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents information that shows how the District’s net position changed during each year. All the year’s revenues and expenses are recorded when the underlying transaction occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position measures the success of the District’s operations during the year and determines whether the District has recovered its costs through user fees and other charges.

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information regarding the District’s cash receipts and cash disbursements during the year. This statement reports cash activity in four categories:

- Operating
- Noncapital financing
- Capital and related financing
- Investing

This statement differs from the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position by only accounting for transactions that result in cash receipts or cash disbursements.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

The notes to the financial statements provide a description of the accounting policies used to prepare the financial statements and present material disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America that are not otherwise present in the financial statements.

**Financial Highlights**

- Overall, operating revenues increased 7.3% while operating expenses decreased by 28.6%.
- The District realized a \$7.8 million operating gain for fiscal year 2024 compared to a \$16.7 million operating loss in fiscal year 2023. The District incurred \$19.5 million in expenses in the prior fiscal year to underground a portion of the Escondido Canal pursuant to the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Financial Analysis of the District**

**Net Position** - The District's overall net position increased \$10.3 million between fiscal years 2023 and 2024 (\$125.2 to \$135.5 million) primarily due to an operating gain of \$7.8 million and \$1.5 million in investment income. The investment in capital assets increased \$5.1 million in 2024, which reflects the excess of net capital additions over the current year depreciation and dispositions.

**Vista Irrigation District's Net Position**  
(In Millions of Dollars)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current assets	\$ 43.3	\$ 39.9
Capital assets	123.1	118.0
Other noncurrent assets	2.7	2.7
Total Assets	<u>169.1</u>	<u>160.6</u>
 Deferred outflows of resources	 <u>12.9</u>	 <u>14.6</u>
 Current liabilities	 13.0	 17.2
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>28.1</u>	<u>26.6</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>41.1</u>	<u>43.8</u>
 Deferred inflows of resources	 <u>5.4</u>	 <u>6.2</u>
 Net Position:		
Investment in capital assets	123.1	118.0
Unrestricted	<u>12.4</u>	<u>7.2</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 135.5</u>	<u>\$ 125.2</u>

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Change in Net Position** – In fiscal year 2024, the District's operating revenues increased by 7.3% to \$59.1 million; 96.7% of operating revenues came from water sales and service charge revenues.

During fiscal year 2024, the District's operating expenses decreased 28.6% to \$51.3 million primarily due to the completion of the Escondido Canal undergrounding project in the prior year.

**Vista Irrigation District's Changes in Net Position  
(In Millions of Dollars)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenues		
Water sales, net	\$ 57.1	\$ 52.9
Property rentals	1.0	0.9
System fees	0.5	0.9
Other services	0.5	0.4
Total Operating Revenues	<u>59.1</u>	<u>55.1</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>51.3</u>	<u>71.8</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>7.8</u>	<u>(16.7)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues		
Investment income	1.5	1.3
Property taxes	0.7	0.7
Gain on disposal of capital assets	0.1	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Contributed Capital	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.3</u>
Changes in Net Position	10.3	(14.4)
Total Net Position - beginning	<u>125.2</u>	<u>139.6</u>
Total Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 135.5</u>	<u>\$ 125.2</u>

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2024, the District had invested \$227.4 million in capital assets with \$104.3 million in accumulated depreciation. Net capital assets increased by \$5.1 million as the result of capital acquisitions exceeding the annual depreciation and dispositions. During the year, the District added \$8.8 million of capital assets; the largest capital additions were \$4.0 million in costs for several mainline replacement projects, \$3.3 million for reservoir construction, and \$0.7 million for a flume replacement alignment study. This year’s capital reductions included the disposal of vehicles, pipelines and other capital assets for a total cost of \$0.4 million in disposals. Depreciation for the year was \$3.8 million.

**Vista Irrigation District’s Capital Assets, Net  
(In Millions of Dollars)**

	2024	2023
Land, franchises and water rights	\$ 5.4	\$ 5.4
Buildings, canals, pipelines, reservoirs and dams	97.6	98.1
Equipment	2.7	2.6
Henshaw pumping project	0.1	0.2
Construction in progress	17.3	11.7
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 123.1	\$ 118.0

For more detailed information on capital asset activity, please refer to “Note 4 – Capital Assets” in the notes to the financial statements.

**Long-term Debt**

At June 30, 2024, the District had no debt and has no immediate need to issue debt.

**Contacting the District’s Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District’s finances and to demonstrate the District’s accountability for and the stewardship of the financial resources and facilities it manages and maintains. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Vista Irrigation District’s Finance Department at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California 92081.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**  
**(with prior year comparative data)**

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 20,246,419	\$ 15,882,480
Investments (note 2)	10,780,488	13,295,831
Accounts receivable, net (note 3)	10,281,183	8,916,882
Lease receivable, short-term (note 8)	502,334	402,864
Taxes receivable	37,357	42,090
Accrued interest receivable	60,823	28,071
Other receivable	136,093	130,362
Inventories of materials and supplies	830,182	843,232
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	431,175	372,873
Total Current Assets	43,306,054	39,914,685
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital assets: (note 4)		
Depreciable assets, net of accumulated depreciation:		
Buildings, canals, pipelines, reservoirs and dams	97,556,331	98,080,277
Equipment	2,637,764	2,579,067
Henshaw pumping project	133,187	168,691
IT subscription asset (note 9)	-	50,075
Nondepreciable assets:		
Land, franchises and water rights	5,453,295	5,453,295
Construction in progress	17,292,842	11,675,340
Total capital assets	123,073,419	118,006,745
Net OPEB asset (note 7)	-	49,666
Lease receivable, long-term (note 8)	2,730,445	2,603,669
Total Noncurrent Assets	125,803,864	120,660,080
Total Assets	169,109,918	160,574,765
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Pension related (note 6)	12,435,726	14,141,886
Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) related (note 7)	495,585	514,889
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	12,931,311	14,656,775

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2024  
(with prior year comparative data)**

	2024	2023
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,040,520	\$ 11,005,199
Deposits	590,290	1,114,738
Compensated absences, short-term (note 1)	461,444	435,864
Accrued expenses and other liabilities, short term (note 5)	2,930,509	4,584,349
IT subscription liability, short-term (note 9)	-	50,668
Total Current Liabilities	13,022,763	17,190,818
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Compensated absences, long-term (note 1)	951,643	1,090,240
Accrued expenses and other liabilities, long-term (note 5)	1,147,755	1,803,616
Net pension liability (note 6)	25,885,432	23,743,555
Net OPEB liability (note 7)	58,505	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	28,043,335	26,637,411
Total Liabilities	41,066,098	43,828,229
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Pension related (note 6)	1,990,917	2,726,630
OPEB related (note 7)	524,888	739,288
Lease related (note 8)	2,948,680	2,766,576
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,464,485	6,232,494
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	123,073,419	117,956,077
Restricted - OPEB asset	-	49,666
Unrestricted	12,437,227	7,165,074
Total Net Position	\$ 135,510,646	\$ 125,170,817

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**  
**(with prior year comparative data)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Water sales, net (note 3)	\$ 57,082,959	\$ 52,858,157
Property rentals	958,802	913,042
System fees	543,696	921,233
Other services	476,066	370,786
Total Operating Revenues	<u>59,061,523</u>	<u>55,063,218</u>
 <b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Purchased water	21,891,251	25,009,400
Wages and benefits	18,161,966	16,723,300
Contractual services	4,391,608	24,152,930
Depreciation and amortization	3,772,580	3,702,966
Supplies	2,866,886	2,146,360
Power	647,091	623,560
Office and general	581,528	533,828
Insurance	420,786	360,513
Professional fees	304,500	359,041
Communications	62,636	58,823
Burden allocation	(1,843,090)	(1,863,755)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>51,257,742</u>	<u>71,806,966</u>
 Operating Income (Loss)	 <u>7,803,781</u>	 <u>(16,743,748)</u>
 <b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>		
Investment income	1,521,687	1,321,865
Property taxes	713,904	662,402
Gain (Loss) on disposal of capital assets	69,959	(621)
Other nonoperating revenues	405	-
Interest expense (note 9)	(1,216)	(2,403)
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>2,304,739</u>	<u>1,981,243</u>
 Income (Loss) Before Contributed Capital	 10,108,520	 (14,762,505)
Contributed Capital	<u>231,309</u>	<u>264,070</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>10,339,829</u>	<u>(14,498,435)</u>
 Total Net Position - beginning	 <u>125,170,817</u>	 <u>139,669,252</u>
Total Net Position - ending	<u>\$ 135,510,646</u>	<u>\$ 125,170,817</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
(with prior year comparative data)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	\$ 57,272,500	\$ 55,015,618
Payments to suppliers	(39,923,197)	(58,793,959)
Payments to employees	(8,969,216)	(8,496,914)
Collection of deposits	536,709	1,224,574
Return of deposits	(1,061,157)	(604,166)
MWD rebate proceeds	-	14,582
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>7,855,639</u>	<u>(11,640,265)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities</b>		
Receipts from property taxes	<u>717,828</u>	<u>660,577</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>717,828</u>	<u>660,577</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	80,475	4,175
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(8,618,460)	(10,417,987)
Payment on long-term liabilities	(50,669)	-
Proceeds from property leases	374,848	281,258
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing	<u>(8,213,806)</u>	<u>(10,132,554)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from maturities of investments	13,600,000	19,500,000
Interest on cash and investments	904,460	835,048
Purchase of investments	<u>(10,500,182)</u>	<u>(13,038,267)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>4,004,278</u>	<u>7,296,781</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,363,939	(13,815,461)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning	<u>15,882,480</u>	<u>29,697,941</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - ending	<u>\$ 20,246,419</u>	<u>\$ 15,882,480</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
(with prior year comparative data)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 7,803,781	\$ (16,743,748)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,772,580	3,702,966
Other nonoperating expenses	(418,990)	(336,584)
 Changes in Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Accounts receivable, net	(1,364,302)	321,719
Other receivable	(5,731)	(18,153)
Inventories of materials and supplies	13,050	(119,563)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(58,302)	(63,489)
Net OPEB asset	49,666	1,128,438
Deferred outflows of resources	1,725,464	(9,286,235)
Accounts payable	(1,964,680)	(2,689,782)
Deposits	(524,448)	620,408
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(2,309,701)	1,585,988
Compensated absences	(113,018)	(128,284)
Net pension liability	2,141,878	16,807,154
Net OPEB liability	58,505	-
Deferred inflows of resources	(950,113)	(6,421,100)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 7,855,639</u>	<u>\$ (11,640,265)</u>
 <b>Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities</b>		
Contributed capital assets	\$ 231,310	\$ 264,070
Change in fair value of investments	\$ 584,473	\$ 486,155

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Description of the Reporting Entity**

Vista Irrigation District (District) is a public entity established in 1923, pursuant to the Irrigation District Act of the California Water Code, for the purpose of providing water services to the properties in the District. The District's service area lies within the northwestern quadrant of San Diego County, encompassing approximately 21,152 acres. Historically, the District has received between 15% to 25% of its water supply from Lake Henshaw which, along with the surrounding 43,000-acre Warner Ranch, is owned and operated by the District; the remainder of the District's supply comes from desalinated seawater, from Northern California through the State Water Project and from the Colorado River. These sources are conveyed to the District via aqueducts owned and operated by its water wholesalers, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority). The District is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of five directors elected by geographical divisions, based on District population, for four-year alternating terms.

The criteria used in determining the scope of the reporting entity are based on the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The District is the primary government unit and currently has no component units. Component units are those entities which are financially accountable to the primary government, either because the District appoints a voting majority of the component unit's board, or because the component unit will provide a financial benefit or impose a financial burden on the District.

**Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements are comprised of the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**Basis of Presentation**

The accounts of the District are reported as an enterprise fund. An enterprise fund is a Proprietary type fund used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accompanying financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus, and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the economic measurement focus all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (whether current or noncurrent) associated with these activities are included in the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Those estimates and assumptions affect: the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all investment instruments are considered cash equivalents if purchased with a maturity of three months or less and are readily convertible to known cash amounts.

**Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value in the Statement of Net Position. All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, is recognized as revenues in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Investments that are not traded on a market, such as investments in external pools, are valued based on the stated fair value as represented by the external pool.

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable includes billed and unbilled water sales provided to District customers. An allowance for doubtful accounts is provided for uncollectible accounts based on the District’s bad debt experience and on management’s estimate.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Inventories of Materials and Supplies**

Inventories of materials and supplies consist primarily of materials used in the construction and maintenance of the water system and are valued at average cost.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs or deposits applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the basic financial statements.

**Capital Assets and Depreciation**

The District records at cost the acquisition of capital assets greater than \$20,000 and with a useful life of three or more years. Contributed assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of acceptance by the District. Self-constructed assets are recorded in the amount of labor, material and overhead incurred. Depreciation is charged to expense and is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets as follows:

	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings, canals, pipelines, reservoirs and dams	15 - 80 years
Equipment	3 - 25 years
Henshaw pumping project	10 - 20 years
Information Technology subscription asset	The estimated life of the leased asset or the contract term, whichever is shorter

**Burden Allocation**

The District allocates overhead burden costs to pipeline installation jobs, inspection work, fixed fee jobs, damage claims and other small jobs. The overhead burden costs include management salaries, benefits, use of equipment, warehousing and handling.

**Vacation, Sick Leave, and Compensatory Time Off**

The District records a liability equal to 100% of vacation earned and compensatory time off and an applicable percentage of sick leave available to employees at year end (25%-100%), which is included in compensated absences, current and long-term portions. At June 30, 2024, the current portion of compensated absences was \$461,444 and the long-term portion was \$951,643.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Pension Plans**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Financial Office. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. CalPERS audited financial statements are publicly available reports that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, requires that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Measurement Period	July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

**Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability (asset) and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the District's OPEB Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

GASB 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, requires that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Measurement Period	July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The District has pension-related and other postemployment benefits-related items in this category.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The District has pension-related, other postemployment benefits-related, and lease-related items in this category.

**Leases**

The District is a lessor for various noncancellable leases of land for cellular towers and other third parties. The District recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the Statement of Net Position.

At the commencement of the lease, the District initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. During the term of the lease, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of the lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease start date. The deferred inflow of resources is recognized as lease revenue over the life of the lease term.

Estimates and judgements are made by the District to determine (1) the discount rate to use to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) the term of the lease, and (3) lease receipts.

The District uses an average imputed interest rate for borrowing as the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable are comprised of fixed payments from the lessee.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its leases and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.



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**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Subscription-Based Information Technology (IT) Arrangements**

The District is a participant in subscription-based IT arrangements as detailed in Note 9. The District recognizes a subscription-based IT payable and a right-to-use IT asset in the financial statements.

At the commencement of the arrangement, the District initially measures the payable at the present value of payments expected to be paid during the arrangement term. Subsequently, the payable is reduced by the principal portion of payments made. The right-to-use assets are initially measured at the initial amount of the subscription-based payable. Subsequently, the right-to-use assets are amortized over the life of the arrangement term.

**Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating activities generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods. As such, the District considers revenues received from water sales, capacity fees, connection and installation fees and property rentals to be operating revenues. The collection of deposits and return of deposits related to operating activities are reported in the District's cash flows from operating activities. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The collection of deposits and return of deposits related to the specific purpose of deferring the cost of acquiring, constructing or improving assets are reported in the District's cash flows from capital and related financing activities.

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**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Net Position**

In the Statement of Net Position, net position is classified in the following categories:

- Net investment in capital assets - this amount consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.
- Restricted net position - this amount is restricted by external creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted net position - this amount is all net position that does not meet the definition of “investment in capital assets” or “restricted net position”.

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g. restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. To calculate the amounts to report as restricted - net position and unrestricted - net position in the Statement of Net Position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

It is the District’s practice to consider restricted - net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are attached as an enforceable lien on property as of March 1. Taxes are levied on July 1 and are due in two installments; the first installment is due on November 1 and is payable through December 10 without penalty and the second installment is due February 1 and becomes delinquent on April 10. Property taxes are remitted to the District from the County of San Diego at various times throughout the year.

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**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. To help mitigate this risk, the District is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (Authority). The Authority is a risk-pooling self-insurance authority, created under provisions of California Government Code Sections 6500 et. seq. The purpose of the Authority is to arrange and administer programs of insurance for the pooling of self-insured losses and to purchase excess insurance coverage.

The District participates in the following self-insurance programs of the Authority:

Property Loss - Insured up to \$500,000,000 per occurrence, except boiler & machinery \$100,000,000 per occurrence, earthquake \$2,500,000 program aggregate, and flood \$25,000,000 (total insurable value \$39,871,491). Deductibles are as follows: \$5,000 for buildings, personal property, mobile equipment, licensed vehicles/trailers; \$25,000 for boiler & machinery, except \$50,000 if turbine or power generation equipment; 5% of TIV for earthquake; and \$100,000 for flood. The Authority is self-insured up to \$10,000,000 per occurrence and excess insurance coverage has been purchased.

General, Auto & Public Officials Errors & Omissions Liability - Insured up to \$55,000,000 per occurrence, except terrorism \$5,000,000, communicable disease \$10,000,000, subsidence \$45,000,000, lead \$45,000,000, and mold \$45,000,000, with no deductible; the Authority is self-insured up to \$5,000,000 and excess insurance coverage has been purchased.

Crime - Insured up to \$100,000 per occurrence with \$1,000 deductible; the Authority is self-insured.

Cyber Liability - Insured up to \$3,000,000 per member/\$5,000,000 aggregate with retention from \$50,000 to \$100,000 depending on total insurable values.

Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employer's Liability (EL) - Insured up to statutory limits per occurrence for WC and up to \$4,000,000 for EL. The Authority is self-insured up to \$2,000,000 and excess insurance coverage has been purchased.

Dam Failure Liability - up to \$4,000,000 per occurrence; the District's self-insured retention is \$1,000,000 and excess coverage has been purchased.

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**Note 1 - Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

**Risk Management** (Continued)

The District pays annual premiums for these coverages. They are subject to retrospective adjustments based on claims experience. The nature and amounts of these adjustments cannot be estimated and are charged to expenses as invoiced. There were no instances in the past three years where a settlement exceeded the District's coverage.

**Prior Year Data**

Selected information regarding the prior year has been included in the accompanying financial statements. This information has been included for comparison purposes only and does not represent a complete presentation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's prior year financial statements from which this selected financial data was derived. In addition, certain minor reclassifications of the prior year data have been made to enhance their comparability to the current year.

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**Note 2 - Cash and Investments**

The following is a detail of cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2024:

Cash on hand	\$ 5,067
Deposits with financial institutions	1,253,514
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	7,072,199
California Asset Management Program	11,915,639
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 20,246,419</u>

As of June 30, 2024, the District had the following investments:

Investment	Maturity	
LAIF	less than 12 months	\$ 7,072,199
California Asset Management Program	less than 12 months	11,915,639
Total cash equivalents		<u>\$ 18,987,838</u>
U.S. Treasury bills	6 months weighted average	\$ 10,780,488
Total Investments		<u>\$ 10,780,488</u>

Authorized deposits and investments of the District are governed by the California Government Code as well as policies set forth by the District’s Board of Directors. Within the contents of these limitations, permissible instruments include FDIC-insured institutions’ certificates of deposit and savings accounts, corporate medium-term notes, U.S. government agency/instrumentalities, money market instruments, money market mutual funds, mortgage backed securities, U.S. government bills, notes and bonds, and asset backed securities. Funds may also be invested in the local government investment pools.

The District is a voluntary participant in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that is regulated by the California Government Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The fair value of the District’s investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the District’s pro-rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio).

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**Note 2 - Cash and Investments** (Continued)

The District is a voluntary participant in the California Asset Management Program (CAMP), an investment pool managed by Public Financial Management, Inc. CAMP was established under provisions of the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act. The fair value of the District's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by CAMP for the entire CAMP portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio).

*Interest Rate Risk.* In accordance with its investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting investment maturities to five years. Express authority is granted to invest in investments with term to maturity of greater than five years with a maximum term of 10 years, provided the investments are in accordance with stated policy and total investments shall not exceed the amount of long term liabilities outstanding. Investments exceeding five years will be matched with a corresponding liability.

*Credit Risk.* State law and District policy limits investments in money market funds to the top ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The District's investment in the California Asset Management Program was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's Corporation. The District's investment in the California State Treasurer's investment pool (LAIF) was unrated. U.S. Treasury bills are exempt from rating disclosures.

*Concentration of Credit Risk.* The District manages the concentration of credit risk by limiting local government investment pools and money market funds to a maximum of 40% and 20%, respectively, of the District's total available investment capital as outlined in the District investment policy. Furthermore, no more than 10% of the District's available investment capital can be invested in a single money market fund.

*Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. All deposits are entirely insured or collateralized. State law requires banks to secure the District's deposits by pledging government securities valued at 110% of the amount of the deposit as collateral. The District may waive the collateral requirement for deposits that are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Beginning on January 1, 2013, combined deposits are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000. As of June 30, 2024, the District's bank balances were \$1,140,266, of which \$250,000 were insured and the remaining \$890,266 were collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
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**Note 2 - Cash and Investments** (Continued)

**Fair Value Measurements**

The District categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the assets. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, Level 2 inputs are quoted market prices for similar assets in active markets, and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024:

	Quoted Prices Level 1	Observable Inputs Level 2	Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
Fixed Income Securities:				
Treasury Bills	\$ -	\$ 10,780,488	\$ -	\$ 10,780,488
Total Leveled Investments	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,780,488</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>10,780,488</u>
LAIF*				7,072,199
California Asset Management Program*				<u>11,915,639</u>
 Total Investment Portfolio				 <u>\$ 29,768,326</u>

\*Not subject to fair value measurement.

**Note 3 - Accounts Receivable, Net**

As of June 30, 2024, the net balance was comprised of accounts receivable balances of \$10,622,610 less the allowances for doubtful accounts of \$341,427.

On the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2024, the balance of water sales, net of uncollectible accounts expense, was comprised of water sales revenue of \$57,155,498 less uncollectible amounts of \$72,539.

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**Note 4 - Capital Assets**

Capital assets consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land, franchises, and water rights	\$ 5,453,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,453,295
Construction in progress	11,675,340	8,157,587	(2,540,085)	17,292,842
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>17,128,635</u>	<u>8,157,587</u>	<u>(2,540,085)</u>	<u>22,746,137</u>
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings, canals, pipelines, reservoirs and dams	191,147,482	2,705,868	(36,167)	193,817,183
Equipment	7,495,539	526,400	(386,560)	7,635,379
Henshaw pumping project	3,111,870	-	-	3,111,870
IT subscription asset	100,150	-	-	100,150
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>201,855,041</u>	<u>3,232,268</u>	<u>(422,727)</u>	<u>204,664,582</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings, canals, pipelines, reservoirs and dams	(93,067,205)	(3,228,970)	35,323	(96,260,852)
Equipment	(4,916,472)	(458,031)	376,888	(4,997,615)
Henshaw pumping project	(2,943,179)	(35,504)	-	(2,978,683)
IT subscription asset	(50,075)	(50,075)	-	(100,150)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(100,976,931)</u>	<u>(3,772,580)</u>	<u>412,211</u>	<u>(104,337,300)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>100,878,110</u>	<u>(540,312)</u>	<u>(10,516)</u>	<u>100,327,282</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 118,006,745</u>	<u>\$ 7,617,275</u>	<u>\$ (2,550,601)</u>	<u>\$ 123,073,419</u>

**Note 5 – Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities**

Beginning March 2021 through August 2022, the District received \$3,183,171 from the Water Authority as its pro-rata share of a rebate from a case litigation between the Water Authority and the Metropolitan and was recorded to income as non-operating. The District determined the funds do not belong to the District but rather to the ratepayers. The rebate is being returned to the ratepayers as a reduction to rates over five years beginning in April 2022. A non-operating expense and a liability to the ratepayers was recognized. Amortization of the case rebate liability in the amount of \$655,860 was recorded for the current fiscal year. The net liability balance of \$1,803,616 for the case rebate is recorded in Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities under current and noncurrent portions.



**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**A. General Information about the Pension Plan**

**Plan Description**

The Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the CalPERS. A full description of the pension plan regarding number of employees covered, benefit provisions, assumptions (for funding, but not account purposes) and membership information is listed in the Annual Actuarial Valuation Report. Details of the benefits provided can be obtained in Appendix B of the actuarial valuation report. The actuarial valuation report and CalPERS' audited financial statements are publicly available reports that can be obtained at CalPERS' website under Forms and Publications, at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

**Benefits Provided**

CalPERS provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full time employment. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after five years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: the Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost of living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law.

The Plan operates under the provisions of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), and the regulations, procedures and policies adopted by the CalPERS Board of Administration. The Plan's authority to establish and amend the benefit terms are set by PERL and PEPRA and may be amended by the California state legislature and in some cases require approval by the CalPERS Board.

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**A. General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

**Benefits Provided** (Continued)

The Plan's provisions and benefits in effect at measurement date June 30, 2023 are summarized as follows:

	Miscellaneous Plan		
	Tier 1	Tier 2	PEPRA
Hire date	prior to 1/1/2012	from 1/1/12 to 12/31/12	on or after 1/1/13
Benefit formula	3% @ 60	2% @ 60	2% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life
Retirement age	50 - 60	50 - 63	52 - 67
Monthly benefits, as a % of eligible compensation	2.0% to 3.0%	1.092% - 2.418%	1.0% to 2.5%
Required employee contribution rates	4.5%	7.0%	6.25%
Required employer contribution rates			
Normal cost rate	19.67%	8.63%	7.47%
Payment of unfunded liability	\$1,766,753	\$5,547	\$9,828

**Contributions**

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers are determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined through CalPERS' annual actuarial valuation process. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. District contribution rates may change if plan contracts are amended. Payments made by the employer to satisfy contribution requirements that are identified by the pension plan terms as plan member contributions requirements are classified as plan member contributions.

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**B. Net Pension Liability**

The District’s net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 using an annual actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 rolled forward to June 30, 2023 using standard update procedures.

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Total Pension Liability**

For the measurement periods ended June 30, 2023, the total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2022, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability. The total pension liability for the Plan was based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value of Assets
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	6.90%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	(1)
Mortality Rate Table	(2)
Post Retirement Benefit Increase	(3)

(1) Varies by entry age and service.

(2) The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions. Mortality rates incorporate full generational mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the 2021 experience study report from November 2021 that can be found on the CalPERS website.

(3) The lesser of contract COLA or 2.30% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on purchasing power applies, 2.30% thereafter.

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**B. Net Pension Liability** (Continued)

**Long-term Expected Rate of Return**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS considers short-term and long-term market return expectations. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the next 20 years using a building-block approach. The expected rate of return was then adjusted to account for assumed administrative expenses of 10 Basis points.

The expected real rates of return by asset class at measurement date June 30, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Asset Class (a)</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return (a)(b)</u>
Global Equity - Cap-weighted	30.00%	4.54%
Global Equity - Non-Cap-weighted	12.00%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.00%	7.28%
Treasury	5.00%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.00%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.00%	1.56%
High Yield	5.00%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.00%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.00%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.00%	3.21%
Leverage	(5.00%)	(0.59%)
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

(a) An expected inflation of 2.30% used for this period.

(b) Figures are based on the 2021 Asset Liability Management study.

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**B. Net Pension Liability** (Continued)

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**C. Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability**

The following table shows the Plan’s proportionate share of the net pension liability over the measurement period.

Miscellaneous Plan:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Plan Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Plan Net Pension Liability (c) = (a) - (b)
Balance at: 6/30/2022 (VD)	\$ 112,639,852	\$ 88,896,297	\$ 23,743,555
Balance at: 6/30/2023 (MD)	\$ 117,780,560	\$ 91,895,128	\$ 25,885,432
Net Changes during 2022-23	\$ 5,140,708	\$ 2,998,831	\$ 2,141,877

Valuation Date (VD), Measurement Date (MD).

The District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

The change in the District’s proportionate share of the collective net pension liability was as follows:

Proportionate Share - June 30, 2022	<u>0.50742%</u>
Proportionate Share - June 30, 2023	<u>0.51767%</u>
Change - Increase (Decrease)	<u><u>0.01025%</u></u>

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**C. Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability** (Continued)

**Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, calculated using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	Discount Rate - 1% (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	Discount Rate + 1% (7.90%)
Miscellaneous Plan's Net Pension Liability - 2023	\$ 41,814,751	\$ 25,885,432	\$ 12,774,234

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about each pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports.

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**D. Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the District incurred pension expense of \$6,027,832 for the Plan.

As of June 30, 2024, the District has deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 2,915,507	\$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,322,368	205,131
Changes in assumptions	1,562,820	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	4,191,084	-
Differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	-	1,785,786
Changes in employer's proportion	2,443,947	-
Total	\$ 12,435,726	\$ 1,990,917

The \$2,915,507 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future pension expense (income) as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources, Net
2025	\$ 2,622,797
2026	1,733,124
2027	3,053,121
2028	120,259
2029	-
Thereafter	-
	\$ 7,529,301

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**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan** (Continued)

**E. Subsequent Events**

There were no subsequent events that would materially affect the results presented in this disclosure.

**Note 7 – OPEB Plan**

**Plan Description**

The District provides post-retirement medical benefits to retirees through the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) health program and managed through the California Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT).

The plan is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit healthcare plan that provides retiree medical benefits to eligible retirees and spouses. The plan pays 100% of the cost (premiums) for benefits. To be eligible for retiree health benefits, an employee must retire under CalPERS on or after age 50 with at least 15 years (10 years for at-will employees) of service with the District. Coverage is available to the retiree and the spouse for a combined maximum of 15 years (20 years for at-will employees). The maximum coverage period for the retiree is 10 years and the spouse can be covered for up to the same number of years as the retiree subject to the combined maximum. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2012 are not eligible to continue health benefits at retirement. A separate financial report is not prepared for the plan.

**Employees Covered**

As of the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, the following current and former employees were covered by the benefit terms under the plan:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	30
Active employees	<u>38</u>
Total	<u><u>68</u></u>

**Contributions**

The Plan and its contribution requirements are established by District policy and may be amended by the Board of Directors. The annual contribution is based on the actuarially determined contribution. For the measurement date ended June 30, 2023, the District’s contribution was \$94,573.



**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 7 – OPEB Plan** (Continued)

**Net OPEB Liability (Asset)**

The District’s net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability (asset) used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation dated June 30, 2023. A summary of the principal assumptions and methods used to determine the total OPEB liability (asset) is shown below.

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability (asset) in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuations was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry-Age Normal Cost Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	6.75%
Inflation	2.50%
Projected Salary Increase	2.75% per annum, in aggregate
Expected long term investment rate of return	6.75%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	4.0% HMO/4.0% PPO
Pre-retirement Turnover	Derived from termination rates under the CalPERS pension plan
Mortality	Derived from CalPERS pension plan updated to reflect most recent experience study

The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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**Note 7 – OPEB Plan** (Continued)

**Actuarial Assumptions** (Continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan’s target asset allocation at measurement date June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>New Strategic Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
CERBT		
All Equities	49.00%	7.55%
All Fixed Income	23.00%	4.25%
REITs	20.00%	7.25%
All Commodities	3.00%	7.55%
Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS)	5.00%	3.00%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability (asset) was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that District’s contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected OPEB payments for current active and inactive employees and beneficiaries. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability (asset).

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**Note 7 – OPEB Plan** (Continued)

**Changes in the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)**

The changes in the net OPEB liability (asset) during measurement period June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Balance at June 30, 2022	\$ 4,742,342	\$ 4,792,008	\$ (49,666)
Changes in the Year:			
Service cost	113,097	-	113,097
Interest on the total OPEB liability	306,558	-	306,558
Differences between actual and expected experience	63,218	-	63,218
Changes in assumptions	11,715	-	11,715
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Contribution - employer	-	94,573	(94,573)
Net investment income (loss)	-	293,196	(293,196)
Administrative expenses	-	(1,352)	1,352
Benefit payments	(566,080)	(566,080)	-
Net Changes	(71,492)	(179,663)	108,171
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 4,670,850</u>	<u>\$ 4,612,345</u>	<u>\$ 58,505</u>

**Change of Assumptions**

There were no changes in assumptions.

**Change of Benefit Terms**

There were no changes in benefit terms.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 7 – OPEB Plan** (Continued)

**Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net OPEB liability (asset) of the District as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, as well as what the District’s net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 312,332	\$ 58,505	\$ (177,259)

**Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in Health-Care Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the net OPEB liability (asset) of the District as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date as well as what the District’s net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (3.00% HMO/ 3.00% PPO)	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (4.00% HMO/ 4.00% PPO)	1% Increase (5.00% HMO/ 5.00% PPO)
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ (248,051)	\$ 58,505	\$ 403,051

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB income of \$(4,049).

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
OPEB contributions subsequent to measurement date	\$ 82,876	\$ -
Differences between actual and expected experience	79,328	370,941
Change in assumptions	9,324	153,947
Differences between projected and actual earnings	324,057	-
Total	\$ 495,585	\$ 524,888

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 7 – OPEB Plan** (Continued)

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** (Continued)

The \$82,876 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense (income) as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources, Net
2025	\$ (126,427)
2026	(165,511)
2027	158,998
2028	20,761
2029	-
Thereafter	-
	\$ (112,179)

**Payable to the OPEB Plan**

At June 30, 2024, the District had no outstanding amount of contributions to the OPEB plan required for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**Note 8 – Leases**

**Lease Receivable**

The District leases land to various third parties on a noncancellable basis. These leases range in terms of up to 22 years as of the beginning of the current fiscal year. Leases which have monthly payments range from \$1,271 to \$5,052 per month, and certain other lease payments are received twice a year or on an annual basis ranging from \$14,400 to \$80,000 per year. The District recognized \$448,592 in lease revenue and \$76,074 in interest revenue during the current fiscal year related to these leases. As of June 30, 2024, the District’s short-term lease receivable of \$502,334 was comprised of \$400,682 in noncancellable leases and \$101,652 in cancellable leases. Long-term lease receivable was \$2,730,445. Also, the District has a deferred inflow of resources associated with these leases of \$2,948,680 at June 30, 2024 that will be recognized as lease revenue over the lease terms.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Note 9 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements**

**Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA)**

On June 1, 2022, the District entered into a 36-month subscription for the use of Microsoft EA. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$100,150. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the subscription liability is \$0 as the final payment was made in June 2024. The value of the right-to-use asset as of June 30, 2024 was \$100,150 with accumulated amortization of \$100,150 which is included in Note 4 with right-to-use IT assets. No new long-term subscription agreements were initiated during the current fiscal year.

**Note 10 - Commitments and Contingencies**

**Commitments**

On May 17, 2017, the District settled its long-standing water rights lawsuit with various Indian bands. Per the terms of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, the District and the City of Escondido are responsible for all costs associated with maintaining and operating the local water system as well as the cost of undergrounding a portion of the Escondido Canal on the San Pasqual Indian Reservation, which was completed in the previous fiscal year.

At June 30, 2024, the District has the following outstanding contract balance on one large project:

- (1) \$3.2 million in construction contractor expenses for a reservoir rehabilitation project.

The District has been named as defendant in various other legal actions. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, it is too early to determine the outcome and effect on the District's financial position.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Plan's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios  
Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	Measurement Date									
	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015	6/30/2014
Plan's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability <sup>1</sup>	0.20749%	0.20556%	0.12825%	0.17279%	0.16305%	0.15349%	0.15753%	0.14938%	0.22908%	0.21738%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 25,885,432	\$ 23,743,555	\$ 6,936,401	\$ 18,800,668	\$ 16,707,460	\$ 14,791,100	\$ 15,622,668	\$ 12,926,266	\$ 15,723,785	\$ 13,526,753
Plan's Covered Payroll <sup>2</sup>	\$ 8,285,143	\$ 8,325,495	\$ 8,208,274	\$ 8,272,132	\$ 8,034,376	\$ 7,982,625	\$ 7,576,845	\$ 7,601,853	\$ 7,473,687	\$ 7,494,718
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a % of its Covered Payroll	312.43%	285.19%	84.50%	227.28%	207.95%	185.29%	206.19%	170.04%	210.39%	180.48%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Plan's Total Pension Liability	76.21%	76.68%	88.29%	75.10%	75.26%	75.26%	73.31%	74.06%	80.66%	83.03%
Plan's Proportionate Share of Aggregate Employer Contributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 3,820,239	\$ 4,611,121	\$ 3,932,998	\$ 3,818,933	\$ 3,448,002	\$ 3,091,757	\$ 2,954,163	\$ 2,678,414	\$ 2,268,191	\$ 1,789,539

<sup>1</sup> Proportion of the net pension liability represents the plan's proportion of PERF C, which includes both the Miscellaneous and Safety Risk Pools excluding the 1959 Survivors Risk Pool.

<sup>2</sup> Covered Payroll represented above is based on the total payroll of employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan in accordance with GASB 68.

<sup>3</sup> The plan's proportionate share of aggregate contributions may not match the actual contributions made by the employer during the Measurement Period. The plan's proportionate share of aggregate contributions is based on the plan's proportion of fiduciary net positions, as well as any additional side fund (or unfunded liability) contributions made by the employer during the measurement period.

**Notes to Schedule:**

**Benefit Changes:**

There were no changes in the benefit terms.

**Changes in Assumptions:**

There were no changes in the benefit terms.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**Schedule of Contributions - Pension Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	Fiscal Year-End									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 2,915,507	\$ 2,952,541	\$ 2,727,753	\$ 2,447,195	\$ 2,155,181	\$ 2,007,718	\$ 1,862,822	\$ 1,816,735	\$ 1,924,128	\$ 1,488,966
Contributions in Relation to the										
Actuarially Determined Contribution	<u>(2,915,507)</u>	<u>(2,952,541)</u>	<u>(2,727,753)</u>	<u>(2,447,195)</u>	<u>(2,155,181)</u>	<u>(2,007,718)</u>	<u>(1,862,822)</u>	<u>(1,816,735)</u>	<u>(9,682,740)</u>	<u>(1,488,966)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (7,758,612)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll <sup>1</sup>	\$ 8,777,069	\$ 8,285,143	\$ 8,325,495	\$ 8,208,274	\$ 8,272,132	\$ 8,034,376	\$ 7,982,625	\$ 7,576,845	\$ 7,601,853	\$ 7,473,687
Contributions as a % of Covered										
Payroll	33.22%	35.64%	32.76%	29.81%	26.05%	24.99%	23.34%	23.98%	127.37%	19.92%

<sup>1</sup> Covered Payroll represented above is based on the total payroll of employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan in accordance with GASB 68.

Notes to Schedule:

Fiscal Year End: 6/30/24  
Valuation Date: 6/30/21

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level percent of payroll
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value of Assets
Discount Rate	6.80%
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth	Annual increases vary by category, entry age, and duration of service.



**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) and Related Ratios  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

Measurement date	Measurement Date						
	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017*
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service cost	\$ 113,097	\$ 110,070	\$ 138,859	\$ 134,815	\$ 147,996	\$ 143,685	\$ 134,285
Interest on total OPEB liability	306,558	312,159	423,875	438,783	421,739	420,585	416,970
Differences between actual and expected experience	63,218	45,592	(718,289)	(133,334)	211,413	-	-
Changes in assumptions	11,715	-	(338,687)	-	62,548	-	-
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	(323,788)	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(566,080)	(544,444)	(632,759)	(597,943)	(586,233)	(517,935)	(500,111)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(71,492)	(76,623)	(1,450,789)	(157,679)	257,463	46,335	51,144
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	4,742,342	4,818,965	6,269,754	6,427,433	6,169,970	6,123,635	6,072,491
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year (a)	4,670,850	4,742,342	4,818,965	6,269,754	6,427,433	6,169,970	6,123,635
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:							
Contributions - employer	94,573	94,500	145,464	122,021	101,590	94,656	500,111
Net investment income	293,196	(753,633)	1,371,860	167,864	329,378	439,596	533,100
Administrative expenses	(1,352)	(1,484)	(1,882)	(2,563)	(1,950)	(10,309)	(2,706)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(566,080)	(544,444)	(632,759)	(597,943)	(586,233)	(517,935)	(500,111)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(179,663)	(1,205,061)	882,683	(310,621)	(157,215)	6,008	530,394
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	4,792,008	5,997,069	5,114,386	5,425,007	5,582,222	5,576,214	5,045,820
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year (b)	4,612,345	4,792,008	5,997,069	5,114,386	5,425,007	5,582,222	5,576,214
Net OPEB Liability (Asset) - Ending (a)-(b)	\$ 58,505	\$ (49,666)	\$ (1,178,104)	\$ 1,155,368	\$ 1,002,426	\$ 587,748	\$ 547,421
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)	98.75%	101.05%	124.45%	81.57%	84.40%	90.47%	91.06%
Covered - employee payroll	\$ 4,419,000	\$ 4,738,000	\$ 4,811,000	\$ 5,178,000	\$ 5,559,000	\$ 6,109,000	\$ 6,182,000
Net OPEB liability (asset) as percentage of covered - employee payroll	1.32%	(1.05%)	(24.49%)	22.31%	18.03%	9.62%	8.86%

**Notes to Schedule:**

**Benefit Changes:**

There were no changes in the benefit terms.

**Changes in Assumptions:**

There were no changes in assumptions.

\* Measurement period 2016-17 (fiscal year 2018) was the first year of implementation.

**VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**Schedule of Contributions - OPEB**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	Fiscal Year-End						
	6/30/2024	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	6/30/2018*
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 96,803	\$ 14,362	\$ 13,977	\$ 231,973	\$ 225,216	\$ 200,852	\$ 195,002
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(82,876)</u>	<u>(94,573)</u>	<u>(94,500)</u>	<u>(145,464)</u>	<u>(122,021)</u>	<u>(101,590)</u>	<u>(94,656)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 13,927</u>	<u>\$ (80,211)</u>	<u>\$ (80,523)</u>	<u>\$ 86,509</u>	<u>\$ 103,195</u>	<u>\$ 99,262</u>	<u>\$ 100,346</u>
Covered - employee payroll	\$ 3,978,000	\$ 4,419,000	\$ 4,738,000	\$ 4,811,000	\$ 5,178,000	\$ 5,559,000	\$ 6,109,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	2.08%	2.14%	1.99%	3.02%	2.36%	1.83%	1.55%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date	6/30/2023	6/30/2021	6/30/2021	6/30/2019	6/30/2019	6/30/2017	6/30/2017
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Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Single and agent employers	Entry age						
Amortization method	Level % of payroll, closed						
Asset valuation method	Fair Value						
Inflation		2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.75%	2.50%	2.75%
Salary increases		2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Investment rate of return		6.75%	6.75%	6.75%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%
Mortality	CalPers pension plan						

\* Fiscal year 2018 was the first year of implementation.

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## **Statistical Section**

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## STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the Vista Irrigation District's (District) comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the District's overall financial health.

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*Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports for the relevant year.*

**Table I**  
**NET POSITION BY COMPONENT**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Position					
Investment in capital assets	\$ 123,073,419	\$ 117,956,077	\$ 111,032,449	\$ 109,214,910	\$ 102,334,860
Restricted - OPEB asset	-	49,666	-	-	-
Unrestricted	12,437,227	7,165,074	28,636,803	24,544,480	27,992,421
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 135,510,646</u>	<u>\$ 125,170,817</u>	<u>\$ 139,669,252</u>	<u>\$ 133,759,390</u>	<u>\$ 130,327,281</u>

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Net Position					
Investment in capital assets	\$ 97,849,943	\$ 94,645,829	\$ 89,924,833	\$ 84,550,252	\$ 82,551,852
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	26,552,862	18,084,612	15,418,929	21,630,198	19,724,448
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 124,402,805</u>	<u>\$ 112,730,441</u>	<u>\$ 105,343,762</u>	<u>\$ 106,180,450</u>	<u>\$ 102,276,300</u>

Source: Vista Irrigation District

**Table II**  
**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>										
Water sales	\$ 57,082,959	\$ 52,858,157	\$ 53,384,918	\$ 52,527,704	\$ 48,703,324	\$ 47,799,794	\$ 49,802,101	\$ 45,948,385	\$ 41,193,157	\$ 44,594,810
Property rentals	958,802	913,042	903,963	836,723	771,289	807,180	823,871	770,023	718,075	738,767
Other services	476,066	370,786	352,059	454,878	408,369	569,180	451,600	645,880	657,891	428,667
System fees	543,696	921,233	353,720	754,464	924,945	1,225,043	731,240	1,029,580	622,039	853,041
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>59,061,523</b>	<b>55,063,218</b>	<b>54,994,660</b>	<b>54,573,769</b>	<b>50,807,927</b>	<b>50,401,197</b>	<b>51,808,812</b>	<b>48,393,868</b>	<b>43,191,162</b>	<b>46,615,285</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>										
Purchased water	21,891,251	25,009,400	27,362,036	27,010,218	20,917,710	21,287,616	22,569,140	23,826,729	18,721,053	19,235,486
Wages and benefits	18,161,966	16,723,300	8,510,447	16,257,820	16,207,874	13,591,552	14,461,797	13,492,353	11,870,598	12,298,601
Depreciation and amortization	3,772,580	3,702,966	3,582,582	3,400,480	3,247,471	3,157,173	2,968,997	2,719,379	2,581,311	3,363,263
Contractual services	4,391,608	24,152,930	7,034,273	5,492,856	4,945,888	5,240,188	4,292,413	3,495,060	4,125,191	3,827,299
Supplies	2,866,886	2,146,360	1,717,651	1,330,707	1,288,380	1,359,577	1,531,232	1,450,699	1,396,166	1,309,636
Professional fees	304,500	359,041	420,146	281,135	719,175	596,320	603,257	949,374	700,489	658,616
Power	647,091	623,560	707,904	466,942	411,118	466,694	405,854	525,897	656,238	662,164
Office and general	581,528	533,828	440,896	361,044	408,249	536,420	557,713	481,697	489,547	488,237
Insurance	420,786	360,513	255,617	14,072	110,882	385,026	543,145	535,788	531,811	489,023
Communications	62,636	58,823	50,340	49,299	49,025	51,755	53,326	56,779	49,845	55,126
Burden allocation	(1,843,090)	(1,863,755)	(1,339,074)	(1,507,279)	(1,257,841)	(1,363,958)	(1,433,392)	(1,422,130)	(1,255,779)	(945,126)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>51,257,742</b>	<b>71,806,966</b>	<b>48,742,818</b>	<b>53,157,294</b>	<b>47,047,931</b>	<b>45,308,363</b>	<b>46,553,482</b>	<b>46,111,625</b>	<b>39,866,470</b>	<b>41,442,325</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>7,803,781</b>	<b>(16,743,748)</b>	<b>6,251,842</b>	<b>1,416,475</b>	<b>3,759,996</b>	<b>5,092,834</b>	<b>5,255,330</b>	<b>2,282,243</b>	<b>3,324,692</b>	<b>5,172,960</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>										
Property taxes	713,904	662,402	573,205	539,949	507,604	487,062	450,512	423,469	384,960	381,843
Investment income (loss)	1,521,687	1,321,865	(85,371)	61,093	903,373	859,164	346,063	168,777	129,591	63,423
Gain (Loss) on disposal of capital assets	69,959	(621)	(1,739,448)	50,523	35,014	3,722,423	19,210	(139,088)	(16,209)	30,557
Other nonoperating revenues (expenses)	405	-	4,494	-	(32,341)	49,198	-	-	-	42,810
Interest Expense	(1,216)	(2,403)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal settlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(66,961)	(83,905)	(55,173)
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>2,304,739</b>	<b>1,981,243</b>	<b>(1,247,120)</b>	<b>651,565</b>	<b>1,413,650</b>	<b>5,117,847</b>	<b>815,785</b>	<b>386,197</b>	<b>414,437</b>	<b>463,460</b>
<b>Income Before Contributed Capital</b>	<b>10,108,520</b>	<b>(14,762,505)</b>	<b>5,004,722</b>	<b>2,068,040</b>	<b>5,173,646</b>	<b>10,210,681</b>	<b>6,071,115</b>	<b>2,668,440</b>	<b>3,739,129</b>	<b>5,636,420</b>
<b>Contributed Capital</b>	<b>231,309</b>	<b>264,070</b>	<b>905,140</b>	<b>1,364,069</b>	<b>750,830</b>	<b>1,461,683</b>	<b>1,315,564</b>	<b>1,257,820</b>	<b>165,021</b>	<b>499,911</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>10,339,829</b>	<b>(14,498,435)</b>	<b>5,909,862</b>	<b>3,432,109</b>	<b>5,924,476</b>	<b>11,672,364</b>	<b>7,386,679</b>	<b>3,926,260</b>	<b>3,904,150</b>	<b>6,136,331</b>
<b>Net Position, beginning of year</b>	<b>125,170,817</b>	<b>139,669,252</b>	<b>133,759,390</b>	<b>130,327,281</b>	<b>124,402,805</b>	<b>112,730,441</b>	<b>110,106,710</b>	<b>106,180,450</b>	<b>102,276,300</b>	<b>113,009,502</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,762,948)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,869,533)</b>
<b>Net Position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 135,510,646</b>	<b>\$ 125,170,817</b>	<b>\$ 139,669,252</b>	<b>\$ 133,759,390</b>	<b>\$ 130,327,281</b>	<b>\$ 124,402,805</b>	<b>\$ 112,730,441</b>	<b>\$ 110,106,710</b>	<b>\$ 106,180,450</b>	<b>\$ 102,276,300</b>

Source: Vista Irrigation District



**Table III**  
**WATER SALES BY USER TYPE**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year Ended	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>		<u>Irrigation</u>		<u>Agricultural</u>		<u>Governmental</u>		Average Cost Per Acre Foot
	Value	Acre Feet	Value	Acre Feet	Value	Acre Feet	Value	Acre Feet	Value	Acre Feet	
2024	\$24,868,906	10,086.5	\$4,092,339	1,647.3	\$3,577,688	1,462.1	\$1,295,517	557.2	\$723,696	294.9	\$2,460
2023	\$23,471,778	10,339.9	\$3,847,606	1,698.7	\$3,464,128	1,532.8	\$1,214,611	548.5	\$518,224	226.5	\$2,267
2022	\$24,078,879	11,696.1	\$3,704,894	1,769.2	\$4,190,315	2,006.7	\$1,453,817	694.2	\$586,706	278.2	\$2,068
2021	\$24,139,088	12,288.3	\$3,385,503	1,670.9	\$4,486,971	2,241.2	\$1,700,825	848.6	\$553,930	272.9	\$1,978
2020	\$21,166,639	10,747.0	\$3,239,744	1,621.9	\$3,624,924	1,836.0	\$1,463,693	742.8	\$570,427	276.2	\$1,975
2019	\$20,866,138	10,747.2	\$3,441,266	1,740.4	\$3,635,381	1,820.5	\$1,593,200	815.6	\$720,781	360.6	\$1,954
2018	\$22,332,964	11,643.8	\$3,530,165	1,809.8	\$4,230,231	2,149.4	\$1,871,045	964.0	\$729,793	370.0	\$1,930
2017	\$19,568,389	10,767.2	\$3,365,773	1,720.3	\$3,237,014	1,765.9	\$1,635,378	883.5	\$704,645	359.0	\$1,840
2016	\$17,679,019	10,153.3	\$3,037,823	1,681.5	\$2,562,469	1,389.9	\$1,588,646	882.3	\$477,063	268.1	\$1,763
2015	\$20,141,952	11,900.4	\$3,214,629	1,866.1	\$3,377,886	1,954.8	\$1,646,475	954.0	\$766,433	441.3	\$1,703

Source: Vista Irrigation District

**Table IV**  
**SERVICE CONNECTIONS**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year Ended	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial/Industrial</u>	<u>Irrigation</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Fire Service</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	24,901	1,574	956	262	1,330	93	29,116
2023	24,896	1,572	945	264	1,313	93	29,083
2022	24,864	1,578	945	279	1,299	91	29,056
2021	24,770	1,576	957	333	1,281	90	29,007
2020	24,470	1,571	954	524	1,269	91	28,879
2019	24,393	1,581	944	515	1,258	89	28,780
2018	24,268	1,584	934	568	1,244	90	28,688
2017	24,209	1,582	928	572	1,240	91	28,622
2016	24,036	1,587	918	574	1,237	91	28,443
2015	24,191	1,606	914	586	1,236	92	28,625
2014	24,191	1,608	897	562	1,228	94	28,580
2013	24,048	1,601	889	567	1,218	92	28,415
2012	24,061	1,603	887	555	1,211	92	28,409

*Source: Vista Irrigation District*

**Table V**  
**WATER RATES**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

<b>Fiscal Year</b> <b>Ended</b>	<b>VID Commodity Charge per HCF*</b>				<b>Monthly ¾” Meter Charge</b>
	Domestic - Tier 1	Domestic - Tier 2	Domestic - Tier 3**	Agricultural	
2024	\$5.42	\$5.89	\$5.89	\$5.73	\$48.37
2023	\$4.99	\$5.46	\$5.46	\$5.30	\$43.30
2022	\$4.72	\$5.19	\$5.19	\$5.03	\$41.88
2021	\$4.44	\$4.98	\$4.98	\$4.76	\$40.97
2020	\$4.35	\$4.89	\$4.89	\$4.67	\$40.97
2019	\$4.27	\$4.81	\$4.81	\$4.59	\$38.85
2018	\$4.24	\$4.78	\$4.78	\$4.56	\$37.05
2017	\$4.16	\$4.70	\$4.70	\$4.48	\$35.85
2016	\$4.04	\$4.58	\$4.58	\$4.36	\$34.76
2015	\$3.73	\$4.27	\$4.27	\$4.05	\$33.67

\* HCF = One Hundred Cubic Feet

\*\* The tier 3 rate is only imposed during times of water delivery cutbacks stipulated by the San Diego County Water Authority.  
When no water delivery cutbacks are imposed by the Water Authority, Tier 3 usage is billed at the Tier 2 rate.

*Source: Vista Irrigation District*

**Table VI**  
**PRINCIPAL WATER CUSTOMERS**  
**Current Fiscal Year and Nine Years Prior**

<u>Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024</u>			<u>Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015</u>		
<u>Customer</u>	<u>Usage in Acre Feet</u>	<u>Percent of Water Sold</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Usage in Acre Feet</u>	<u>Percent of Water Sold</u>
Courthouse	62.6	0.45%	Golf Course	151.4	0.87%
Industrial	60.7	0.43%	Courthouse	67.1	0.38%
Golf Course	54.0	0.38%	Industrial	64.8	0.37%
Industrial	51.7	0.37%	Industrial	59.2	0.34%
High School	41.1	0.29%	Agricultural	53.7	0.31%
Mobile Home Park	32.4	0.23%	High School	40.2	0.23%
Mobile Home Park	29.5	0.21%	Mobile Home Park	39.3	0.22%
Multi-Family	32.1	0.23%	Mobile Home Park	38.2	0.22%
Industrial	32.4	0.23%	Convalescent	37.9	0.22%
Mobile Home Park	31.3	0.22%	Apartments	33.6	0.19%
Total Top Ten Customers	427.9	3.05%	Total Top Ten Customers	585.4	3.35%
Other Customers	13,620.1	96.95%	Other Customers	16,884.8	96.65%
Total Water Sales	14,048.0	100.00%	Total Water Sales	17,470.2	100.00%

*Source: Vista Irrigation District*

**Table VII**  
**DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Year	Total Population	Average Household Size	Unemployment Rate*	Per Capita Personal Income*	Total Personal Income (000s)*
2023	132,430	3.00	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>\$58,044</i>	<i>\$5,810,917</i>
2022	132,167	3.01	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>\$64,671</i>	<i>\$6,466,871</i>
2021	132,583	3.90	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>\$66,573</i>	<i>\$6,612,006</i>
2020	131,625	3.08	<i>10.1%</i>	<i>\$62,313</i>	<i>\$6,149,710</i>
2019	133,625	3.15	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>\$59,010</i>	<i>\$5,797,890</i>
2018	133,851	3.16	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>\$57,655</i>	<i>\$5,684,703</i>
2017	133,797	3.17	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>\$53,603</i>	<i>\$5,304,234</i>
2016	131,006	3.17	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>\$54,508</i>	<i>\$5,268,326</i>
2015	129,801	3.17	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>\$52,556</i>	<i>\$5,038,338</i>
2014	129,144	3.17	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>\$45,256</i>	<i>\$4,334,493</i>

NOTES:

\* Values in italics text are for the City of Vista. All other values are for the Vista Irrigation District.

Population figure: Last census taken in 2020.

Data for all categories is not available for 2024.

Amounts presented may vary from the prior year's report due to inflationary adjustments or re-calculations.

Source: SANDAG

**Table VIII**  
**Principal Employers – County of San Diego**  
**Current Fiscal Year and Nine Years Prior**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 <sup>(1)</sup>			Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 <sup>(2)</sup>		
Employer Name	Industry	No. of Employees	Employer Name	Industry	No. of Employees
32 <sup>nd</sup> St Naval Station, San Diego	Government - Military	10,000+	State of California	Education	10,000+
University of California, San Diego	Education	10,000+	University of California, San Diego	Education	10,000+
Kaiser Permanente Vandever	Healthcare	5,000-9,999	Federal Government	Government	10,000+
MCCS MCRD San Diego, Marine Corps	Government-Military	5,000-9,999	US Department of Defense	Military	10,000+
Naval medical Center, San Diego	Healthcare	5,000-9,999	County of San Diego	Government	10,000+
San Diego Community College	Education	5,000-9,999	City of San Diego	Government	10,000+
Sharp Healthcare	Healthcare	1,000-4,999	Sharp Healthcare	Healthcare	10,000+
Scripps Health	Healthcare	1,000-4,999	Scripps Health	Healthcare	10,000+
Collins Aerospace	Manufacturers	1,000-4,999	San Diego Unified School District	Education	10,000+
SDG&E	Associations	1,000-4,999	Kaiser San Diego Medical Center	Healthcare	5,000-9,999

Source: <sup>1</sup> Employment Development Department (EDD) - Major Employers in San Diego (<https://labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>). In 2024, the method of accounting for the largest employers changed at the EDD. Some employer locations or affiliates were combined in the past but are now kept separate resulting in fewer employers in the 10,000+ range and a change in the top 10 and/or names of the top ten.  
<sup>2</sup> Vista Irrigation District 2015 CAFR/San Diego Source Book.

**Table IX**  
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Employees	83	82	83	85	87	87	90	89	87	88
Average Years of Service	10.0	10.7	11.5	10.8	10.2	10.8	11.6	12.8	12.0	11.6

*Source: Vista Irrigation District*

Note- Based on active employees at fiscal year-end.

**Table X**  
**OPERATING AND CAPITAL INDICATORS**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Service Area (acres)	21,152	21,152	21,152	21,152	21,152	21,152	21,152	21,160	21,160	21,160
Miles of water main (4" and larger) *	429	429	429	429	429	429	429	473	473	473
Number of enclosed reservoirs	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Capacity of enclosed reservoirs (acre feet)	146	142	142	142	142	142	142	141	141	142
Number of open reservoirs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Capacity of open reservoirs (acre feet) **	51,832	51,832	51,832	51,832	51,832	51,774	51,774	51,774	51,774	51,774
Number of pump stations	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Number of pumps	24	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Total capacity of pumps (horsepower)	1,345	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045
Number of service connections	29,116	29,083	29,056	29,007	28,879	28,780	28,688	28,622	28,443	28,625
Production peak (million gallons per day)	21	21	21	22	21	22	21	22	20	24
Average production (million gallons per day)	14	14	15	16	15	14	16	15	14	16
Total rainfall (inches) - Lake Henshaw	28	45	16	15	29	35	12	34	21	16
Total rainfall (inches) - Vista	16	28	10	4	21	16	4	20	11	8
Average daily temperature (F) - Lake Henshaw	58	57	60	59	58	58	60	60	59	60
Average daily temperature (F) - Vista	62	61	62	63	63	62	64	63	64	64
Electricity purchased (1,000 kWh) - Service Area	1,460	942	1,016	1,007	1,017	1,075	1,060	712	1,081	1,094
Electricity purchased (1,000 kWh) - Lake Henshaw	110	1,855	3,316	1,368	302	1,783	1,077	1,964	3,176	3,352
Natural gas purchased (therms)	6,522	9,052	6,578	7,256	8,829	7,833	6,926	5,768	5,970	5,573
Mainline repairs	26	32	24	17	19	31	20	40	29	33

\* Miles of pipe within the Vista Irrigation District system was updated consistent with the findings set forth of the 2018 Potable Water Master Plan.

\*\* Capacity of open reservoir was updated according to a 2018 study.

Source: Vista Irrigation District



Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District  
Vista, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Vista Irrigation District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated November 13, 2024. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

### **Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated September 25, 2024, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

### **Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence**

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence under the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") independence standards, contained in the Code of Professional Conduct.

We identified self-review threats to independence as a result of non-attest services provided. Those non-attest services included the preparation of the statement of cash flows. To mitigate the risk, management has compared the draft statement of cash flows to the underlying accounting records to verify accuracy.

Additionally, we utilize a quality control reviewer to perform a second review of the statement of cash flows. We believe these safeguards are sufficient to reduce the independence threats to an acceptable level.

### **Significant Risks Identified**

We have identified the following significant risks:

We have identified capital assets as a significant risk. Management's estimate of which capital projects represent ordinary maintenance activities necessary to keep an asset operational for its originally intended useful life versus significant improvement, replacement, and life extending projects that should be capitalized as additions to capital assets is based on management's knowledge of the assets and their useful lives.

### **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

#### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### *Significant Accounting Estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are:

- Management's estimate of transactions related to net pension and OPEB liabilities based on actuarial information.
- Management's estimate of the GASB 87 lease transactions based on a single leasing model for accounting and reporting purposes.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- The disclosure of Capital Assets in note 4 to the financial statements.
- The disclosure of Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities in note 5 to the financial statements.
- The disclosure of Pension in note 6 to the financial statements.
- The disclosure of OPEB in note 7 to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

## **Significant Unusual Transactions**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to communicate to your significant unusual transactions identified during our audit. There were no significant unusual transactions identified as a result of our audit procedures.

## **Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

## **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. There were no such misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. There were none.

## **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the District's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

## **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the attached letter dated November 13, 2024.

## **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

## **Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with the District, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the District's auditors.

## **Other Information Included in Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information, whether financial or nonfinancial, included in the District's annual reports, does not extend

beyond the information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the information and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially inconsistent with its presentation in the financial statements.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*DavisFarr LLP*

Irvine, California  
November 13, 2024

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District  
Vista, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Vista Irrigation District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 13, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Irvine, California  
November 13, 2024



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

**Board Meeting Date:** January 8, 2025  
**Prepared By:** Shallako Goodrick  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Informational report concerning the financial results of the District.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Attached for review by the Board of Directors is the Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2024. This report includes the following items:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Lake Henshaw Operations - Statements of Revenues and Expenses

### SPECIAL REPORTS

- Water Statistics Budget Comparison
- Revenue and Expense Budget Comparison
- Capital Outlay Comparison
- Legal Expenses

The Lake Henshaw financial statements reflect revenues and expenses directly related to operating Lake Henshaw and the surrounding Warner Ranch. Lake Henshaw revenues were \$7,314,305, which included an estimated value of \$6,464,975 in local water that was provided to the District; expenses were \$1,666,178, less than projected due to the over accrual of the prior year expense (\$1,788,240) for the San Pasqual Undergrounding Project (SPUP). Lake Henshaw Operations experienced a \$5,648,127 operating gain for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The cost of local water was approximately \$550 per acre foot (after removing the over accrual of the prior year SPUP expense) in FY 2024.

The first three special reports listed above compare the actual results for the year ended June 30, 2024 with the budgeted amounts approved by the Board.

Overall, the District experienced a \$10.1 million operating gain versus a projected \$11.8 million operating gain this fiscal year primarily due to lower than projected water sales (attributable to wet weather in winter/spring) and higher than anticipated pension expense.

ATTACHMENTS: Financial Statements and Special Reports



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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
For the Year Ended  
June 30, 2024

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*(UNAUDITED)*



*VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT*

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*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

# LAKE HENSHAW OPERATIONS

## STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

(Unaudited)

	2024	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Value of local water produced	\$ 6,464,975	\$ 2,207,463
Property rentals	746,760	716,245
Other services	102,570	21,023
Total Revenues	<u>7,314,305</u>	<u>2,944,731</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Supplies	1,226,832	486,696
Burden allocation	420,884	359,806
Depreciation	334,978	364,425
Wages	182,993	152,460
Professional fees	173,254	260,353
Power	124,761	233,546
Insurance	47,261	42,965
Office and general	24,385	19,853
Contractual services	(869,170)	20,227,161
Total Expenses	<u>1,666,178</u>	<u>22,147,265</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>5,648,127</u>	<u>(19,202,534)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues:		
Investment income	<u>45,653</u>	<u>50,264</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>45,653</u>	<u>50,264</u>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$ 5,693,780</u>	<u>\$ (19,152,270)</u>



*SPECIAL REPORTS*

# VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## WATER STATISTICS BUDGET COMPARISON Year Ended June 30, 2024 (In Acre Feet)

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	Actual	Budget	Percentage of Budget
<b>WATER SOURCES:</b>			
Water Purchases	10,623	13,200	80%
Local Water	<u>4,654</u>	<u>4,000</u>	116%
Total Water Sources	<u><u>15,277</u></u>	<u><u>17,200</u></u>	89%
<b>WATER SALES</b>	<u><u>14,048</u></u>	<u><u>16,200</u></u>	87%

# VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET COMPARISON Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Actual	Budget	Percentage of Budget
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Water sales:			
Single family	\$ 16,878,595	\$ 18,860,000	89%
Multiple family	7,133,924	7,060,000	101%
Irrigation	3,577,688	4,670,000	77%
Commercial	2,774,132	2,770,000	100%
Industrial	1,318,207	1,350,000	98%
Agricultural	1,295,517	1,620,000	80%
Mobile homes	852,949	910,000	94%
Government	723,696	650,000	111%
Unmetered	3,438	160,000	2%
Service charges	22,597,352	22,844,000	99%
Subtotal water sales	<u>57,155,498</u>	<u>60,894,000</u>	
Property rentals	958,802	870,910	110%
System fees:			
Capacity	543,696	780,000	70%
Subtotal system fees	<u>543,696</u>	<u>780,000</u>	
Other services:			
Non construction services	363,183	200,000	182%
New installations	112,883	204,000	55%
Subtotal other services	<u>476,066</u>	<u>404,000</u>	
Total Operating Revenues	<u>59,134,062</u>	<u>62,948,910</u>	94%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Purchased water	21,891,251	25,190,000	87%
Wages and benefits:			
Salaries	8,897,557	9,080,000	98%
PERS retirement	6,027,832	3,000,000	201%
Employee health insurance	2,267,827	2,307,000	98%
FICA & medicare	695,386	686,000	101%
Workers compensation	122,649	145,000	85%
Deferred compensation plan	118,223	116,000	102%
Life and disability insurance	78,908	76,000	104%
Uniforms	26,502	29,000	91%
Unemployment insurance	6,981	-	-
Tuition reimbursement	4,185	7,000	60%
EAP counseling	2,841	3,000	95%
Retiree medical insurance	(86,925)	-	-
Subtotal wages and benefits	<u>18,161,966</u>	<u>15,449,000</u>	
Contractual services	4,391,608	5,085,800	86%
Depreciation and amortization	3,772,580	4,070,000	93%

# VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET COMPARISON Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Actual	Budget	Percentage of Budget
Supplies	2,866,886	2,258,550	127%
Power	647,091	464,700	139%
Office and general:			
Fees and permits	258,864	223,950	116%
Postage	63,487	62,050	102%
Training	62,036	44,300	140%
Dues, subscriptions, and publications	51,770	54,060	96%
Recruitment	37,216	25,000	149%
Employment related expense	31,306	27,900	112%
Travel	29,032	34,095	85%
Office supplies	15,164	16,000	95%
Awards and contributions	12,565	12,500	101%
Printing	10,594	14,500	73%
Computer hardware	9,374	17,000	55%
Computer software	120	150	80%
Subtotal office and general	<u>581,528</u>	<u>531,505</u>	
Insurance	420,786	397,000	106%
Professional fees:			
Consulting	152,959	231,600	66%
Legal	126,541	272,400	46%
Audit	25,000	25,000	100%
Subtotal professional fees	<u>304,500</u>	<u>529,000</u>	
Uncollectible accounts	72,539	48,000	151%
Communications	62,636	61,280	102%
Burden allocation	(1,843,090)	(1,368,000)	135%
Total Operating Expenses	<u>51,330,281</u>	<u>52,716,835</u>	97%
Operating Income	7,803,781	10,232,075	76%
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Investment income	1,521,687	981,832	155%
Property taxes	713,904	595,000	120%
Gain on disposal of capital assets	69,959	-	-
Other nonoperating revenues	405	-	-
Interest expense	(1,216)	-	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>2,304,739</u>	<u>1,576,832</u>	146%
Income Before Contributed Capital	<u>\$ 10,108,520</u>	<u>\$ 11,808,907</u>	86%

# VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## CAPITAL OUTLAY COMPARISON June 30, 2024

	Budget Item #	Board Approved (Inception To Date)	Outlay To Date	Capital Outlay Remaining
<b>ENGINEERING:</b>				
E Reservoir and Pump Station	16-04	12,600,000	12,207,542	392,458
Four (4) Reservoirs Rehabilitation	20-03	135,000	134,332	-
Vista Flume Replacement	21-01	2,200,000	1,820,915	379,085
Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation	22-01	3,940,000	741,657	3,198,343
New Zone 637 Feed	23-01	102,000	74,935	27,065
Independence Way Pipeline*	24-01	850,000	-	850,000
Main Replacement Program	99-99	2,275,000	3,968,313	-
		<u>22,102,000</u>	<u>18,947,694</u>	<u>4,846,951</u>
<b>FIELD SERVICES:</b>				
Vehicles (2)	23-02	360,000	-	360,000
Vehicles (6)	24-02	445,000	124,857	320,143
Access, Fire & Burglar Alarm Control System	24-03	90,000	-	90,000
Skid Steer	24-04	83,000	44,716	-
Backhoe	24-05	182,500	165,109	-
		<u>800,500</u>	<u>334,682</u>	<u>410,143</u>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:</b>				
Board Room Audio Visual System	22-06	80,000	-	80,000
Hyper-Converged Compute & Storage System	24-06	150,000	131,930	-
Document Management System	24-07	50,000	-	50,000
		<u>280,000</u>	<u>131,930</u>	<u>130,000</u>
<b>WATER RESOURCES:</b>				
Warner Wellfield Assessment and Enhancement	20-15	500,000	13,631	486,369
		<u>500,000</u>	<u>13,631</u>	<u>486,369</u>
		<u>\$ 23,682,500</u>	<u>\$ 19,427,937</u>	<u>\$ 5,873,463</u>

\*Independence Way project changed from a new main to a main replacement; therefore, all costs are being charged to the Main Replacement Program.



# VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## LEGAL EXPENSES Year Ending June 2024

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### General Legal Fees

Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore	General	\$ 4,480	
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	General	46,773	
Best Best & Krieger, LLP	General	637	
Rutan & Tucker	General	<u>1,390</u>	
			\$ 53,280

### Water Rights Legal Fees

Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard	Indians	<u>73,261</u>	<u>73,261</u>
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**Total Legal Costs (12 months)** \$ 126,541

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**Total Budgeted Legal Costs (12 months)** \$ 272,400



**STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Item: 9

**Board Meeting Date:** January 8, 2025  
**Prepared By:** Randy Whitmann, Frank Wolinski, Shallako Goodrick and Lesley Dobalian  
**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.

**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION  
 VID Water Production  
 November 2024**

Description	Current Month Production		Average Production Last 12 Months		Total, Fiscal Year to Date
	(mgd)	(af)	(mgd)	(af)	(af)
<b>VID's EVWTP Water Production</b>					
Local Water	4.55	419.30	5.30	496.68	2,756.60
SDCWA Raw Water	0.04	4.10	6.38	598.57	3,055.80
<b>Subtotal (EVWTP Water Production)</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>423.40</b>	<b>11.69</b>	<b>1,095.25</b>	<b>5,812.40</b>
Oceanside Contract Water	0.12	11.30	0.21	20.25	160.00
SDCWA Treated Water	10.17	936.20	2.07	193.56	2,055.20
<b>TOTAL WATER PRODUCTION</b>	<b>14.89</b>	<b>1,370.90</b>	<b>13.97</b>	<b>1,309.06</b>	<b>8,027.60</b>

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

**Lake Henshaw**

Storage as of December 30, 2024: 13,149 af (25% of 51,832 af capacity)  
 Current releases: ~10 cfs  
 Change in storage for month of November: 162 af (loss)  
 Total releases for month of November: 27 af\*  
 Fiscal year-to-date rain total: 0.84 inches (December 30, 2024)  
 Percent of average yearly rain: 3.5% (30-year average: 23.90 inches)  
 Percent of average year-to-date rain: 11.1% (30-year average through Dec: 7.59 in.)

*\*Releases resumed on December 11, 2024.*

**Warner Ranch Wellfield**

Number of wells running in November: 0 (minimal pumping for maintenance)  
 Total production for month of November: 0.2 af  
 Average depth to water table (December): 53 ft (see attached historical water table chart)

**December**

- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
  - Performed HABs sampling in Lake Henshaw on December 2, 16, and 23, 2024. All samples were “non-detect” for microcystin and anatoxin-a concentrations. Sampling was conducted on December 30, 2024; results are pending as of the writing of this report.

**January**

- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
  - Continue to monitor and adaptively manage Lake Henshaw based on weather and lake conditions.
  - Finalize Biological Resources Evaluation report for the Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study to accompany permit applications to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Issue request for proposals to drill a new groundwater well at the Lake Henshaw Resort (estimated completion – summer 2025).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc., Activity Reports – October 2024
- VID’s Warner Wellfield – Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production
- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Expenses related to HABs

**ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

**December**

- Conducted annual review of the District’s Investment Policy (Policy) as required by State law; no changes to the Policy were necessary.
- Distributed materials regarding the District scholarship program to local high schools. Posted an electronic copy of the application materials on the website.
- Issued news release regarding the annual organizational meeting.
- Completed recruitments for the Meter Reader Trainee, Accounts Payable Clerk, Construction Worker and Inventory Control Clerk positions. Kainoa Afoa accepted a job offer for the Meter Reader Trainee position; Teresa Moreno accepted a job offer for the Accounts Payable Clerk position; Billy Wilczynski accepted a promotion to Construction Worker; and Andres Rendon accepted a job offer for the Inventory Control Clerk position.
- Began recruitment for Engineering I/II position.
- Coordinated Employee Appreciation Event.

**Fiscal Year 2025 - Public Relations Metrics Summary**

	<b>Jul. – Sep. 2024</b>	<b>Oct. – Dec. 2024</b>	<b>Total</b>
Press Releases	3	2	5
Outreach/District Events	0	1	1

**January**

- Deliver Water Awareness calendars.
- Issue news release regarding scholarship program.
- Continue recruitment for Engineer I/II position.
- Begin recruitment for Utility Worker Trainee.

## OPERATIONS & FIELD SERVICES

### *December*

- Water Quality Calls/Incidents for December – received two taste and odor calls. One call was determined to be a private issue; the other was associated with pipe lubricant from a system shutdown and was resolved with flushing.
- Inspected and tested four new backflow devices that were integrated into the District’s cross-connection control program.
- Conducted check-in meeting and sent deliverables to the consultant for the Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) update as required by the America’s Water Infrastructure Act.
- Continued weed abatement at various locations on the flume.
- Twin stands replacement project on Borden Bench – continued shop fabrication work.
- Completed mainline replacement of steel and non-Nipponite AC pipe on Independence Way – installed approximately 6,100’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 84 services and 10 hydrant laterals.
- Completed emergency mainline replacement of Nipponite AC pipe on Friendly Drive – installed approximately 850’ of 8-inch PVC pipe, six services and one hydrant lateral.

### Fiscal Year 2025 - Operations and Field Services Metrics Summary

	Jul. – Sep. 2024	Oct. – Dec. 2024	Total
<b>Leaks</b>			
Service	13	21	34
Mainline	9	16	25
<b>Fire Hydrants</b>			
Repairs	8	8	16
Proactive upgrades	16	23	39
<b>System Valves</b>			
Replacements	4	10	14
New installations	3	1	4
<b>Water Quality</b>			
Discolored water	3	3	6
Taste and odor	22	33	55*

\*47 of the 55 taste and odor calls were attributed to an algal bloom in Lake Skinner.

### *January*

- Continue RRA update.
- Continue twin stands replacement project on Borden Bench.
- Begin mainline replacement of steel, Nipponite and non-Nipponite AC pipe on Lonsdale Lane and East Indian Rock Road – install approximately 3,000’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 34 services and 4 hydrant laterals.

### Electrical Energy Use at VID Headquarters

#### November 2024

Description	Current Month Production	Average of Last 12 Months	Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date
	(kWh)	(kWh)	(kWh)
Solar Production (\$0.19 per kWh)	0*	19,804	81,960
Power purchased from Direct Energy (\$0.05 per kWh)	40,594	25,499	164,392
<b>TOTAL ELECTRICAL ENERGY USE</b>	<b>40,594</b>	<b>45,303</b>	<b>246,352</b>

\*Solar system was offline during the month of November and is awaiting a replacement part.

## ENGINEERING DIVISION

### *December*

- The District has replaced approximately 10.97 miles of Nipponite pipe since 2002 with 4.95 miles remaining as shown below. Replacement of 1.42 miles of Nipponite pipe is currently in design.

**Miles of Nipponite Remaining**

Diameter	Risk			Total
	High	Medium	Low	
4-inch	0.04	0.33	0.00	<b>0.37</b>
6-inch	0.00	0.10	0.19	<b>0.29</b>
8-inch	0.40	1.01	1.03	<b>2.44</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>3.10</b>
10-inch	0.28	0.14	0.53	<b>0.95</b>
12-inch	0.00	0.00	0.90	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>2.65</b>	<b>4.95</b>

- The District’s mainline replacement totals for Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:

Pipeline Material	Jul. – Sep. 2024	Oct. – Dec. 2024	Total
	(feet)	(feet)	(feet)
Steel	1,943	192	2,135
PVC	0	0	0
Non-Nipponite AC	335	107	442
Nipponite	0	944	944
<b>Total (feet)</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>3,521</b>
<b>Total (miles)</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.67</b>

- Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation – Pacific Hydrotech began the reservoir outage period, roof demolition, and completed most of the grading activities for the project. (Notice to Proceed – March 2024, estimated completion – summer 2025).
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Gateway Pacific continued closing out the project. Gateway Pacific is currently waiting on an electrical component for the main electrical service that is currently backordered.
- Pechstein and Pechstein II Reservoir Planning and Design Project – received and began reviewing proposals from four consulting firms, Black & Veatch, Dudek, Hoch Consulting and Kennedy Jenks.
- Flume Replacement Alignment Study – Brown & Caldwell submitted a draft of the recommended alignment report and preliminary alignment plans; staff began reviewing the draft report and plans.
- 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; storm drain work along the Jones Siphon and the relocation of an 18-inch transmission main that feeds the Bennett service area have been completed.
  - 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. Draft plans call for additional fill along Nutmeg Street and over approximately 400 feet of the Caldwell Siphon section of the Flume. The District has approved agreements to allow the additional fill, quitclaim the portion of the District’s Flume easement over the property, and participate in the project’s Community Facilities District. Grading plans have been signed and staff is currently working with the developer to finalize their improvement plans.

## *January*

- Mainline Replacement Projects in design (current projects): Camino Patricia, Camino Corto and Goetting Wy.; Alta Vista Dr. and Vale Terrace Dr.; Lado De Loma Dr.\*; Eddie Dr., Rancho Vista Rd. and Bandini Pl.; Oro Avo Dr.\* and Shale Rock Rd.; Hardell Ln.\*; Indiana Ave.\* and Broadway; Robinhood Rd., Lower Ln. and Easy St.\*; McGavran Dr.; HN Line - Gopher Canyon Rd. to Fairview Dr. (Total length = 6.84 miles).
- Mainline Replacement Projects in planning (future projects): Estrelita Dr. and Victory Dr.; Oak Dr.\*; Palomar Pl. and Queens Wy.; Plumosa Ave.; Via Christina; Nevada Ave., N. Citrus Ave., Lemon Ave. and Hillside Terrace; Catalina Ave.\*; Buena Creek Rd.\*; Nordahl Rd.; West AB Line – Esplendido Ave. to Bella Vista Dr.; East AB Line – Esplendido Ave. to Las Posas Rd.; Colavo Dr.\*; Crescent Dr.; Descanso Ave.; Camino Culebra\*; San Clemente Ave.\*; E. Vista Wy.\* (Total length = 7.03 miles).
- Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation – Pacific Hydrotech to continue roof demolition.
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Gateway Pacific to tentatively schedule electrical shutdown to replace electrical component for the main electrical service.
- Pechstein and Pechstein II Reservoir Planning and Design Project – complete review of consultant proposals.
- Flume Replacement Alignment Study – complete review of Brown & Caldwell’s draft recommended alignment report and preliminary alignment plans and provide comments.

\*Nipponite pipe

## **ACHIEVEMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2025**

- Completed mainline replacement of steel and non-Nipponite AC pipe on Independence Way – installed approximately 6,100’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 84 services and 10 hydrant laterals (December 2024).
- Completed emergency mainline replacement of Nipponite AC pipe on Friendly Drive – installed approximately 850’ of 8-inch PVC pipe, six services and one hydrant lateral (December 2024).
- Received Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority President’s Special Recognition Award - Workers’ Compensation Program (December 2024).
- Collaborated with the Vista Chamber of Commerce on Student Opportunities for Career Awareness and Learning (SOCAL) video shoot about daily job responsibilities of and skills needed to be a Water System Operator and a Water System Supervisor (December 2024).
- Received approval of the Emergency Action Plan for Henshaw Dam from the California Office of Emergency Services, Dam Safety Planning Division (December 2024).
- Hosted the WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Workshop (November 2024).
- Submitted Lead Service Line Inventory Survey results and school/childcare facility list to the State Water Resources Control Board (October 2024).
- Received Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority Wellness Grant (August 2024).
- Received Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 17<sup>th</sup> year (July 2024).
- Metropolitan Water District authorized entering into a not-to-exceed \$500,000 funding agreement with the San Diego County Water Authority under the Future Supply Actions Funding Program for the District’s Lake Henshaw Oxygenation Pilot Study (July 2024).

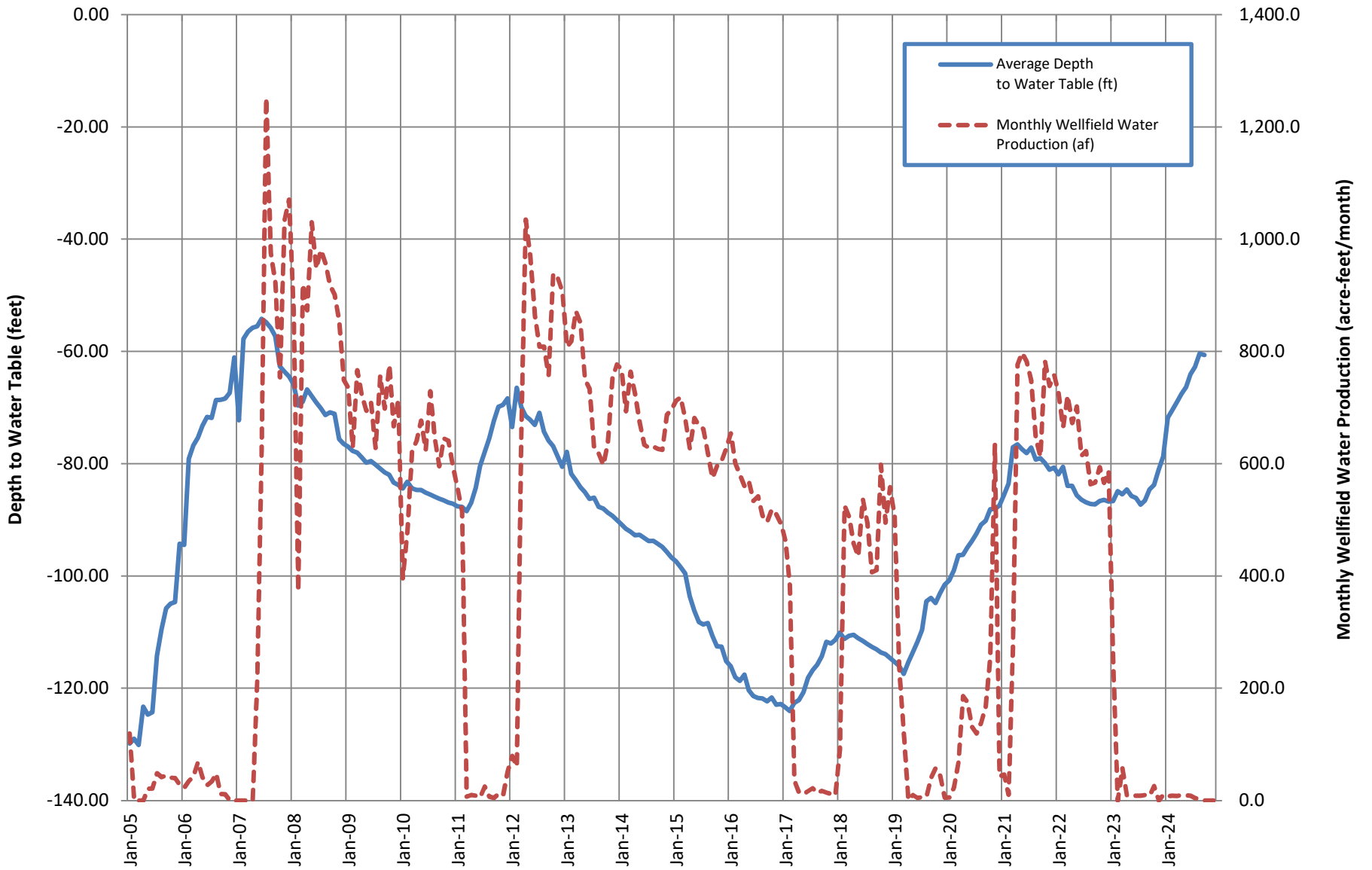


**LAKE HENSHAW RESORT, INC.  
ACTIVITY REPORT  
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024**

	2023 Oct	2023 Nov	2023 Dec	2024 Jan	2024 Feb	2024 Mar	2024 Apr	2024 May	2024 Jun	2024 Jul	2024 Aug	2024 Sep	2024 Oct	12 MO AVG
Fishing Permits	379	262	148	116	159	123	498	775	670	651	776	838	783	483
Boat Launches	15	12	7	18	6	3	1	56	63	57	25	17	22	24
Motor Boats (full day rental)	14	15	19	19	0	6	13	46	49	36	37	39	36	26
Motor Boats (half day rental)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	7	2	6	3	3
Campground/Head Count	581	112	10	10	84	88	249	1,441	929	937	735	970	339	492
Campground/Cars, Trucks, etc.	204	50	29	30	40	27	94	556	353	414	301	371	168	203
Campground/Recreational Vehicles	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	0	1
Mobile Home/Spaces	71	76	76	72	72	72	72	70	71	71	72	73	73	73
M.H.P. (Residents/Head Count)	100	108	108	103	103	103	103	101	101	101	102	105	105	104
Storage	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Cabins	152	96	137	67	74	164	153	163	141	163	85	101	130	123
Hunters	0	0	76	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13

# VID's Warner Wellfield

## Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production





**FY 2025 Budget and Expenses related to HABs**

as of 12/30/2024

<b>Description</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Water Quality Testing Services &amp; Supplies</b>		
Cyanotoxin/Cyanobacteria Testing - Bend Genetics	\$	76,161
Other Lab Testing	\$	10,097
Sample bottles, misc. supplies & equipment	\$	136
Shipping	\$	5,885
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$	92,280
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$	46,140
VID FY 2025 Budget	\$	92,500
Percent of VID Budget		50%
<b>Water Treatment Services &amp; Supplies</b>		
Copper algaecide purchase and application	\$	-
Peroxide algaecide purchase and application	\$	1,009,373
Lanthanum-modified clay purchase and application	\$	-
Permit fees	\$	-
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$	1,009,373
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$	504,687
VID FY 2025 Budget	\$	1,223,650
Percent of VID Budget		41%
<b>HABs Consultants</b>		
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$	24,068
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$	12,033.87
VID FY 2025 Budget	\$	37,500
Percent of VID Budget		32%
<b>Oxygenation Pilot Study</b>		
Power	\$	-
Fixed and operational costs	\$	12,603
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$	12,603
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$	6,301
VID FY 2025 Budget	\$	1,000,560
Percent of VID Budget		0.6%
<b>Total VID Expenses, FY 2025 to date</b>		
VID FY 2025 Budget	\$	2,354,210
Percent of VID Budget		24%



## STAFF REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** January 8, 2025  
**Prepared By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1) Consider appointing a Board member to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame; and 2) Consider making a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** At its February 7, 2024 meeting, 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. Director Kuchinsky participated on this committee in 2024. The committee will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Vista Historical Museum at 2317 Old Foothill Drive, Vista. Honorees will be announced at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting on a date to be determined.

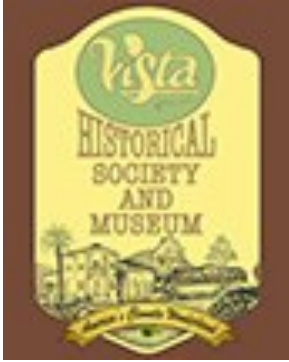
**DETAILED REPORT:** This year the Historical Society will honor Vistans from both the Regular and the Early Residents Divisions of the Vista Hall of Fame. The eligibility criteria for both Divisions include: 1) each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively (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; 3) married couples who both meet the criteria may be nominated together as one nominee; and 4) the nominee may either be living or deceased. An additional criterion for the Early Residents Division is that the nominee must have died at least 20 years before the nomination, unless waived.

If the Board wishes to nominate an honoree, the Historical Society requests that the nominee's name(s) be submitted along with his or her background materials by February 14, 2025. Notable honorees already in the Vista Hall of Fame with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include Linden Burzell, Hans Doe, Marty Miller, Bill Taylor, Oliver Clark, Howard Williams and Paul Dorey. From the Early Residents Division honorees with a connection to Vista Irrigation District include the First Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors (George Henry, Jules Delpy, F.J. "Jack" Knight, Harry Merriam and Chester Gunn), Frank Delpy, William Pechstein, Charles Mull, James W. Sutton, Dale E. Wood, Harold H. Yackey, and Ray Betraun. Honorees with a connection to the Bueno Colorado Municipal Water District include Charles Hausladen and Wells Miller.

If the Board wishes to make an appointment to the nominating committee, the Historical Society would like to know by February 14, 2025.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter from Vista Historical Society and Museum
- Booklet of Hall of Fame Members and Qualifications



**VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM**  
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**P.O. Box 1032**  
**Vista, CA 92085-1032**  
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**Email: [Vistahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:Vistahistorical@gmail.com)**

December 27, 2025

Brett Hodgkiss General Manager  
Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer Road  
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Re: Vista Hall of Fame request for assistance.

The Vista Historical Society is honored to be the keeper of the Vista Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors significant people and their achievements that have enriched Vista's history. The time has come again to select new members of the Hall of Fame and The Vista Historical Vista is now forming the nominating Committee for this year's honorees, who will be announced at the Vista Historical Society's Annual Meeting on a date to be determined.

The Vista Irrigation District has been kind in the past by appointing representatives to the nominating committee. We are again requesting your participation in the Hall of Fame process. The committee will meet at 2 P.M. Tuesday March 11, 2025 at The Vista Historical Museum:

2317 Old Foothill Dr.  
Vista, Ca 92084

If you can participate, please let us know by Friday February 14, 2025  
Enclosed are booklets of existing Hall of Fame members and qualifications.  
If you wish to nominate someone, please submit his or her name and backup material by February 14, 2025 so it can be distributed before the meeting.  
The Society can be reached by phone 760-630-0444 Monday to Friday 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., by e-mail [vistahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:vistahistorical@gmail.com) or at our mailing address:

Vista Historical Society  
P.O. Box 1032  
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Thanking you in advance

Jack Larimer  
Director, Vista Historical Museum

# VISTA HALL OF FAME

1989-2024

THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VOLUME 1 OF 2

ADAMS-HUTCHINS

## THE HISTORY OF THE VISTA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was created over 30 years ago and currently has over 130 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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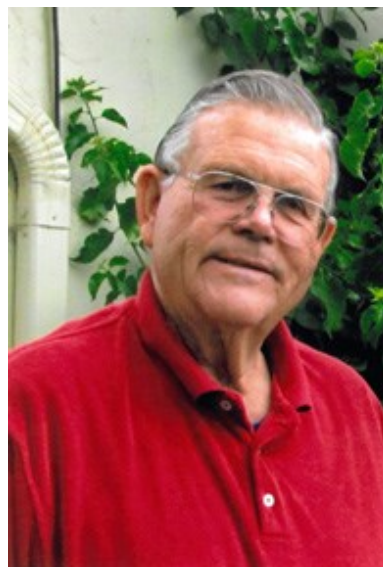
**Thomas J. Adams**  
**1891-1974**

### **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**  
**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.

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**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. Carl 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.

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**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, Oceanside, 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



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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 conviction 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.



**Cathy Brendel  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2023**

Cathy Brendel has given leadership and service to the City of Vista for over 30 years.

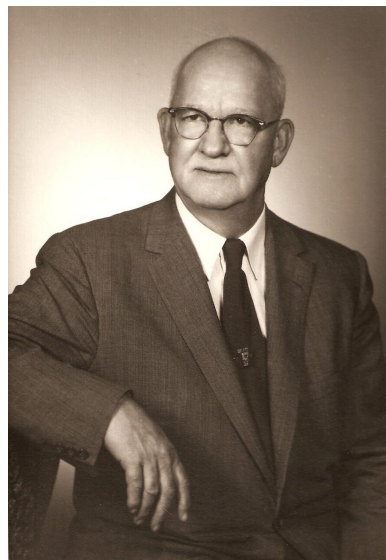
As Director of the City's Parks and Community Services Department she oversaw the origins, development and operations of Moonlight Amphitheatre; of the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, (both its acquisition and its conversion into an educational museum).

Cathy assisted in the creation of the Wave Waterpark; the creation of the City's Out and About senior transportation program and overhauled the City's rental programs which facilitate the public's use of City buildings for public use. She has overseen the Moonlight Amphitheatre capital building improvements after the passing of Proposition L and the building of new ballparks and recreational areas. She has facilitated fund-raising for the community's non-profit Moonlight Cultural Foundation, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Operation Hope, Rotary Club, Amigos de Vista Lions Club, Alta Vista Gardens, Vista Garden Club, and Friends of the Rancho, The Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. She has volunteered countless hours with City Beautification committees, Operation Hope, the Moonlight Angels and has represented Vista as President of the San Diego Chapter of the California Parks and Recreation Society; she was given a CPRS Presidential Award in 2002.

Cathy Brendel moved to Vista to work in 1978 right after she graduated from Pepperdine University with a degree in Recreation Administration. She began her work as a recreation supervisor assisting Jim Porter. In 1980 Cathy, Jim, Jean Cole and Kathy Brombacher stood on a simple cement stage in Brengle Terrace Park, imagining a musical theatre program which would serve the community. Then Cathy went to work with Jean Cole, setting up ticketing, fences,

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access and concessions to open Moonlight's first season in 1981. Over the years she has written grants and obtained work underwritten by the community for Moonlight's ADA parking lot, backstage deck, large new Ticket Booth, an enlarged patio and restrooms, ADA access areas and the stage house renovation funded by Proposition L and finished in 2009. Cathy never missed a production at Moonlight for all of its history. She has been saluted by the City Council as Management Employee of the Year, attributing her success to strength of character, tremendous dedication and vision. She is an administrator who always gave above and beyond; who was admired by staff and community. Part of Cathy's legacy is being a crucial part of all the dreams, fundraising, planning, and advocating for a new era of Moonlight Stage Productions in the City of Vista. She inspired the staff by being an administrator who challenged staff to have faith in their dreams; to change; to adapt and always reach for excellence. Staff and citizens committees agree that Cathy spent 30 years supporting dreams and building strong programs for Vista. Mayor Judy Ritter has said upon her retirement that Cathy was a great lady and an expert at diplomacy; she was much loved by her staff and members of the community.



**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 County 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.

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### **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

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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.

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**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 machinist 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

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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.

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**Neva Lillian Clement  
1880-1979  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2024**

Neva Clement was the mother of Joseph V. Clement. She was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1880, moving to Los Angeles with her parents in 1884. Her father bought the weekly publication "Southwest Builder & Contractor" in 1897. The printing establishment was next to that of the Los Angeles Times which was dynamited during labor strife in 1910, and "Southwest Builder & Contractor" was also extensively damaged.

After graduating from high school, Neva married Edward James Clement (born in 1873, died in 1935).

To quote Theodosia Clement, "In 1931 she purchased barren Vista property, planted avocados and built a home. Her love of plants and flowers led to her yard becoming one of the show places in Vista."

Through an abundant crop of passion fruit in 1934, a small business was started and was a family project for several years. The juice and jelly were featured items in Hamilton's of San Diego, the May Company, and many gourmet food sections in Beverly Hills and Hollywood; Neva's daughter-in-law, Theodosia Clement was the saleslady. In 1936 the Passion Fruit Booth at the Del Mar Fair was awarded first prize.

Neva was for years a member of the Vista Garden Club; and a Life Member of the Woman's Club of Vista. Though her home was in Vista she spent much time with her parents in Los Angeles and remained a member of the board of directors of "Southwest Builder & Contractor". She traveled extensively. One of the "fun" clubs to which she belonged was the "Nellies", composed of long-time Vista widows. They met weekly for dining and cards. These women, whose names should be recorded, were, in addition to Neva Clement, Moey Quigg, Mary Day, Mrs. Charles Kingsley, "Pink," Irma Young, Thelma Nietfeld, Theresa Smith, and Genevieve McLean.

Neva Lillian Clement died in 1979, mourned by her many friends



**Dr. J.E. Coit Ph.D.  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2024  
1880-1976**

Dr. Coit was born March 9, 1880, in San Antonio, Texas. In later life he often mentioned the dusty streets and the flies around the Alamo where he spent many of his early days.

He was educated in North Carolina and New York State, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Agriculture at North Carolina State College at Raleigh, North Carolina and his Ph.D. degree at Cornell University in 1907.

His first position was Professor of Horticulture at the University of Arizona.

He later started the Experiment Station at Whittier, then moved to Riverside as Superintendent of the Citrus Experiment Station. In 1912 he was appointed Professor of Citriculture and Subtropic Pomology at the University of California at Berkeley. He left during World War 1 to organize the Farm Advisor's office at Los Angeles. He was the first Farm Advisor and during World War 1 he spent grueling hours lecturing, writing and guiding farmers in food production during the war. At war's end he returned to Berkeley for a short time, then left to organize his own agricultural consulting business in Southern California. Traveling in his Ford, he consulted with ranchers of all types from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

Some ranchers were wealthy and could pay for his services. If they were unable to pay he helped them free of charge. He authored the college textbook "Citrus Fruits"; organized the Avocado Society and was an enthusiastic pioneer in promoting the avocado. In Vista, at what is now Santa Clara and West Vista Way, he had the largest avocado nursery which he operated until the major Depression. His writings and university bulletins covered many fruits which he considered suitable for Southern California industry, dates, persimmons, passion fruit, loquats, etc. He was instrumental in organizing Calavo Growers, was editor



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of its publication at one time, and a director for 20 years.

In his retirement years he enjoyed sending for carob budwood around the globe and budding his carob orchard to new varieties. He saw in the jojoba great possibility for oil, rubber, use in penicillin, cosmetics, etc. The developing interest in these two fruits vindicates his interest.

His great love for Vista started in 1907 when, just out of Cornell, he rode in a horse and buggy through this area. He decided then that he would live here someday. He eventually had two beautiful homes in Vista and lived here a total of about 30 years. He supervised the planting of a large grove of carob trees near Pechstein Reservoir and donated dozens of these trees which were planted on downtown Vista streets. Dr. Coit passed on in June of 1976 at 96 years of age.

the Soroptimist highest honor. She also received a national award from the Methodist Church.

She spearheaded a million-dollar capital fundraising campaign to purchase a permanent building for Operation Hope. Under her leadership all of the homeless women and families that were housed at Operation Hope this past winter (2011) have been placed in permanent housing. Jean was the kind of person that quietly behind the scenes made a positive impact to the community of Vista. Jean lived in Vista for over 40 years.

Jean was also a member of the Moonlight Angels.



**Jean Cole  
1937-2016**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2024**

Jean was a respected member of the community.

She worked for the YMCA when it was housed in Vista. She started the Vista Soccer Club and the Senior Men's Softball League and ran the popular Culture Caravan Program. She was in charge of the 4th of July Celebration for years. She headed up the Recreation Division in Vista.

Jean was active in the Vista Methodist Church, Rancho Buena Vista Adobe (served as treasurer for years), and Vista Soroptimist. She was involved with educating the public about human trafficking and had been in charge of the Crop Walk.

Jean founded Operation Hope and served as the volunteer CEO. Jean was a person that knew how to get things done and has made a significant difference in Vista.

She was given three days in her honor by the City Council. She received a special award from the Mayor, at the State of the City luncheon, for her leadership as CEO of Operation Hope. She also received

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**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 Na-

tional 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.

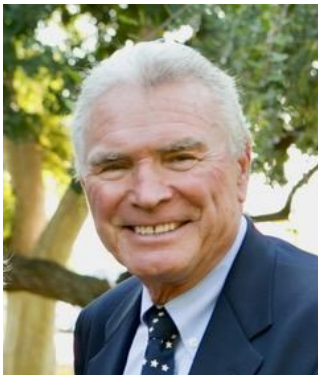
In 1838, he received an appointment to West Point and graduated in 1843. He served on the frontier and then at Los Angeles, San Luis Rey and San Diego from 1848 to 1851. He was over six feet tall and weighed 165 pounds, and was known as a man of good education, strict integrity, and gentlemanly manners.

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. Coutts 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.



**Dr. Dave Cowles  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2023**

Dave Cowles first came to Vista in 1962 when his mother, Mary Cowles, began teaching at Santa Fe Elementary School. At that time, he was in college in Seattle, but spent summers in and around Vista with his family. He grew to appreciate the climate, lifestyle and nearby attractions in Vista and always hoped to be able to live here one day. That opportunity came to him in 1998 when he was selected to be Superintendent of the Vista Unified School District. He arrived in his new position facing many challenges. Vista had undergone dramatic growth in the prior 10 years and the schools had become extremely overcrowded. Schools were on a complicated “year-round” schedule which was the only way to accommodate an influx of nearly 15,000 new students into existing schools designed to hold only 10,000 pupils. Dave wasted no time enlisting the help of parents, community, and business groups to ex-

plore ways to add new schools into the district. The only possible solution was to pass a local school bond and leverage those dollars to receive State matching funds for new school construction. In March 2002, Vista Unified School District voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition O in the amount of \$140 million dollars which, with matching State funds, provided nearly \$300 million to build 9 new schools and add modernization improvements to all existing schools.

As part of the school construction program, Rancho Minerva Middle School was built at the corner of Foothill Drive and San Clemente Avenue. In order to efficiently use the Huntalas’ property that had been acquired by the school district years earlier, the Huntalas’ home (Rancho Minerva) was deeded over to the City of Vista to house the Vista Historical Society. In addition to Rancho Minerva Middle School, other schools built with Proposition O funds included Temple Heights Elementary, Foothill Oak Elementary, Hannalei Elementary, Maryland Elementary, Mission Vista High and Major General Raymond Murray Continuation High. Much needed multi-Purpose buildings were added to Casita Elementary and Washington Middle School (now Vista Innovations and Design Academy VIDA). A new Football/Soccer stadium was built at Rancho Buena Vista High as well. These educational infrastructure improvements in the City of Vista sparked a new and revitalized energy to launch other City-wide improvements. Dave also served on the committee for the passage of the City of Vista’s Proposition L which provided vital resources to fund public safety, including new fire stations, as well as a new City Hall, a new sports park, and the rebuilding of the Moonlight Amphitheatre.

While superintendent, Dave worked with Mayor Morris Vance and community members to establish the Vista Education Foundation (VEF) which for the past seventeen years has provided educational support and scholarships to Vista students and schools.

After retiring from the School District in 2006, Dave has continued his community involvement by serving on the Board of Trustees for the Vista Community Clinic, the Board of Directors for

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the Moonlight Cultural Foundation, and the Board of Directors for Operation Hope. In 2010, Dave was elected to the Vista City Council where he served four years. During his time in office, several downtown improvements were initiated including the Paseo Santa Fe Redevelopment Project and the Downtown Improvement District.

Dave remains active in the Vista community along with his wife and their daughter's family who also lives in Vista. The three grandchildren living here attend Vista Schools. Their other three children and four grandchildren live in Granite Bay, CA, Lompoc, CA, and Sydney, Australia.



**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.

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**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.



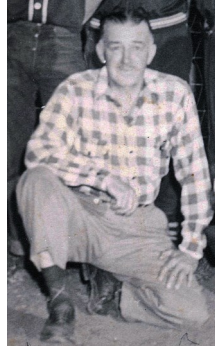
**Frank Bernard Delpy**  
**1896-1948**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2009**

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 Oceanside 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.

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### **Jacques Jules "Jack" Delpy 1902-1980**

#### **Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Early Residents Division 2024**

Third son of Maria and Jules Delpy. He was born at the Delpy family home in Vista July 5, 1902, and except for the times when he was away at school or serving in World War II, he lived in Vista.

He was one of Vista's early postmasters. Founded the first Chrysler-Plymouth dealership here, retiring in 1956. He was a Life Member of Vista Elks Lodge #1968.

A long-time bachelor, Jack married Alice Rathner in 1953.

He died March 8, 1980. Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Catholic Church with burial following in Eternal Hills Cemetery. Church with burial following in Eternal Hills Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Alice; a son James Harrison "Jim"; daughters Jacqueline Cotten and Lisa Ann Delpy of Vista; and by his mother, Maria Hauret Delpy who, at 103 years of age, was a resident of a Fallbrook convalescent home.



### **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

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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.



**Paul Dorey  
1948-2022**

### **Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Regular Division 2024**

Paul E. Dorey lived in Vista from 1971 until his passing in 2022. He and his wife, Nancy, raised their two daughters, Cyndy and Renee in the Vista Unified School District. As a young man, Paul served in the United States Marine Corps (Marine Corps) and received a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam. He believed wholeheartedly in the adage, “Once a Marine, always a Marine”, and as a Marine Corps veteran, Paul strived to advance the Nation’s ideals his entire life.

Paul went to work for Vista Irrigation District (VID) in 1971 and after a long and industrious career he retired in 2004. He climbed the ladder to be a leader in the organization, advancing from digging trenches and laying pipe to overseeing the Water Resources Division as its Director. Wanting to continue his work with the VID, Paul was elected to its Board of Directors in 2006, proudly serving three terms until his passing in April 2022. During his 16 years on the VID Board, he led the Board as its President for three terms. Paul’s passion for water and his dedication to the District and its customers was apparent, working for the District and then serving as a member of its governing body for a combined 49 years, nearly half of the District’s 100-year existence!

For the benefit of the VID customers and in the interest of keeping the cost of water down and service reliability up, Paul dedicated his time and effort to ensure that VID maintained the most comprehensive, affordable liability insurance possible through the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA). He served on the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors for 15 of his 16 years on the VID Board.

Paul had a steadfast interest in protecting the State and local groundwater resources, as VID had a groundwater source on the Warner Ranch that supplemented surface water runoff into Lake Henshaw during

dry years. He was a founding member and long-time Board member of the Groundwater Resources Association of California, an organization dedicated to resource management, protecting and improving the groundwater supply and quality through education and technical leadership. Paul also served on the ACWA Groundwater Committee for 15 years, and the San Luis Rey Watershed Council and the Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) and the SCWC Colorado River Advisory Task Force.

Paul was active in the Vista community. For over 20 years, he was an active member of the Vista Kiwanis Club participating in fundraising efforts, such as selling peanuts at the stoplights throughout Vista, and community events including clothing drives to help children in need; he also served as the Club’s President and wrote the newsletter. Paul also coached Vista Girls Softball and continued to support the softball league after he finished coaching, serving as its scorekeeper. Additionally, he volunteered his time on the Vista Hall of Fame Nominating Committee for 13 years.

After Paul’s time in Vietnam in communication, he acquired a love for ham radios and Morse Code. On weekends, you could always find him in his “Ham Shack” making connections around the world with other fellow “Hams”. Paul’s passion for radio communication came in handy a few times during emergency fires across the county when telephone lines were down; he was known to step in and assist with communications, using the radio skills he learned as a Marine and continued as a hobby.

Paul’s public-spirited efforts will be remembered and appreciated far into the future and serve as an example of an unwavering commitment to the community in which he lived, worked and played. He was active in the Vista community through civic organizations, but for decades, he played a vital role in bringing a reliable, safe water supply to the Vista community.

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**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.



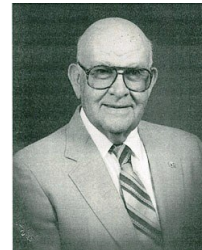
**Antonio "Tony" Duran**  
**1917-1982**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2011**

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**



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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.

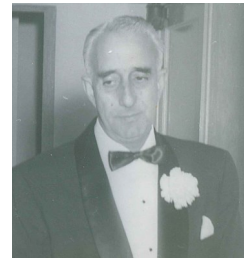
After serving on the County Board of Supervisors, he returned to be involved in the Vista community. Diane was president of the Vista Historical Society from 2003 to 2009 and quickly put Paul to work.

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

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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.

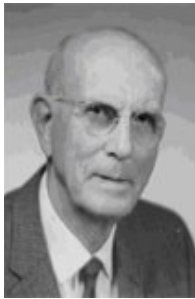
Robert was a veteran of World War I; one of the original members of the American Legion; a member of Vista Elks Lodge #1968; and a member of the Vista Optimist Club. On January 26, 1964, he received a Good Citizenship Medal from the San Diego Sons of the American Revolution for his "patriotism, community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



**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.

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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 continued 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.



### **Rita Geldert Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Regular Division 2024**

Rita Geldert retired after 35 years in public service, with 17 years in the City of Vista. She was hired as Vista's Assistant City Manager on January 23, 1995. She was appointed Interim City Manager in July 1997, and appointed City Manager in December 1997.

Prior to coming to Vista, Rita served as the Director of Finance and Administration for the City of Dana Point, Management Services Officer for the City of Merced, Personnel Officer for the City of Vacaville and, while living on the East Coast, also worked for Xerox.

As City Manager, Rita was responsible for implementing & creating a vibrant downtown. In 2003, the opening of the Vista Village project marked a key milestone in improving the downtown with shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities in Vista Village that have created a destination for local families and created hundreds of jobs for residents.

She fostered the City's economic development program, which served to recruit new businesses and retain existing ones in the city. Implementation of programs like the Vista CARES business retention program demonstrated her commitment to a strong and vibrant business community.

Working to increase outreach and communication efforts to Vista residents with the creation of the Vista Citizens Academy, a 7-week program that provides residents with an in-depth understanding of City functions. The pro-

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gram has become a valuable tool for sharing with Vista residents how the City operates, opening additional lines of communication between City Hall and those who live in the community.

If she is asked what community project she is most proud, Rita would say that her proudest accomplishment as Vista's City Manager is the implementation of the Vistans ROC neighborhood revitalization program, which in 11 years, has used more than 7,500 volunteers to beautify nearly 250 properties and helped to instill a sense of pride among all Vistans.

Her family is the most important thing in Rita's life - a trait she used to create a family environment among staff. Many former employees remark on how the warm and family-like atmosphere is what they missed most after her leaving the City. Rita is a kind, generous and caring person, and has a special way of making everyone feel comfortable and valued.

With the unanimous support of the Mayor and City Council, Rita led successful campaigns for Proposition L in 2006, which laid the groundwork for the Community Projects, and Proposition C in 2006, which brought Charter City status, and greater control over how the City of Vista did business.

Following the successful passage of Proposition L, she again showed her faith in her staff by creating a team of employees to manage the design and construction of the Community Projects, all of which were completed on time and under budget, and have served the community well and into the future. With an eye to the future, Rita established succession planning within the organization, which resulted in numerous internal promotions over the years. One was the appointment of the incoming City Manager. Preparing employees to take on new roles that saved the City time and money when vacancies occurred, and allowed for smooth transitions.

The City of Vista thanked Rita Geldert for her dedicated services to the City. She will be greatly missed by all who have had the good fortune to work with her. The Vista City Council proclaimed Saturday, December 31, 2011 as "RITA L. GELDERT DAY IN THE CITY OF VISTA"



### **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?

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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.

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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.

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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

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**Barbara Mannino Harris  
1950-2023  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2024**

In January 1983, Barbara Mannino climbed the rickety stairs to the second floor of a church and opened the torn and ragged screen door leading to her new office. She had just been hired as the CEO of Vista Community Clinic, and 30 employees were waiting to see what plans she had for them and the patients they had served for eleven years.

They were in for the ride of a lifetime, for this young woman - barely into her 30s - was determined to do whatever was needed to ensure the good health of ALL North County residents, not just those who had medical insurance or who could pay out-of-pocket.

One look at Barbara - always impeccably dressed, never a hair out of place - and it was obvious that "rickety" and "ragged" would never again be used to describe Vista Community Clinic. In 1986, a mere three years later, the clinic moved into a beautiful new facility on Vale Terrace Drive, built from the ground up with a federal Community Development Block Grant. It was one of the first community clinics in San Diego County - known at the time as "the designer clinic" - to have a facility specifically built for healthcare. Most community clinics of the time operated out of houses, churches or other buildings originally constructed for other uses.

"Better working conditions were what our doctors and nurses deserved, but more importantly, it was something our patients deserved," she said of her dogged determination to get the Vale Terrace Branch built so quickly. "Just because you are poor doesn't mean you should not be treated with dignity."

VCC's mission is simply stated: To provide quality healthcare and health education to the community, focusing on those facing economic, social or cultural barriers. But from the start, Barbara had a deeper understand-

ing that a lot of people miss - it's vital to the entire community that everyone be as healthy as possible. When the guy who makes the burgers at the local fast-food restaurant starts coughing, it doesn't take long at all for whatever is ailing him to spread. He'll be more likely to get the care that will keep his disease from becoming an epidemic if he is at ease in the medical environment. Barbara understood the whole picture, rolled up her sleeves and got to work.

And the whole picture meant ensuring that people within our community embraced health in the full sense of the word. That led to the establishment of the Health Promotion Center, a department of Vista Community Clinic dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles to reduce the incidence of chronic diseases. Under Barbara's leadership, talented staff developed and expanded innovative health promotion and health education models which have been replicated nationally. Understanding that one cannot attain and maintain optimum health if one lives in substandard conditions, Barbara and her staff embraced a holistic approach to health, ensuring patients and clients had access to transportation, shelter, and career development opportunities through the initiation of many social service programs.

During the next 30 years, Barbara Mannino Harris made sure that North County's growing population also had growing clinical services. In 1988, VCC added a second location on Thunder Road near Tri-City Medical Center and began providing medical care to San Diego County's indigent patients with life-threatening and debilitating illnesses. In the 1990s, the clinic established the Tri-City Maternal Care Program and opened a Women's Center, which has provided prenatal care and obstetrical delivery to thousands of women over the last 30 years. As one of the largest teen-serving organizations in San Diego County, Barbara and her staff established Choices, the Teen Clinic for teens run by teens. In 1995, with prompting from community leaders, Barbara established the Vista Community Clinic- Horne Street facility in Oceanside. By 2000, the Pier View Way facility was added to meet the increasing demand for quality, affordable health care in Oceanside. Oceanside's North River Road facility opened shortly thereafter. Expansion in Vista continued with the construction of a 30,000-square-foot state-of-the-art Vale Terrace clinic. Innovative health programs continued to develop. VCC partnered with Tri-City Medical Center in the Emergency Department Care Continuum project, which referred uninsured emergency room patients to VCC for their follow-up care and a con-

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tinuing primary-care home. VCC receives over 1,000 referrals monthly from TCMC's emergency department.

By the turn of the century, Barbara's "baby" was no longer tiny. The little church location was now replaced with five medical facilities. In 2002, VCC was one of the first clinics in the nation funded under President George Bush's Community Health Center Act of 2000, and Barbara established VCC's first dental clinic, which has since quadrupled in size. And, through a successful capital campaign, Barbara replaced the leased Thunder Road branch with the custom-built Grapevine site in 2009, doubling the size and the medical services.

In 2010, VCC was one of the first community health centers in the nation to fully implement electronic medical records and electronic dental records. And to start her final years as CEO, Barbara obtained a \$11.4 million federal stimulus grant, one of only 79 granted in the nation, which culminated in the opening of the 31,000-square-foot Joan and Ron Moss Women's Center, a serene and stylish place where women can feel comfortable receiving prenatal care and cancer screening exams. Within five years, under Barbara's leadership, Vista Community Clinic doubled its square footage and its services to the community.

As the clinic grew, so did the accolades. Barbara was honored with the Woman of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of Oceanside-Carlsbad, the Kaiser Permanente K-Star Award, the North County Times Woman of Merit award, and the Most Admired CEO and Women Who Mean Business recognition from the San Diego Business Journal. VCC received a multitude of awards, among which was being recognized nationally as A Model that Works by the Bureau of Primary Health Care for its Fund for Moms; receiving a Rising Star by The Alliance Healthcare Foundation; receiving the first Award for Organizational Excellence by the Callaway Golf Company Foundation; and was made CEO Emeritus of VCC when she retired.

Some of Barbara's other activities included coaching leaders for other non-profit organizations for 20 years through the Fieldstone Foundation. She made sure she continued to give back to the region she loved by serving on the California State University San Marcos President's Council for eleven years and was the inaugural recipient of the CSUSM Presidential Medal of Honor. Last, but certainly not least, she volunteered for over twelve years for the San Diego Humane Society caring for and placing hundreds of homeless dogs, loving every one of them.

In the Fall of 2023, the Vista Community Clinic's main facility on Vale Terrace Drive in Vista, was renamed the, **Vista Community Clinic Barbara Mannino Harris Primary Care Center**. This was done to recognize and honor all that Barbara has done to provide outstanding service for all of those who deserve nothing but the best in health care.

Barbara Mannino Harris was a force to be reckoned with when she was championing rights for others. She left a legacy of diligence, dedication, devotion and love to those in need as well as all her family and friends.



**Edwin G. Hart**

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



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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.



### **Alan "Spike" Harvey Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Regular Division 2023**

Alan "Spike" Harvey was born to Orbee and Eugene Harvey in July 1940 and joined his family who lived on Monte Vista Drive here in Vista. Spike and his sisters Donna Harvey Fields and Nancy Harvey Imoto are 2nd generation California natives. Both of their parents were born and raised in Lyons Valley in East San Diego County. Their father "Gene" Harvey was the first California Highway Patrol Officer in North San Diego County. Spike grew up in Vista. He played in the open fields of Vista and walked around the friendly little downtown. Without exception, he knew everyone in town. Several years after his mom and dad divorced his mom remarried and became Orbee "Mihalek". Anyone who lived in Vista in the 50's, 60's and 70's knew who Orbee Mihalek was. She was very much a part in city and county politics and served many different charitable organizations. Orbee was on the Vista City Counsel for 12 years. She was the Mayor of Vista in 1970 when Russell, Spike's son was born.

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Spike went all the way through school in the Vista school system from the old Jefferson School to the old high school on Escondido Ave. He was president of his freshman class and later Publicity Chairman for a year for the student body. After graduating he attended Palomar College as did many of his Vista High classmates. He was on the Palomar baseball team both years. After graduating with his AA degree in prelaw, he attended San Jose State University for two years. It was about that time that the U.S. Army caught up with him. He was drafted and served two years. After basic training at Fort Ord, he was sent to Tripler Hospital on Oahu, Hawaii where he was the Company Clerk and spent the rest of his time in the Army. Spike was honorably discharged in September 1965 luckily, just before the Vietnam war heated up.

On November 23, 1967 Spike married Beth (Hinshaw) Winans and instantly became the proud stepfather of her three young daughters: Sherri, Beckie and Tresa Winans. He worked for Clark's Floor Covering on Main Street downtown as bookkeeper and in sales for several years, then in sales for another flooring company in San Diego. Spike opened his own company in San Diego, "Harvey Interiors Inc.", in 1982 which he owned and operated for 20 years.

Spike has been supportive and a member of many local organizations: He was active with his son's little league as coach and later umpire for The Vista National Little League: he was a member of the Vista Junior Chamber of Commerce, a Board of Directors member of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, an officer in the 1968 Elks Lodge and a member of the Vista Host Lion's Club. He is currently serving as a board member of the Walter Zable San Diego National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and has been for 33 years. Spike has served on The Vista Historical Society Board for 12 years, as president for two years. He is a member and volunteer of the American Legion Post 365. Spike also has served in his church for 31 years here in Vista where he continues to serve. For 20 years, he and Beth have hosted a "Life Group" in their home each week through their church.

Spike and his wife Beth are the proud parents of their four children they raised here in Vista. They have nine wonderful grandchildren and two exceptional great-grandsons



**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 grapes around Fresno and Delano. He, his wife Mildred and family, came to Vista in 1927, where he first worked first 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 1920s Mr. 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 Vista's volunteer Fire Department shortly after arriving; He held the office of president of the Rotary Club in 1951; He

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was a member of the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees; became President of the Board of Directors of Buena Vista Municipal Water District in January of 1958; and in February of 1958 was named Superintendent of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District.

A 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 has been 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 are 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-

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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.

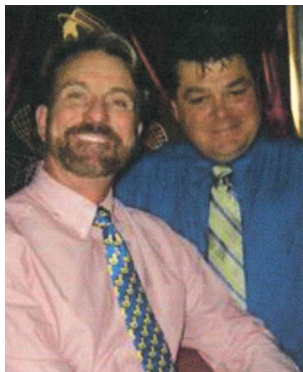
Carol has been recognized as a, Teacher of the Year recipient, by the San Diego Reading Association award, consultant for McGraw Hill Publishing

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.



**Doug Davis and Randall Hickman  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2023**

On a Spring day in 1989 there was a great deal of excitement at the Senior Center. Auditions were underway for the Summer Season of the Moonlight and there were many hopeful actors of all ages waiting for their turn to be seen by the directors and choreographers. Many of the actors were familiar faces and had been on the Moonlight stage in past years. Into the crowded entry area there came two new, very handsome, faces. Enter Randall Hickman and Doug Davis. They just arrived in the area from Southern Utah. They had recently graduated from Southern Utah College and were intending to enroll in the Masters Program at San Diego State. They had seen a notice in the paper and they walked into the middle of the open auditions. The teenage girls were immediately a twitter and when they showed everyone there the level of their talent the entire building, inside and out, was a buzz. That summer Randy had the roles of Rudolph in Hello Dolly, Joe Hardy in Damn Yankees and who could forget his arrival on a black stallion as Lancelot in Camelot. Doug had the roles of Cornelius Hackle in Hello Dolly, a ballplayer in Damn Yankees and a Knight of the Round Table in Camelot. The following summer saw Randy as Frank Butler in Annie Get Your Gun. The more the boys were in Vista the more they fell in love with the area. About this time the Vista schools went to a Year Round schedule. Randy and Doug started the Arts Between the Tracks program. As the years rolled around the youth program they had run for the Vista Recreation Program became the Premi-

ere for Kids youth arts program which provided arts training for local students through summer and after school. This program eventually added the Premiere Productions program for adults also. Eventually in 2004 the pair opened the Broadway Theatre in downtown Vista. They also have a youth company in San Marcos, Broadway Theatre West. Recently they have added dinner theatre at the Wildwood Restaurant in town.

Hundreds of youth and adults have become a part of the gift given this community by the two boys from Utah. Randy has appeared in over 40 Moonlight productions in such iconic roles as The Pirate King in Pirates of Penzance, Captain Hook in Peter Pan, Edna Tumblood in Hairspray, Ursula the Sea Witch in The Little Mermaid, Uncle Festus in Addams Family, Miss Trunchbull in Matilda and most recently as Nostradamus in Something Rotten. Doug has as appeared in many Moonlight shows, also, but is known primarily for his beautiful sets and drops painted for the many productions at the Avo and at the Broadway. He is responsible for the painting of the early firemen on the side of the Curbside building and the newest painting outside the Broadway Theatre. Doug is also very well known for his outrageous raffle prizes during the shows at the Broadway.

The joy and beauty these two men have brought to the City of Vista and the lives they have enriched with their creativity and love for the community has been a gift that will continue for many years to come.



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

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 artist, Bryan Morse. Ron Holloway's particular skill is in being the strong glue that continues to



**Pat and Connie Hubbard  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2023**

Pat and Connie Hubbard have been an integral part of Vista's social fabric and business community for more than 60 years. and they have a deep love for this wonderful town, its people, and its history. They first met in 1957. at a dance held at the National Guard Armory in what is now the riverwalk area of Vista Village. Pat was working at the Quality Market on Indiana Ave, getting ready for the big move to Shop Smart. which was to be the first supermarket in north San Diego County. Connie was a high school bobby-soxer from Oceanside. When they got married two years later. they elected to stay in Vista and start their family here. And here they remained.

From the beginning, they wanted to involve themselves in what was then a small town of less than 10,000 people. They joined the Lions Club of Vista in 1959 and became two of the youngest members in the entire country; they helped start the Vista Boys & Girls Club; and they built a business - Hubbard's Meats - that was known as much for its great customer services as for its excellent porterhouse steaks. In those early days, they shared the commercial landscape with other family-run businesses, such as Dura Paint (Olinger), Peppertree Frosty (Villasenor), Paul's Sporting Goods (Eskanazy), Shclhoup's Department Store, McDougal's Drug Store, and Austin's Jewelers. It was hard to get lost in Vista back then, since the only two streets that mattered were Santa Fe Avenue and Vista Way.

They owned the butcher shop for the better part of 40 years, and because it was a full-service market, it gave them a chance to socialize. The people who came into the meat store were friends first, customers second.

When they weren't working, they traveled extensively. They were always happiest, however, during that last leg of the trip when they were headed back to

Vista. It was and remains a hometown that follows you everywhere you go. They loved the climate here, the small-town feel, the Jacaranda trees and the tomato farms. But most of all. they loved the people. They still do.

When they sold the butcher shop in the 1990s, they weren't ready to retire; so they became realtors, taking special joy in finding young couples their first house. They also increased their community involvement. Connie, for example, joined the Children's Home Society. She also became a docent at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe, giving tours at what maybe the most interesting house in all of North County.

Perhaps most important, they raised a family of four boys who share their affection for this beautiful town - this city of strawberries and sunshine.

We are all older now. And as the years go by Connie and Pat seem more ingrained than ever in the history of Vista. When I walk behind the Vista Village Pub, I see the city mural painted there, and what of the scenes shows my dad and Grandpa driving an old style meat wagon it makes me so proud not just of them, but of this town. It is nice to live in a place that remembers the people who built it, brought it out of God's rich earth and made it a postcard for everything right and hopeful about Southern California. I had occasion recently to look at the current list of Vistans in the Hall of Fame and I was struck by how many of the names were familiar to me names like Amend, Brombacher, Delpy, Fields, Huntalas, McClelland, Mottino, Pinamonti, Rappaport, Shada, and Shadle. These are the people my parents grew up with in some cases learned from. These are the people who, along with my mom and dad, always said "yes". They said yes to PTA meetings; yes to coaching basketball and baseball teams; yes the sponsoring food drives to Tijuana; yes to building parks and organizing parades. They would readily put aside their personal interests and do the work necessary to make Vista a great place to live and raise a family.

David, Mike, Tim, and Todd Hubbard



**Bill Huntalas  
1917-1998**

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



**Nicholas "Nick" Huntalas  
1884-1980**

**Bessie Huntalas  
1896-1992**

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

Bill Huntalas was born in 1917 in Tehachapi, CA to Nick and Bessie Huntalas. Nick Huntalas 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.

Nick Huntalas emigrated from the village of Kaddilla, 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. Huntalas 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.



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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 to 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 trees and produced

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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 the 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.

## VISTA HALL OF FAME



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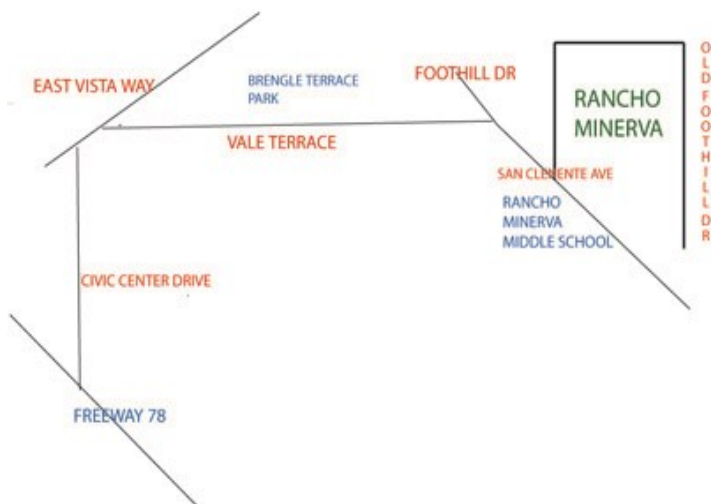
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1989-2024

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 130 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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**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.

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### **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 Ordnance 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 Prop-

osition 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 radio 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 reelection 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.

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### **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.



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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.



**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.

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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.



**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.

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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 organiza-

tion 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

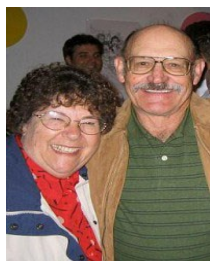
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Dick and Nancy formed the Vista Band Boosters organization. Dick used his military connections to bring members of the Marine Corps Band from Camp Pendleton to drill the Vista High School Band into an award winning unit.

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.



**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 became 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 down town 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

## VISTA HALL OF FAME



### **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 Soptimist 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.



## VISTA HALL OF FAME



**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 morning – is not somber, but wears like a garment the beauty of her efforts.

## VISTA HALL OF FAME



**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.

## VISTA HALL OF FAME



**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 newspapers and plastic soda bottles. Miriam created a "Hazardous Household Waste" pamphlet, printed and

distributed 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 honored 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

"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



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

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 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.

## VISTA HALL OF FAME



### **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.

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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 dampen 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 member 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.

## VISTA HALL OF FAME



**Margarita Fischer Pollard  
1886-1975  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2024**

Margarita Fischer Pollard, known as the American Beauty of the silent movies, made her first silent picture, "Jackie of the Navy" in 1916. Her husband, Harry Pollard, was an actor-director, and later, an official of Metro-Goldwyn - Mayer.

The Pollards purchased Rancho Buena Vista in 1931 from Jack Knight and in the ensuing years spent between \$100,000 and \$150, 000 reconstructing and refurbishing it.

While the rancho was first being made suitable for occupancy, the Pollards stayed at the Vista Inn.

They had brought with them from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Arthur Fields, who stayed at the Inn also. Fields, who lived at the rancho for 20 years, was responsible for the planting, landscaping and general maintenance. He was also chauffeur, confidant and family friend. Mr. Pollard died in 1934 and after his death Fields stayed on as caretaker and supervisor of the property for Mrs. Pollard. He died in December of 1974 at the age of 84 years.

After Mr. Pollard's death, Margarita continued the work of refurbishing the adobe, bringing tiles from Italy and Mexico for floors and baths; candlesticks and other rare bric-a-brac from abroad and from Mexico; and hung the walls with rare tapestry- and pictures.

With failing health, and unable to continue her work, Margarita sold the Rancho Buena Vista in 1951 to Frederick Reid, part owner of the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas.

Margarita continued to live in Vista until the early 1970's when she entered a convalescent home.

She died March 11, 1975.

She was a charter member of the Board of Directors of the Vista Ranchos Historical Society.

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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.



**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



**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 successful. He also put in a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop.



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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

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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 led 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 Ramsing'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.

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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 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**

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.

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 business from his father. Everett served Vista in many capacities. He was the first chief of the Volunteer Fire



**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 recognition for her work at Rancho Buena Vista, where she was President of the Friends of the Adobe in 1993-1994

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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 belong 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 mem-

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bers 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.

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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.

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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.

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.



**Janet Sucro  
1937-2002**

**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2024**

Janet Sucro started Faith and Love Ministries in Vista. The soup kitchen was founded in 1986. Operations ceased in mid-1999, a victim of falling donations that followed citations from the city and county for health and safety violations earlier that year.

Under her guidance as director, the non-profit organization prepared and served more than 50,000 meals a year at churches and parks to the area's homeless. Sucro was the 1999 recipient of The Hope Award presented by the Tri-City Hospital Foundation to an individual who exhibits care and concern for others, giving them strength to overcome personal adversity and renewing faith in living. Sucro was described as a tireless advocate for people without homes.

"I knew her as somebody who was completely, totally committed to feeding the homeless," said Chris Megison, executive director of North County Solutions for change, a provider of transitional housing for homeless families. "Day in day out, year after year she committed her whole life to feeding the homeless. She was a one-person army," he said.



**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



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**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

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### **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 Oceanside. 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!*

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**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 Buena 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 was 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.

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**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.



**Dr. Frank Trotta**  
**1927-1990**  
**Elected to Vista Hall of Fame**  
**Early Residents Division 2023**

Frank Trotta was a great Vistan whose wife, Mary, and six children all played a role in the city's history.

Trotta moved to Vista in 1961 with his young family when Tri-City Hospital opened and he was the one and only cardiologist at the brand new medical center. He chose Vista as his home and lived here until his untimely death from cancer in 1990 at age 62.

His wife Mary Trotta still lives in Vista where she has been an active member of the community, in part by raising six children, all of the Vista High School graduates.

Frank Trotta was beloved by his patients for his ability to listen and treat them with "old school" personal touch while always remaining current with the latest developments in medical science.

Rather than direct his children to follow in his footsteps into medicine, Trotta encouraged them to find their own way, and each of those Vista natives went on to professional careers after excelling in academics and athletics at Beaumont Elementary School, Lincoln Junior High School and Vista High School: Mike (born in 1960), Dave (1961), Tom (1963), Dan (1964), Pete (1960) and Nancy (1970).

Likewise, Frank Trotta encouraged his wife Mary to pursue her own interests, and Mary has been a pillar of the community, serving on the Palomar College board of trustees, PTA president at Vista High, grief counselor at St. Francis Catholic Church, and volunteering as a tutor to underserved elementary school students, among other activities.

Trotta was born on December 30, 1927, in Yonkers, New York. After attending Fordham University, he earned his M.D. at the State University of New York. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 and moved to California to

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join the staff at the Scripps Clinic in La Jolla before joining the staff at Tri-City.



**George Tushak  
1919-1993**

**Early Residents Division  
Francine Tushak**

**1927-2013**

**Regular Division  
Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame 2018**

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 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.



**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.

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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.

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Vista Irrigation District photograph, circa 1926. Pictured are four of the five founding Board members (indicated by *italics*\*).  
Back row, L to R: Kenneth Volk, District Engineer; John Helsley, Board Secretary; *Chester Gunn\** and *George S. Henry\**  
Front row, L to R: *Jules J. Delpy\**, *Harry S. Merriam\**, Lewis Allen, Board member 1925-27 (Not pictured: *F.J. "Frank" Knight\**)

### **First Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors 1923 Elected to Vista Hall of Fame Early Residents Division 2023**

First Board of Directors, Vista Irrigation District  
George S. Henry, Jules J. Delpy, F.J. "Jack"  
Knight, Harry S. Merriam and Chester D. Gunn

Vista Irrigation District (VID) was formed in August 1923, when a vote of the people netted 104 votes "in favor" and just 4 votes "against". The overwhelming passage of the vote prompted a big celebration as the people of Vista welcomed the opportunity to live in a community with ample water for their farms and orchards. George S. Henry, Jules J. Delpy, F.J. "Jack" Knight, Harry S. Merriam and Chester D. Gunn were elected to serve as the first VID Board of Directors; these five men were respected and influential members of the community who not only brought water to Vista but were notable to the history of Vista in other ways as well.

George S. Henry was the first VID Board President, guiding the development of a system to bring water to Vista residents; he was also busy as a founding member of the Vista Chamber of Commerce. His contemporary, Jules J. Delpy, was a successful farmer, a founding member of the Vista Chamber of Commerce and contributed to the formation of the Vista School District. F.J. "Jack" Knight was the owner of Buena Vista Ranch Adobe; he and his wife Mary McKinney generously

donated a portion of their 51-acres to the Vista community to forever be enjoyed as Vista's beautiful Wildwood Park. Harry S. Merriam served as VID Board President in 1926; the year that water finally came to Vista from Lake Henshaw. In 1922, Chester D. Gunn, along with Harry S. Merriam, were appointed to a committee to look into securing water for North County. Their efforts on that committee resulted in the formation of Lake Henshaw, a vital part of Vista's water supply to this day.



### **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.

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**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.

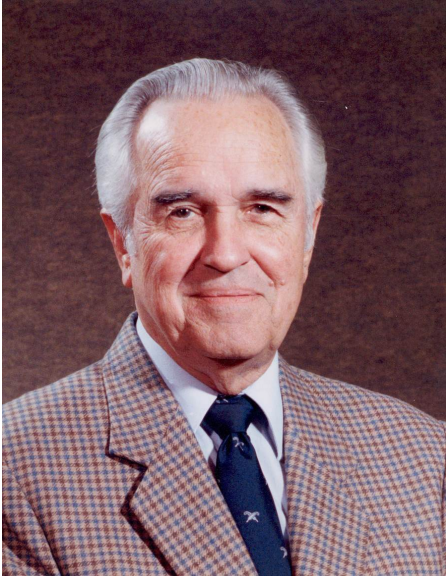
The Weils purchased Rancho Buena Vista from Frederick Reid in 1957. They built a medical center on the property, on Escondido Avenue adjacent to Wildwood Park. The Weils lived at Rancho Buena Vista until 1973, when it was sold for \$100,000.

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.



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**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.

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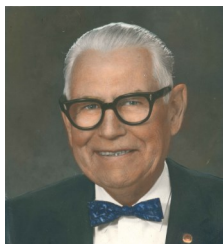
### **Oliver Kenneth "Bub" Williamson 1907-1985**

#### **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

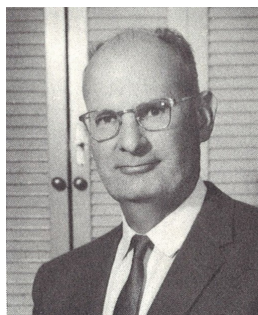
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development of the amazing multiplex sports park off Bobier Drive. When Vista High School football wanted to get game film he facilitated a lift for the end zone. When they desperately needed a new field he reached out to NFL alumni to donate towards 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.

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### **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,  
1928

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MAIN STREET VISTA CIRCA MID 20TH CENTURY

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### 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



1932 Rose Parade Float

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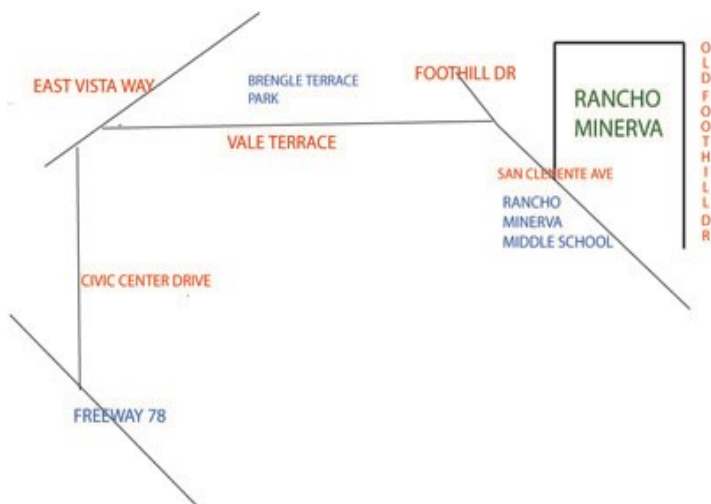
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### MUSEUM HOURS AND AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

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





## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 11

**Board Meeting Date:** January 8, 2025  
**Prepared By:** Ramae Ogilvie  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1) Eliminate the Groundwater Committee; and 2) Review and ratify committee and outside organization appointments for 2025.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** At its July 5, 2017 meeting, the Board reclassified the Groundwater ad hoc committee to be a standing committee. At its September 18, 2024 meeting, the Board revised the District's Rules and Regulations to remove the San Luis Rey Watershed Council, Southern California Water Coalition and Groundwater Association from the list of outside organizations to which directors are appointed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Undetermined amount of expenses and per diem.

**SUMMARY:** Following enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), the Board authorized staff to investigate future management of the District's groundwater resources under SGMA and established the Groundwater ad hoc committee to address these matters. It was recommended that the Board consider reclassifying the Groundwater ad hoc committee to be a standing committee, as it was anticipated that this matter would be ongoing. However, in January 2019, the Board decided not to pursue implementing SGMA primarily because SGMA did not require the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency or the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Warner Valley Groundwater Basin.

The Groundwater Committee has never met since its formation in July 2017. Staff recommends eliminating the Committee since its formation was primarily based on a matter that the Board elected not to pursue. A Groundwater ad hoc committee or standing committee could be re-established at any time to address groundwater resource management matters.

President Sanchez's appointments to District committees and outside organizations for 2025 is attached. The list of the District committee and outside organization appointments for 2024 has also been provided for reference.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2025 Committee and Outside Organization Appointments
- 2024 Committee and Outside Organization Appointments



STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2025:

**Water Sustainability**

Kuchinsky, Chair; and Olson

*Programs related to water conservation and maintenance of current water sources. Reviews applications and selects winner(s) of the WaterSmart Landscape Contest. Development by VID and/or our supplier(s) of new sources such as desal, brackish water, and recycled water. Does not include Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch.*

**Fiscal Policy**

Sanchez, Chair; and Miller

*District budget and finances, including rates and fees.*

**Warner Ranch**

Miller, Chair; and MacKenzie

*Contracts, leases, historical assets, environmental issues, long-range planning, and relations with neighboring property owners.*

**Public Affairs**

Kuchinsky, Chair; and MacKenzie

*Public outreach on water conservation and legislation, and public education on major water issues. Provides guidance on preparation of District publications, such as the Annual Report. Reviews applications and selects winner(s) of the Scholarship Contest.*

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR 2025:

**Warner Ranch Working Group**

MacKenzie and Miller

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2025:

**ACWA/JPIA**

Sanchez; Alternate-Brett Hodgkiss/Kuchinsky

*The insurance pool formed by ACWA member agencies; VID obtains liability, property and workers compensation insurance through ACWA/JPIA.*

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2024:

**Water Sustainability**

MacKenzie, Chair; and Kuchinsky

*Programs related to water conservation and maintenance of current water sources. Reviews applications and selects winner(s) of the WaterSmart Landscape Contest. Development by VID and/or our supplier(s) of new sources such as desal, brackish water, and recycled water. Does not include Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch.*

**Fiscal Policy**

Vásquez, Chair; and Sanchez

*District budget and finances, including rates and fees.*

**Warner Ranch**

Miller, Chair; and MacKenzie

*Contracts, leases, historical assets, environmental issues, long-range planning, and relations with neighboring property owners.*

**Public Affairs**

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**Groundwater**

Vásquez, Chair; and Kuchinsky

*Groundwater resources management and matters pertaining to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014.*

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR 2024:

**Warner Ranch Working Group**

MacKenzie and Miller

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**Agenda Item: 12**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 8, 2025**  
**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 Report for  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Special Joint Executive and Board Meeting  
December 10, 2024**

**CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

Approved waiver of Administrative Code to extend the term of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs through the end of February 2025. **(Agenda Item 9D)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

Approved amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the Audit Department Charter. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Awarded a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer, Jensen, LLP. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Authorized a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management Inc., to provide investment management services. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

**OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

Approved additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Authorized entering into one or more agreements with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**

Adopted CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions and authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the LC Conservation Program. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Reviewed and considered the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP), take related CEQA actions, and authorized the General

Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work on the DCP planned for 2026-2027. By approving Option 1, the Board is not approving the DCP, as reflected in the statement of overriding considerations, which is limited to the preconstruction funding only. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

Adopted the Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025. **(Agenda Item 8-6)**

Approved censuring Director Morris by issuing a written public rebuke of his conduct and notifying his member agency; imposing restrictions on his travel on behalf of Metropolitan, including ceasing funding and prohibiting him from representing Metropolitan at any events; counseling by a professional and evaluation by the ad hoc committee to consider the rehabilitation and lifting those travel restrictions after the end of 12 months; and voluntarily not participating in closed session items regarding the General Manager. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

**THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING.**

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<https://bda.mwdh2o.com/Pages/Default.aspx>



**Agenda Item: 13.A**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 8, 2025**  
**Prepared By: Ranae Ogilvie**

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: January 8, 2025**  
**Prepared By: Ramae Ogilvie**  
**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>
<b>1 *</b>	<b>Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting – Registration Open</b> <i>January 24, 2025; Intuit Dome, Inglewood</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>2 *</b>	<b>State of the Community Luncheon</b> <i>January 27, 2025; 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Vista Civic Center, Vista</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: closed</i>	Sanchez (R) MacKenzie (R) Miller (R) Kuchinsky (R) Olson (R)
<b>3 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>February 6, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Urban Water Institute’s Spring Conference</b> <i>February 26-28, 2025; Riviera Resort &amp; Spa, Palm Springs, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: closed; Cancellation deadline: 2/14/2025</i>	Sanchez (R)(H)
<b>5 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>March 6, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>6</b>	<b>ACWA 2025 Legislative Symposium</b> <i>March 26, 2025; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sacramento, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>7 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>April 3, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Special District Leadership Academy (CSDA) – Registration Open</b> <i>April 21-24, 2025; Embassy Suites, La Quinta, CA</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: 3/21/2025; Cancellation deadline: 3/21/2025</i>	
<b>9 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>May 1, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>10</b>	<b>ACWA Spring Conference</b> <i>May 13-15, 2025; Monterey, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Special District Legislative Days (CSDA) – Registration Open</b> <i>May 20-21, 2025; Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, CA</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: 4/23/2025; Cancellation deadline: 4/23/2025</i>	
<b>12 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>June 5, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>13 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>July 3, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>14 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>August 7, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Urban Water Institute’s Annual Conference</b> <i>August 20-22, 2025; Paradise Point Resort, San Diego, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>16</b>	<b>CSDA Annual Conference – Registration Open</b> <i>August 25-28, 2025; Monterey, CA</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: 7/25/2025; Cancellation deadline: 7/25/2025</i>	
<b>17 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>September 4, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>18 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>October 2, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>19</b>	<b>2025 CALAFCO Annual Conference</b> <i>October 22-24, 2025; Wyndham San Diego Bayside, San Diego, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>20 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>November 6, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>21</b>	<b>ACWA 2025 Fall Conference</b> <i>December 2-4, 2025; San Diego, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>22 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>December 4, 2025; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Registration deadline: none</i>	
<b>23</b>	<b>Colorado River Water Users Conference</b> <i>December 16-18, 2025; Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV</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





**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 8, 2025**  
**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:*

- Cost of Service/Water Rate Study workshop (January 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM)
- Main Replacement Program update (February)
- Edgehill Reservoir and Pump Station ribbon cutting ceremony (first quarter of 2025)
- Strategic Plan review



**Agenda Item: 15**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: January 8, 2025**  
**Prepared By: Ranae Ogilvie**

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: January 8, 2025**  
**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: January 8, 2025**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

SUMMARY: Informational report by the General Manager on items not requiring discussion or action.