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District board meetings are normally held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. at VID's facilities located at 1391 Engineer Street in Vista.

Vista Irrigation District is a public agency, proudly serving the City of Vista and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego County

Reflections is published by Vista Irrigation District in the interest of keeping customers informed. We welcome your input.

Three simple numbers... **DIAL 2-1-1**



One helpful voice

Serving the entire region, 2-1-1 SAN DIEGO connects people to community, health and disaster services through a free, 24/7 phone service and searchable online database.

Vista Irrigation District's customers can contact 2-1-1 seeking help in a multitude of areas including housing, transportation and assistance with paying their utility bills. To learn more about 2-1-1 San Diego, dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211sandiego.org today.

The MISSION of 2-1-1 SAN DIEGO Our mission is to seamlessly connect people to resources, and partner with our community to transform how people access help.



Please Update Your



**Emergency
Contact
Information**

With Us

Please take a moment and provide us with a telephone number (or telephone numbers) where you can be reached in case of an emergency. Having updated information allows us to contact you quicker during a situation that affects your water supply. You can update your emergency contact number(s) by calling Customer Service at (760) 597-3120 or by e-mailing info@vidwater.org. When providing updated telephone number(s) via e-mail, please include your name and address or account number. Feel free to give us your work, home and cell phone numbers. Thank you for helping us keep you informed.



Customers Show Off Their Water Wise Landscape



Vista Irrigation District and eleven other local water districts held the annual WaterSmart Landscape Contest with the goal of showcasing outstanding water-wise residential landscapes throughout the region. Contest entries are evaluated based on the criteria of overall attractiveness, appropriate plant selection, design, appropriate maintenance, and efficient methods of irrigation. This year the district was fortunate to receive a number of wonderful entries, and the winning entry from Thomas McCarter exemplifies how beautiful and interesting WaterSmart landscapes can be.

In San Diego County, over half of residential water use is attributable to outdoor irrigation; homeowners can significantly reduce their water use and maintenance by installing water wise landscaping rather than turf. The winner of the Vista Irrigation District's WaterSmart Landscape Contest did just that.

Mr. McCarter and his wife, Alice, moved into their current residence three years ago. Upon moving in, their yard was mostly a blank slate with a majority of the yard unplanted. Working together, the McCarters began to transform their yard.



Back Yard - AFTER

The McCarters' landscape project was a labor of love; they began filling in their yard with planted areas, artfully combining succulent varieties including aloes, aeoniums, euphorbias, agaves, and various groundcovers. Included among the plantings are rocks, decorative wood, artwork, and even a raised planter bed. Winding through their garden are decomposed granite pathways, which allow the couple to move about freely to enjoy their creation.

By showcasing their water-wise landscape, the McCarters are providing other homeowners with great ideas about how to make their yards functional and use less water. For more information about the contest or to see more examples of beautiful water-wise landscapes, visit www.landscapecontest.com.



Back Yard - BEFORE

Ready to transform your own landscape?

The District is hosting two free WaterSmart Landscape Workshops on Saturday November 2nd.
Workshop 1 - Turf Removal at 10 AM - 11:15 AM **Workshop 2 - Garden Design at 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM**
Call (760) 597-3155 for more information.

Edgehill Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station Project

For over one hundred years, Vista Irrigation District has provided a high quality and reliable water supply by maintaining and upgrading its infrastructure. The recent replacement of the District's Edgehill Reservoir exemplifies this strategy. Originally constructed in 1929, the 1.5 million gallon Edgehill Reservoir had come to the end of its useful lifespan and needed to be replaced.

The District took the opportunity to not only replace the aging Edgehill Reservoir but to upgrade it with a newly constructed 2.92 million gallon reservoir and added a pump station to the site.

The new reservoir meets or exceeds all current drinking water standards and applicable codes including earthquake codes. In addition, the new pump station allows the District to transfer water to the higher elevations of the distribution system in times of emergencies, such as wild fires, enhancing water supply redundancy and the capabilities of the District.

Most of the new reservoir is buried and new water-smart landscaping has been installed to help provide screening. Visible portions of the reservoir have been stained to blend in with the surrounding hills. Other improvements include drainage and site security enhancements.

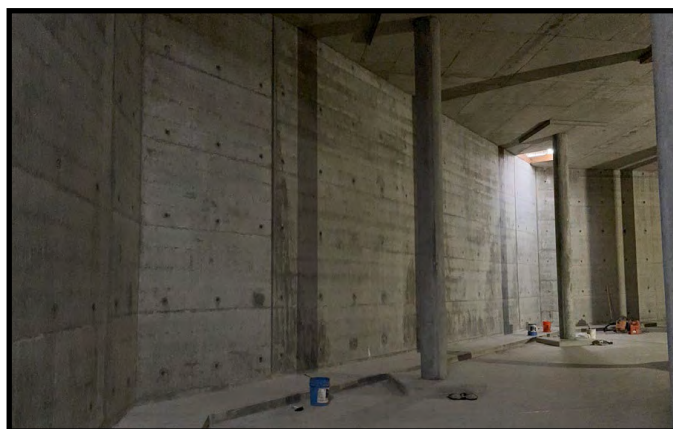
The Edgehill Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station project is one example of the District's commitment to investing in its infrastructure to ensure the delivery of a safe, reliable, and high quality water supply to its customers.



New pump station under construction



New 2.92 million gallon reservoir under construction



Interior of new reservoir during construction

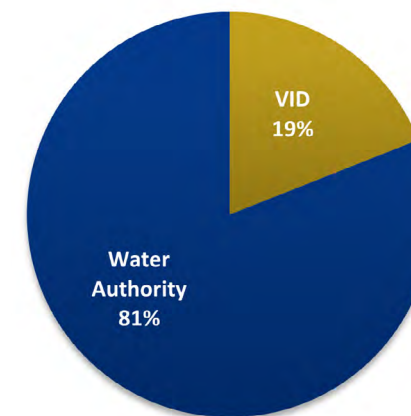
Explanation of Water Rates and Charges

Approximately 19 percent of the revenue generated by water usage charges was utilized by Vista Irrigation District to cover operating and maintenance expenses; the remaining 81 percent was used to pay the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) for water purchases.

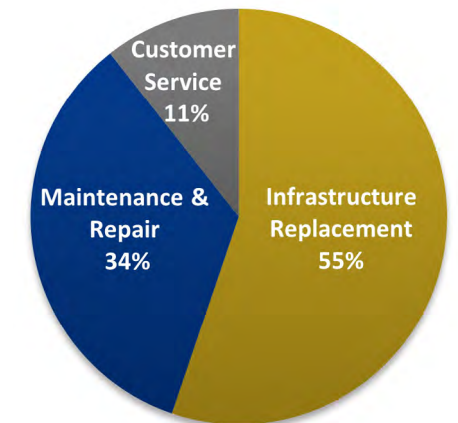
The Water Authority is responsible for supplying water to 24 member agencies within San Diego County. Not simply a water provider, the Water Authority is also responsible for the construction and maintenance of regional storage, delivery and treatment infrastructure necessary to ensure the reliable delivery of water to local water agencies like Vista Irrigation District.

Vista Irrigation District's service charge helps pay the District's fixed costs, which exist regardless of the amount of water pumped and delivered. Fixed costs continue without regard to the amount of water that a customer uses and are sometimes called "readiness-to-serve" charges because they are incurred as part of keeping the water system ready to deliver water to any customer at a moment's notice. In 2023, the largest component of the service charge recovers the cost of replacing the District's aging water system infrastructure.

Water Usage Charge Allocation

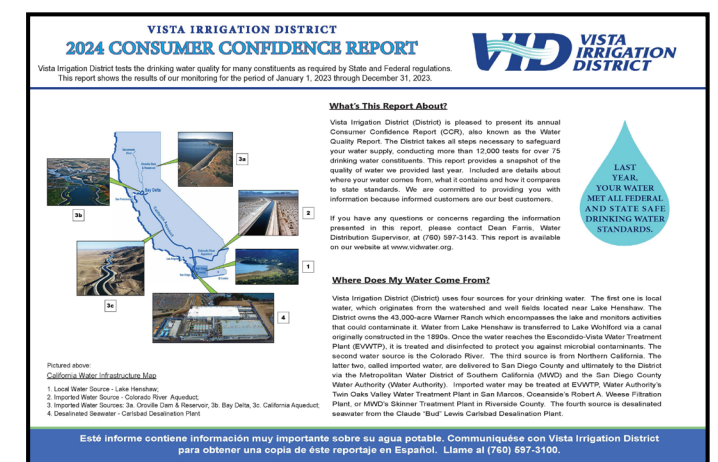


Service Charge Components



2024 Water Quality Report Available Online

Each year, Vista Irrigation District produces a Consumer Confidence Report, also known as the water quality report, which provides a snapshot of the quality of water the District delivered to homes and businesses. The report features information about your water, such as where it comes from, what it contains and how it compares to federal and state standards. You can read the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report on line at www.vidwater.org/water-quality or call us at (760) 597-3100 and request a copy be mailed to you.



LAST YEAR, YOUR WATER MET ALL FEDERAL AND STATE SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS.