VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.
1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081
Phone: (760) 597-3100 www.vidwater.org

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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5. SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Recommendation: Review and provide feedback on draft application materials, including the essay question and timeline for the Vista Irrigation District Scholarship Contest.

6. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Committee members to convey information not requiring discussion or action.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Date: November 4, 2026

Ramae Ogilvie

Ramae Ogilvie, Board Secretary

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 5

Meeting Date:	**November 12, 2026**
Prepared By:	**Brent Reyes**
Reviewed By:	**Shallako Goodrick**
Approved By:	**Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

RECOMMENDATION: Review and provide feedback on draft application materials, including the essay question and timeline for the Vista Irrigation District Scholarship Contest.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: The Board of Directors approved revisions to the scholarship contest instructions, eligibility criteria, and submittal requirements in December 2025. At its May 13, 2026 meeting, the Board awarded six scholarships to the contest winners; one in the amount of $3,000, one in the amount of $2,500, and three in the amount of $1,000 (totaling $8,500).

FISCAL IMPACT: $10,000 for the scholarship contest is included in the budget.

SUMMARY: Each year, the District invites high school seniors who live within its service area to compete for a scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship program is to increase student knowledge and awareness of water related issues affecting the District and its customers. Students who compete for a scholarship must complete an essay and provide a one page personal statement related to their background and/or goals; selection criteria also include community involvement or volunteer service, and a letter of recommendation.

DETAILED REPORT: Staff has prepared a draft application package and brochure for the Committee's review and feedback. The scholarship contest requirements, as presented in the draft application package, are the same as last year. Application packages and brochures will be distributed to local high school counselors within the District's service area in December, and follow-up e-mails will be made to counselors to ensure the application materials were received. Additional scholarship promotional efforts will include issuing a news release and announcing the program on the District's website; application materials will also be made available on the District's website.

As proposed, application packages would be due to the District by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2027. The Committee, which serves as the competition judges, could meet in the following weeks (based on Committee members' availability) to review the applications and recommend a winner(s) to the Board for consideration at a meeting in April. A certificate(s) could then be presented to the winner(s) at the next available scheduled Board meeting. As in the past, once the student has enrolled at a university, college or vocational school, District staff will forward a check to the school on behalf of the student(s).

ATTACHMENTS: Draft scholarship application package and brochure

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Vista Irrigation District (VID) invites local high school seniors that live within VID's service territory, to compete for scholarship(s) to college, university or vocational (trade) schools from VID. Up to six scholarships may be awarded; the minimum scholarship award amount is $1,000 and the maximum scholarship award amount is $3,000. Winners will be selected based on the quality and originality of an essay prepared by the applicant as well as school and community involvement. **Applications will not be accepted if all criteria below are not met, including correct formatting. Applicants must submit each of the following documents in PDF format by 4:00 PM on Friday February 19, 2027:**

1. Completed application form. **(15% of scoring)**
2. One letter of recommendation from a community member or high school faculty member (no family member recommendations will be accepted). **(10% of scoring)**
3. A personal statement (**two pages or less, Arial font, 12 point type, with 1 inch margins top, bottom, left and right, and line spacing set to 1½**). Topics to include the student's reasons for applying for the scholarship or seeking a higher education, post high school education plans, the student's educational/career goals, personal background or interests. **(35% of scoring)**
4. An essay **(40% of scoring) Two pages, Arial font, 12 point type, with 1 inch margins top, bottom, left and right, and line spacing set to 1½** addressing the following topic:

A large portion of the San Diego region's water supply comes from the Colorado River. Explain the water supply issues occurring on the Colorado River and how those issues may affect the Vista Irrigation District in the future. Additionally, looking forward, create an implementable plan for the Vista Irrigation District to reduce its dependence on the Colorado River.

The essay will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar/spelling and your response to the essay topic above.

Students may obtain an application package from their High School Counselor or download it from the district's website (www.vidwater.org). For questions, please contact Brent Reyes at (760) 597-3107 or by email at scholarships@vidwater.org.

A completed application package must be received via e-mail at scholarships@vidwater.org or at Vista Irrigation District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081-8840, **by 4:00 PM on Friday February 19, 2027.**

VID will review qualified applications and select winner(s) who will receive scholarships. Once enrolled at a college, university or vocational school, VID will send a check directly to the school on scholarship recipient's behalf.

2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Competition is open to all high school seniors who live in VID's service area)

Name:_____ **Telephone number:**_____

Address, City, Zip:_____

Email Address: _____ **High School:**_____

Service and/or other extracurricular activities performed through school or volunteer organizations, community groups, church or clubs, etc. (Include contact name/telephone or email for verification where possible)

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If employed, job title and total hours per week:_____

Job Responsibilities:_____

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Honors or special recognitions received (school or other)

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Vista Irrigation District Scholarship Contest

Up to six scholarships may be awarded; the minimum scholarship award amount is $1,000 and the maximum scholarship award amount is $3,000. The purpose of the scholarship program is to increase knowledge and awareness of water related issues impacting the community.

Students may download a fillable .pdf application package at www.vidwater.org or contact Brent Reyes at breyes@vidwater.org to have the application materials emailed to them. Applications are also available through high school counseling offices.

Applications must be received at the District's office by **4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2027**. Eligible students must live go to school within the Vista Irrigation District ser-vice area.



Scholarship Awards

Applicable for College, University or Vocational School

Maximum Award
$3,000

Minimum Award
$1,000

Applying is Easy!

Submit the following to

VID *by* **4:00 PM**
February 19, 2027

- Completed application form.
- One letter of recommendation from a high school faculty member.
- One letter of character reference from a personal or professional associate.
- A personal statement. Suggested topics include reasons for applying for the scholarship or seeking a higher education, educational & career goals, personal background or interests.
- The mission of Vista Irrigation District is to provide a reliable supply of high quality water that meets the needs of its present and future customers in an economically and environmentally responsible manner. Considering that, please write a two-page essay addressing the following topic/question:

A large portion of the San Diego region's water supply comes from the Colorado River. Explain the water supply issues occurring on the Colorado River and how those issues may affect the Vista Irrigation District in the future. Additionally, looking forward, create an implementable plan for the Vista Irrigation District to reduce its dependence on the Colorado River.

Who Said Money for College is Hard to Find?

Talk to your school counselor or visit Vista Irrigation District's website at www.vidwater.org to download a fillable .pdf application to apply for the scholarship.



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Applications and additional information are available on Vista Irrigation District's website at www.vidwater.org

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2027 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Do you need money for college?

