

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

April 21, 2025

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager and Ranae Ogilvie, Secretary of the Board

Other attendees: Richard Vásquez and Frank Nuñez

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary of the Board Ranae Ogilvie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-04-45	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, MacKenzie, and Sanchez), 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. INTERVIEW AND APPOINT DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR

See staff report attached hereto.

The Board began the interview process at 1:42 p.m. with Mr. Richard Vásquez. Upon conclusion of his interview at 2:04 p.m., Mr. Vásquez left the meeting. The Board took a brief break until the arrival of the second candidate. At 2:08 p.m., the Board proceeded with the interview process with Mr. Frank Nuñez until 2:33 p.m., at this time Mr. Nuñez left the meeting.

The Board discussed the two candidate interviews and took the following action:

25-04-46	<i>Upon motion by President Sanchez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and carried (3 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, and MacKenzie; 1 no: Sanchez), the Board of Directors appointed Mr. Frank Nuñez as the Director for Division 2 of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors.</i>
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Following the vote, there was a brief discussion regarding the voting process; at 3:00 p.m. President Sanchez requested that the Board take a five-minute break. At 3:05 p.m., the Board returned from its break and took the following actions:

25-04-47 *Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, MacKenzie, and Sanchez), the Board of Directors decided to reconsider the action previously taken on the appointment of Mr. Frank Nuñez as the Director for Division 2 of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors.*

25-04-48 *Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, MacKenzie, and Sanchez), the Board of Directors appointed Mr. Frank Nuñez as the Director for Division 2 of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors.*

At 3:09 p.m., Mr. Vásquez and Mr. Nuñez returned to the meeting. The Board thanked the applicants and expressed the difficulty it experienced in making its decision and announced that after careful deliberations, the Board appointed Mr. Frank Nuñez as the Director for Division 2. The Board expressed its sincere gratitude to Mr. Vásquez for his past contributions to the Board and wished him well.

7. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

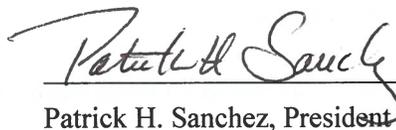
None were presented.

8. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Hodgkiss informed the Board that the Assistant Board Secretary, Elizabeth Xaverius, would be serving as Board Secretary for the April 23, 2025 Board meeting and that Lake Henshaw Days for District employees and their families would be held the weekend of May 17, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:14 p.m., President Sanchez adjourned the meeting.



Patrick H. Sanchez, President

ATTEST:


Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 21, 2025
Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: INTERVIEW AND APPOINT DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION: Interview and appoint a director for Division 2 of the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: At its March 19, 2025 meeting, the Board elected to post a “Notice of Vacancy” in three conspicuous locations in the District’s service area and accept applications from candidates until 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2025. The Board also scheduled a special meeting for April 21, 2025 to interview qualified candidates and appoint a director for Division 2 of the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: None associated with an appointment.

SUMMARY: With the March 4, 2025 resignation of Director Byron Olson, a vacancy exists on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors for Division 2. At its March 19, 2025 meeting, the Board considered the options available to fill the vacancy in accordance with Government Code §1780. The Board elected to exercise its option to appoint a qualified candidate to fill the vacancy in Division 2 until the next general election in 2026.

DETAILED REPORT: On March 5, 2025, the District’s Board Secretary formally notified the San Diego County Registrar of Voters of the Division 2 vacancy. On March 20, 2025, a Notice of Vacancy was posted in the District lobby, at Vista City Hall and at the Vista Library; the notice was also posted on the District’s website and a news release was submitted to local newspapers. Additionally, the City of Vista and Vista Chamber of Commerce provided information about the Division 2 vacancy in their e-newsletters.

Government Code §1780 requires that the vacancy be filled within 60 days following its effective date (on or before May 3, 2025). To meet this requirement, the Board set a deadline of April 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. to receive applications for the vacancy and called for a special meeting on April 21, 2025 to interview qualified candidates (e.g. reside within the boundaries of Division 2 and be a registered voter). The District received two applications.

When the Board makes an appointment, the Board Secretary will be prepared to swear in the appointee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Interview Schedule
- Candidate Applications

Candidate Interview Schedule

1:45 p.m.

Richard Vásquez

2:15 p.m.

Frank Nuñez



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8:45 a.m.

Board of Directors

Patrick H. Sanchez

President, Division 4

Marty Miller, *Division 1*

Vacant, *Division 2*

Peter Kuchinsky II., *Division 3*

Jo MacKenzie, *Division 5*

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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DIVISION 2
TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2026

NAME RICHARD L. VASQUEZ

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

VISTA, CALIFORNIA 92083-4709

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

Please attach your response to each of the questions below to this coversheet.

1. How long have you been a resident of Vista?
2. Why do you feel you are qualified to perform as a Director of this District?
3. What has been your experience in working with/for governmental agencies?
4. What experience do you have in working with/for the water industry?
5. Are you or have you been active in civic affairs? If so, in what capacity?
6. Briefly outline your philosophy as a Director of the District.

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Director on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors.

Statement of Qualifications

for

Richard L. Vasquez

1. How long have you been a resident of Vista?

I have been a resident of Vista since August 5, 1983, 42 years.

2. Why do feel you are qualified to preform as a Director of this District?

As the former Director of Division 2, I am well versed in the history and on going efforts by the District to keep replacing it's infrastructure that has reached or is reaching the end of its service life or is creating problems for the District due to wear and tear, corrosion or materials that are not performing up to specifications.

It was my intention, after I left the Board, to monitor the ongoing efforts by the District to create a new rate structure to construct Pechstein II Reservoir, to replace the Vista Flume and to find economical ways to pay for these projects without burdening the rate payers of Division 2 and the entire District excessively.

Being back on the Board will allow me to be involved more closely with these projects and others that are on the Capitol Projects list. I want to continue to be an advocate for low, equitable rates foe my neighbors in Division 2.

3. What has been your experience in working with/for governmental agencies?

My career as a Civil Engineering Designer and or Associate Engineer began with two years each at the San Bernardino County Assessor's Office and Road Department. Once in the Civil Engineering private sector, I have been designing, providing specifications, inspection and construction oversite for water and sewer plants, pipelines and related projects and presenting them to and/or working with staffs of City, County, Water and Sewer Agencies, Engineering Departments and Public Works Departments and even City Councils to get consensus and approval for the projects.

4. What experience do you have in working with/for the water industry?

In my 45 years in the Civil Engineering private sector, I have worked with water industry Engineering and Public Works Departments in the design, rehabilitation, construction inspection and acceptance of pipelines, pump stations, and water treatment plants throughout the western United States.

In my 30years as a Director for the Bueno Colorado Municipal Water District and the

Vista Irrigation District, I have worked to build a rapport with the adjoining water agencies. I have also represented VID in two Association of California Water Agency committees and for twelve years I was a Director on the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors, working for the betterment of water issues throughout California.

5. Are you or have you been active in civic affairs? If so, in what capacity?

In the late 1980's I was a member and Chairman of the Vista Chamber of Commerce Action Committee.

6. Briefly outline your philosophy as a Director of the District.

My philosophy as a District Director is to have VID continue to provide the cleanest, most economical water possible to its rate payers and customers. I would strive, along with the majority of the other Directors, to keep the rate adjustments as low as possible, while still providing staff with the tools and resources to continue to do their work and provide the customers with excellent service.

I am extremely proud of the service record the VID staff has provided to our customers in the past twenty years and I would want that to continue in the future under my Directorship.



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NAME Frank Nuñez

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

Vista Ca 92083

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your interest in serving as a Director on the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors.

1. How long have you been a resident of Vista?

I have been a lifelong resident of Vista and attended local schools, including Santa Fe Elementary, Lincoln Middle School, and Vista High School. Both my wife and I come from families with deep roots in this community, as they have been residents since the 1960s and early 1970s.

2. Why do you feel you are qualified to perform as a Director of this District?

My educational background and extensive professional experience have uniquely prepared me to serve as a director for the Vista Irrigation District. As a sales manager, I lead a high-performing team that consistently generates weekly sales exceeding one million dollars. This role has honed my analytical skills as I assess profit and loss statements, address complex challenges in warehouse management, logistics, and supply chain operations, and implement streamlined procedures. Additionally, my commitment to exceptional customer service ensures that I prioritize the needs of our stakeholders. I am confident that my leadership skills and strategic mindset will enable me to make a meaningful impact on the district's objectives.

3. What has been your experience in working with/for governmental agencies?

Throughout my sales career in the private sector, I have worked with companies that engaged in government contracts, including agreements with military and educational institutions. This experience has provided me with a foundational understanding of government contract processes and the responsibilities required to meet established key performance indicators. I am familiar with the nuances of compliance and accountability, which are essential when working in conjunction with government entities.

4. What experience do you have in working with/for the water industry?

As a homeowner in District #2 in Vista, I possess a foundational understanding of the water district from a consumer's perspective. This experience has given me insight into the needs and concerns of residents regarding water services. I am eager to expand my knowledge and understanding of the district's operations from a wholesaler's standpoint and to contribute to initiatives that enhance service delivery and community engagement.

5. Are you or have you been active in civic affairs? If so, in what capacity?

As a lifelong resident of the community, I am deeply invested in its future and actively engaged in civil affairs. I am currently working to establish my non-profit organization, Future Filmmakers of America, as a 501(c)(3) entity. Additionally, I initiated a backpack drive to support underserved children in District #2. Furthermore, I ran for the school board in Area 4 in 2024, which has further fueled my commitment to community service and advocacy for our youth.

6. Briefly outline your philosophy as a Director of the District.

My philosophy as a director of the district is straightforward yet impactful: to ensure the delivery of high-quality water to consumers in a resource-efficient manner. I believe in maintaining fair pricing while prioritizing the upkeep of essential equipment and infrastructure. Additionally, fostering a supportive environment for long-term staff retention is vital for the district's sustainability and growth. Ultimately, my goal is to contribute to a brighter future for both the Vista Irrigation District and the community it serves.