

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday February 7, 2024 at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Vásquez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Directors absent: Director Kuchinsky

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary of the Board; Lesley Dobalian, Director of Water Resources; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Operations and Field Services; Shallako Goodrick, Director of Administration; and Greg Keppler, Engineering Project Manager. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: LaVonne Peck, Geneva Lofton, Jerimy Billy, Richard Williamson, and Stephanie Zehren of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority; Angela Morrow, Reed Harlan and Don Lincoln of the City of Escondido; Jeff Helsley of Stetson Engineering; and Holly Roberson of Kronick.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director MacKenzie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

24-02-17	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez; 1 absent: Kuchinsky), 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**

24-02-18	<i>Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez; 1 absent: Kuchinsky), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution Nos. 2024-05 and 2024-06 revising the Compensation Schedule and approving disbursements, respectively.</i>
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A. Vista Flume Replacement Alignment Study

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board authorized the General Manager to extend the Agreements for Professional Services with Brown and Caldwell and Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for a period of one-year to complete the Flume Replacement Alignment Study.

B. Revision to Compensation Schedule

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-05 approving a revision to the Compensation Schedule effective February 7, 2024.

***The Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-05 revising to the Compensation Schedule, by the following roll call vote:***

***AYES: Directors Sanchez, Miller, MacKenzie, and Vásquez***

***NOES: None***

***ABSTAIN: None***

***ABSENT: Director Kuchinsky***

***Resolution No. 2024-05 is on file in the official Resolution book of the District.***

C. Encroachment Permit

See staff report attached hereto. Staff recommended and the Board approved Encroachment Permit (139) for dedicated specific easements over Blue Bird Canyon Road for a 187-lot single-family residential development known as San Marcos Highlands, consisting of approximately 289 gross acres owned by KB Home California LLC, located at the northern end of Las Posas Road, San Marcos (LN 2017-018; I-3090; APNs 182-110-02, -03; 182-111-01; 184-101-35; 184-240-13, -14, -15, -33, -35, -36; 184-241-06, -07, -08 and -09; DIV NO 5).

D. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on January 17, 2024

The minutes of January 17, 2024 were approved as presented.

E. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 73917 through 74069 drawn on US Bank totaling \$11,114,484.25.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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7. **SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER AUTHORITY PRESENTATION**

See staff report and slideshow presentation attached hereto.

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss introduced LaVonne Peck of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority (SLRIWA). Ms. Peck presented a brief history of the San Luis Rey Water Rights Settlement (Settlement). She said the purpose of the presentation ("Warner Basin/Lake Henshaw Discussion") was to discuss, without obligation, potential alternatives to the current operations of Warner Ranch and the Warner Basin.

Ms. Peck introduced Jeff Helsley of Stetson Engineering. Mr. Helsley reviewed slides showing maps of the Local Water System and Warner Ranch Facilities.

Richard Williamson of the SLRIWA went over information contained on slides titled Considerations for Vista Irrigation District (VID) and the Pending Improvement Costs for Local Water Delivery. He said that he hopes that further discussions between VID and the City of Escondido (Local Entities) and SLRIWA will present potential alternatives to the current operations of the local water system. Mr. Williamson expressed his respect and gratitude for VID's stewardship of the Warner Ranch and thanked the Board for their continued preservation of the land.

Stephanie Zehren, legal counsel for the SLRIWA, discussed two articles of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Implementing Agreement (Implementing Agreement) related to Local Entities' rights to transfer or abandon any part of the local water system. She said that, per the articles, there would be an opportunity to continue conversations about alternative ways to manage the local water system. Ms. Zehren stated that the Local Entities and the Indian Bands of the SLRIWA share a strong interest in protecting and preserving water quality and mitigating the costs of local water delivery. She provided several examples of existing Tribal partnerships and said that further discussions could explore opportunities for a Tribal Stewardship of the Warner Ranch.

Ms. Peck thanked the Board for their time and attention and stated that all parties have taken a more proactive role in trying to be good stewards of the water and land since the Settlement; she said that it is very important to the culture and ancestral history that we continue to do so. Ms. Peck said that the SLRIWA is asking VID to consider creating a working group with representatives from the Local Entities and the SLRIWA to further discuss the information presented here today.

The Board thanked the SLRIWA representatives for their presentations. Director Miller said that it is very important to consider and analyze all opportunities available. Director MacKenzie added that there are a lot of moving parts to be considered when reviewing the information presented. Director Sanchez affirmed the importance of the preserving a cultural and ancestral stewardship of the water and land.

President Vásquez called for a break at 9:55 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:01 a.m.

## **8. DIVISION REPORTS**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Operations and Field Services Frank Wolinski advised the Board that paving had been completed on Mar Vista Drive.

Director of Water Resources Lesley Dobalian said Lake Henshaw received four inches of rain from the recent storm and was at approximately 23,100 acre feet (af) at the time of her report. She clarified that the majority of the 959 af loss of storage in December was due to evaporation.

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss provided additional information regarding the recruitment for the Administrative Assistant position.

Director of Engineering Randy Whitmann provided an update on the Nipponite pipe replacements. He noted that the average timeline to design mainline replacement projects is three to six months.

Ms. Dobalian provided an update on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Development and Application of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Forecasting Science webinar that she recently attended; she said that the webinar focused on remote sensing (the comparisons of in field data to satellite imagery) as a tool for the future prediction of HABs.

#### **9. TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Administration Shallako Goodrick presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023. She reviewed the cash flow projection graph, noting that a line for Prior Projected Cash was added to provide a comparison to the prior quarter's projected cash balance and that the cash flow graph showed the increase in the Emergency Reserve fund to \$12 million dollars. Ms. Goodrick stated that the District's investments are sufficiently liquid to meet anticipated cash flow needs.

President Vásquez thanked Ms. Goodrick for adding the prior quarter comparison. Director Sanchez said he would be interested to know how much of an investment fee the District pays for the Local Agency Investment Fund. Ms. Goodrick said that she would provide the requested information to the Board.

#### **10. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

See staff report attached hereto.

Following a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

24-02-19	<i>Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez; 1 absent: Kuchinsky), the Board of Directors nominated Director Jo MacKenzie for election to the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Regular Special District Member position.</i>
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#### **11. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES COMMITTEE NOMINATION**

See staff report attached hereto.

Following a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

24-02-20	<i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez; 1 absent: Kuchinsky), the Board of Directors nominated Director Patrick Sanchez to the Association of California Water Agencies' Energy Committee for the 2024-2025 term.</i>
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## 12. VISTA HALL OF FAME REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION

See staff report attached hereto.

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss provided an overview of the District's past participation on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame and previous nominations to the Vista Hall of Fame. After a brief discussion the Board took the following action:

24-02-21	<i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Sanchez and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez; 1 absent: Kuchinsky), the Board of Directors appointed Director Kuchinsky to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame.</i>
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24-02-22	<i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Miller and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Miller, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez; 1 absent: Kuchinsky), the Board of Directors voted to not make a nomination to the Vista Hall of Fame for 2024.</i>
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## 13. 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 had not met since its January 25, 2024 meeting; a summary of the January 11 and January 25, 2024 meetings were provide as an attachment to the staff report. He said that Metropolitan Water District (MWD) will be discussing its proposed biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2024/25 and 2025/26 and conducting a public hearing in March on proposed water rates and charges for calendar years 2025 and 2026. Director Miller said that MWD is proposing significant water rate increases (over 20%) which will have a direct impact on the Water Authority and its member agencies.

## 14. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Sanchez reported that he attended an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Federal Affairs Committee meeting where he learned that Ian Lyle is ACWA's new Director of Federal Relations. He reported that he attended meeting of the San Diego Countywide Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board where they approved the recognized obligation payment schedules and administrative budgets for all 17 successor agencies for Fiscal Year 2025. Director Sanchez also reported that he attended a California Special District Association (CSDA) Professional Development committee meeting where they reviewed upcoming workshops and webinars.

Director MacKenzie reported on her attendance at a special meeting of the CSDA Finance Corporation where funding was approved for Tuolumne Utilities District's regional wastewater treatment plant. She reported on her attendance at CSDA's Membership committee meeting where they discussed the various membership benefits and programs available to members. Director Mackenzie also reported on her attendance on the EPA Development and Application of HABs Forecasting Science webinar.

President Vásquez reported that he attended the Vista Chamber's 2024 State of the Community luncheon where City of Vista Mayor John Franklin was the keynote speaker. He also attended the Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon where he heard a presentation on sustainable water solutions.

General Manager Brett Hodgkiss stated that Director Kuchinsky provided the Board with a summary of the Vista Government Affairs February meeting at their places for their review.

#### **15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES**

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller requested a future agenda item providing an update on Lake Henshaw Resort's operations. He also suggested scheduling a Warner Ranch and Lake Henshaw tour.

General Manager Hodgkiss stated that an agenda item to schedule a financing capital projects workshop would be on the February 20, 2024 agenda.

#### **16. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS**

Director Sanchez commented that he attended the 2024 Vista State of the Community luncheon where he spoke with Rachael Beld, Vista Chamber of Commerce Executive Officer, about the District being a presenter at the 2025 Vista State of Community luncheon.

Director MacKenzie mentioned hearing that the San Luis Rey Watershed Council is no longer an active organizations; she suggested that staff review the 2024 Committee Appointments and Outside Organizations list and update as necessary.

President Vásquez inquired if the District had been monitoring the Upper San Luis Rey groundwater sustainability plan, which was recently approved. Mr. Hodgkiss confirmed that it had and that its' approval does not impact operations of the Warner Basin.

#### **17. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Mitchell provided an update on Assembly Bill 1827 related to fees and charges for property related services on parcels with higher consumptive water use, and Senate Bill 908 which would require elected officials to send emails through agency email addresses exclusively.

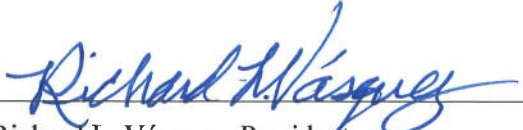
#### **18. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

None were presented.


**19. ADJOURNMENT**

President Vásquez adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.; he immediately reopened the meeting at 11:14 a.m. to comment that he had received a letter from Lakeside Water District announcing its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that a resolution honoring Lakeside Water District's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be placed on the February 20, 2024 Board of Directors meeting agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:15 a.m. President Vásquez adjourned the meeting to February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Richard L. Vásquez, President

ATTEST:

  
Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.A

Board Meeting Date:

February 7, 2024

Prepared By:

Greg Keppler

Reviewed By:

Randy Whitmann

Approved By:

Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** VISTA FLUME REPLACEMENT ALIGNMENT STUDY

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the General Manager to extend the Agreements for Professional Services with Brown and Caldwell and Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for a period of one-year to complete the Flume Replacement Alignment Study.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On February 17, 2021, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into Agreements for Professional Services with Brown and Caldwell and Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for the Flume Replacement Alignment Study (Study) in amounts not-to-exceed \$1,863,417 and \$89,496, respectively.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No additional funding is being requested.

**SUMMARY:** Brown and Caldwell is the lead consultant for the Study that is underway and expected to be completed by end of this year. Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. is also working on the Study through a separate agreement to provide independent analysis of potential environmental impacts of the new Flume alignment alternatives. Per the District's purchasing policy, agreement durations cannot exceed three years without Board approval; both agreement's three-year terms expire on February 16, 2024, and one-year time extensions being are requested to allow completion of the Study.



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.B

Board Meeting Date:

February 7, 2024

Prepared By:

Shallako Goodrick

Approved By:

Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: REVISION TO COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX approving a revision to the Compensation Schedule effective February 7, 2024.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: At least annually, the Board approves a Compensation Schedule for all employees to facilitate California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) reporting requirements under state pension law. Most recently, the Board adopted revisions to the Compensation Schedule on November 15, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: The revision to the Compensation Schedule will increase annual salary costs by approximately \$9,600.

SUMMARY: CalPERS retirement law requires that the governing body of all public agencies approve a salary schedule and any revisions thereto for all employees in an open public forum.

DETAILED REPORT: The California Code of Regulations (CCR) at Section 570.5 requires public agencies to make duly adopted and approved pay schedules publicly available prior to including the compensation as a part of the members' retirement benefit. CCR Section 570.5 requires that the employee pay rate be limited to the amount listed on a pay schedule that has been duly approved and adopted by the employer's governing body in accordance with the requirements of applicable public meeting laws.

The revision to the Compensation Schedule reflects Board action taken on January 17, 2024 approving a 3.5 percent annual salary increase for the General Manager. There are no other changes to the Compensation Schedule that was approved on November 15, 2023.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution No. 2024-XX

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APPROVING A REVISION TO THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2024

WHEREAS, Vista Irrigation District's negotiating team completed meet and confer labor negotiations for 2022, 2023 and 2024 salaries and benefits as set forth in a Memorandum of Agreement for represented employees and a Resolution for unrepresented employees; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously negotiated and the Board of Directors has previously approved in each of these labor agreements certain adjustments to salary for each of the three years of the contract term; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 570.5 requires public agencies to have a pay schedule duly approved and adopted by the employer's governing body in accordance with requirements of applicable public meeting laws in order for CalPERS to consider pay as "compensation earnable" for purposes of calculating a member's retirement benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby acknowledge approving a 3.5 percent salary increase for the General Manager at its January 17, 2024 meeting and approves and adopts a revision to the Compensation Schedule to reflect that change as set forth in the attached "Exhibit A", incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors has authorized execution of documents by the General Manager and Human Resources Manager that may be required to carry out this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors this 7th day of February 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Richard L. Vásquez, President

ATTEST:

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Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District

# EXHIBIT A

## Vista Irrigation District COMPENSATION SCHEDULE Effective February 7, 2024

Job Title	Range - Monthly			Non-Exempt	Exempt
Accountant	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Accounts Payable Clerk	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	
Administrative Assistant	\$6,828	-	\$8,299	X	
Administrative Secretary	\$5,678	-	\$6,901	X	
Construction Worker (New Series)	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	
Construction Worker (Terminal)	\$5,678	-	\$6,901	X	
Customer Service Representative (New Series)	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	
Customer Service Representative (Terminal)	\$5,678	-	\$6,901	X	
Engineering Aide	\$6,828	-	\$8,299	X	
Engineering Inspector	\$8,188	-	\$9,953	X	
Engineering Specialist I	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Engineering Specialist II	\$8,188	-	\$9,953	X	
Equipment Mechanic	\$6,528	-	\$7,935	X	
Equipment Operator	\$6,528	-	\$7,935	X	
Executive Assistant/Secretary of the Board	\$8,188	-	\$9,953	X	
Facilities Locator	\$6,039	-	\$7,341	X	
Facilities Office Assistant	\$5,678	-	\$6,901	X	
Facilities Worker	\$6,528	-	\$7,935	X	
GIS Specialist	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
GIS Systems Associate	\$8,633	-	\$10,493	X	
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$6,828	-	\$8,299	X	
Human Resources Office Assistant	\$6,039	-	\$7,341	X	
Information Technology System Administrator	\$8,633	-	\$10,493	X	
Inventory Control Clerk	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	
Maintenance Worker	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	
Management Analyst	\$8,633	-	\$10,493	X	
Meter Reader	\$4,687	-	\$5,697	X	
Meter Reader Trainee	\$4,463	-	\$5,425	X	
Meter Repair Technician	\$5,678	-	\$6,901	X	
Purchasing Agent	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Receptionist/Cashier	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	
Safety & Risk Administrator	\$10,018	-	\$12,177	X	
Senior Accountant	\$8,633	-	\$10,493	X	
Senior Construction Worker	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Senior Customer Service Representative	\$6,039	-	\$7,341	X	
Senior Equipment Mechanic	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Senior Facilities Worker	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Senior System Operator	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
System Controls Technician I	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
System Controls Technician II	\$8,188	-	\$9,953	X	
System Controls Technician III	\$8,633	-	\$10,493	X	
System Operator I	\$6,828	-	\$8,299	X	
System Operator II	\$7,233	-	\$8,792	X	
Utility Worker (New Series)	\$4,921	-	\$5,982	X	
Utility Worker (Terminal)	\$5,426	-	\$6,595	X	

# EXHIBIT A

## Vista Irrigation District COMPENSATION SCHEDULE Effective February 7, 2024

Job Title	Range - Monthly			Non-Exempt	Exempt
Utility Worker Trainee	\$4,687	-	\$5,697	X	
Water Conservation Specialist I	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Water Conservation Specialist II	\$8,188	-	\$9,953	X	
Water Quality Operator I	\$6,828	-	\$8,299	X	
Water Quality Operator II	\$7,233	-	\$8,792	X	
Water Quality Operator III	\$7,652	-	\$9,301	X	
Water Resources Aide	\$6,039	-	\$7,341	X	
Water Resources Assistant	\$7,233	-	\$8,792	X	
Water Resources Office Assistant	\$5,678	-	\$6,901	X	
Welder I	\$6,828	-	\$8,299	X	
Welder II	\$7,233	-	\$8,792	X	
Welder/Equipment Operator	\$7,233	-	\$8,792	X	
Construction Supervisor	\$10,018	-	\$12,177		X
Customer Service Supervisor	\$9,028	-	\$10,973		X
Director of Administration	\$14,451	-	\$17,566		X
Director of Engineering	\$16,564	-	\$20,134		X
Director of Operations and Field Services	\$14,451	-	\$17,566		X
Director of Water Resources	\$16,564	-	\$20,134		X
Engineering Project Manager	\$13,333	-	\$16,206		X
Engineering Services Manager	\$13,333	-	\$16,206		X
Facilities Supervisor	\$10,018	-	\$12,177		X
Finance Supervisor	\$10,018	-	\$12,177		X
General Manager	\$23,722	-	\$23,722		X
Human Resources Manager	\$13,333	-	\$16,206		X
Information Technology Supervisor	\$10,018	-	\$12,177		X
System Controls Supervisor	\$10,018	-	\$12,177		X
Water Distribution Supervisor	\$10,018	-	\$12,177		X
Water Resources Supervisor	\$7,975	-	\$9,694		X



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6.C

Board Meeting Date:	February 7, 2024
Prepared By:	Robert Scholl
Reviewed By:	Randy Whittman
Approved By:	Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Encroachment Permit (139) for dedicated specific easements over Blue Bird Canyon Road for a 187-lot single-family residential development known as San Marcos Highlands, consisting of approximately 289 gross acres owned by KB Home California LLC, located at the northern end of Las Posas Road, San Marcos (LN 2017-018; I-3090; APNs 182-110-02, -03; 182-111-01; 184-101-35; 184-240-13, -14, -15, -33, -35, -36; 184-241-06, -07, -08 and -09; DIV NO 5).

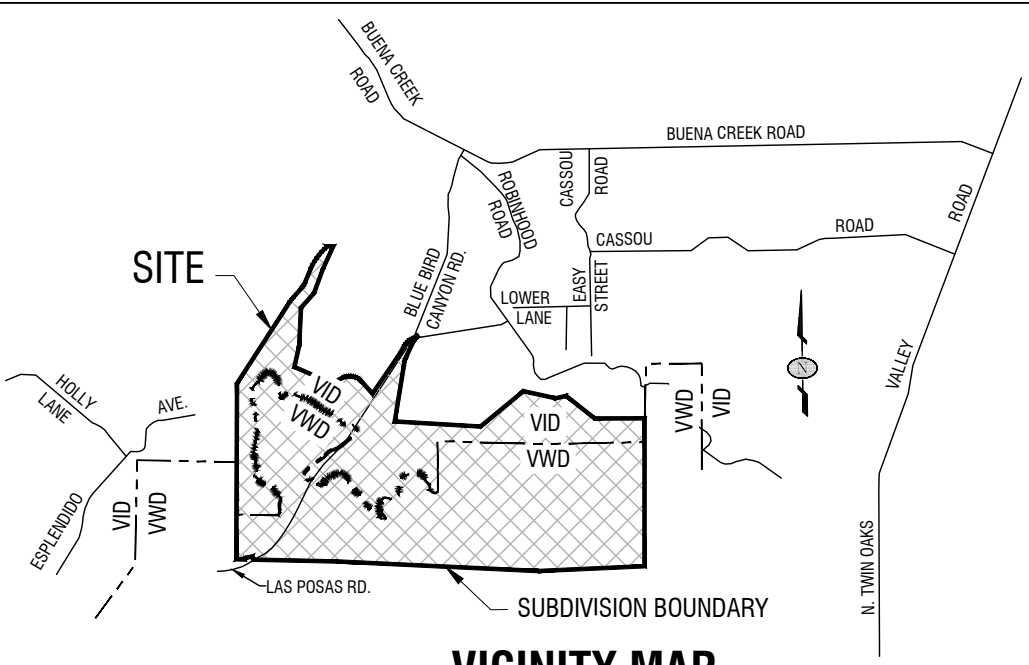
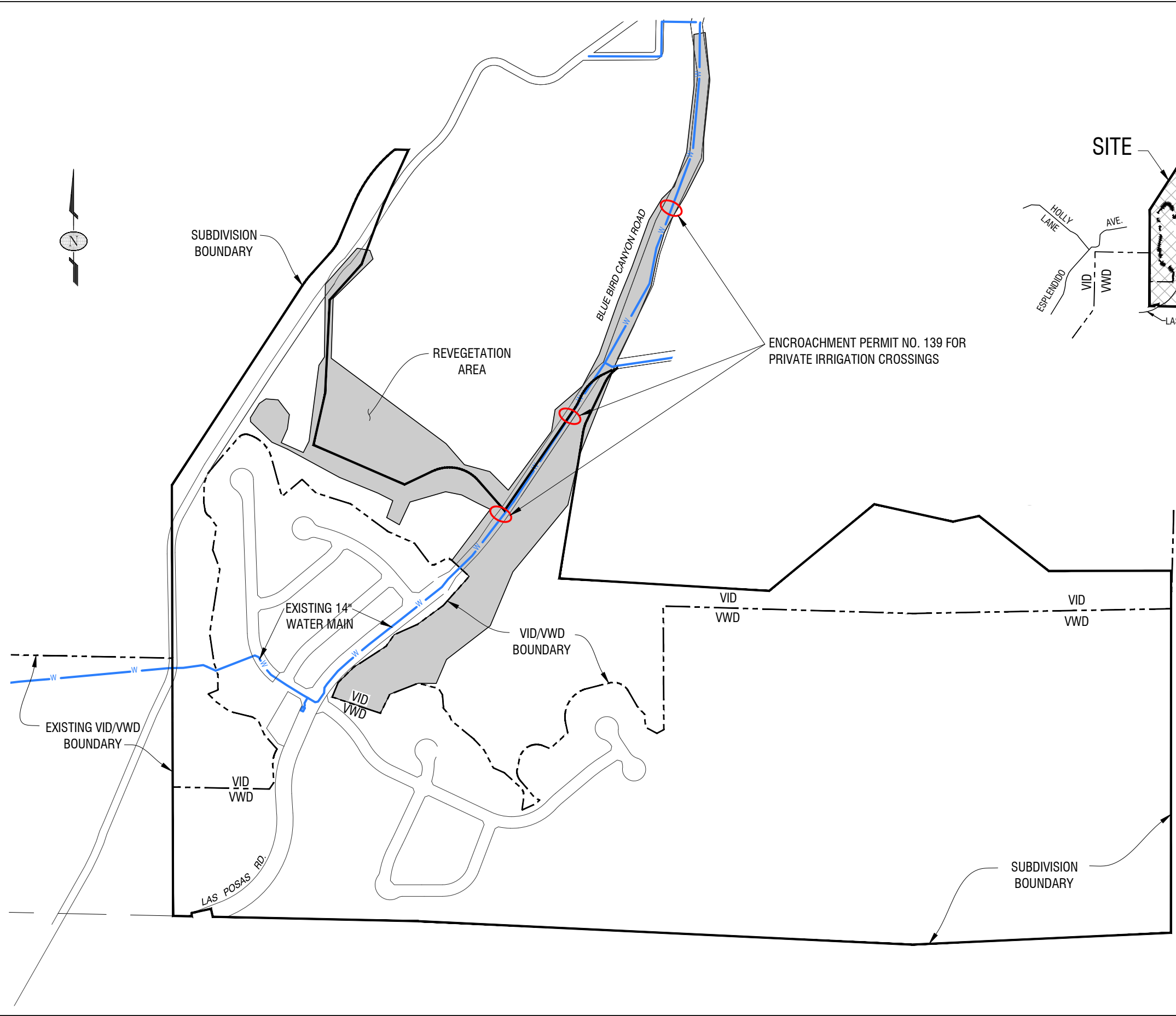
PRIOR BOARD ACTION: In 1962 and 2020, the Board accepted Grant of Right of Way (C7) and (V102), respectively, for existing and relocated water facilities adjacent to and within the development.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: The owner, KB Home California LLC, is in the process of developing a 187-lot single-family residential development known as San Marcos Highlands. The project is required to revegetate and temporarily irrigate areas north of the development. While the residential development itself will be served water from Vallecitos Water District, the revegetation area is located within the District's service area and temporary water service will be provided by the District through a construction meter.

Three temporary irrigation line crossings are proposed over the District's 14-inch transmission pipeline within Bird Canyon Road and Specific Easements (C7) and (V102). Approval of the Encroachment Permit (139) will allow the temporary encroachments and the owner to proceed with their revegetation requirements; in accordance with said permit, any costs to replace or repair the irrigation encroachments as the result of a District water main repair will be borne by the permittee.

ATTACHMENT: Map



**VICINITY MAP**  
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**LEGEND**

- SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY
- EXISTING VID/VWD BOUNDARY
- EXISTING WATER MAIN
- PRIVATE IRRIGATION CROSSING LOCATIONS
- REVEGETATION IRRIGATION AREA WITHIN VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

OWNER:  
KB HOME CALIFORNIA, LLC  
9915 MIRA MESA BLVD, #100  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92131-7002

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT			
ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO. 139			
SAN MARCOS HIGHLANDS REVEGETATION IRRIGATION			
APN 184-241-36 & 184-102-32			T.B.
SCALE: NONE			L.N. 2017-018
APPD. BY		DATE	W.O. <b>I-3090</b>
DRAWN BY JB		DATE 1/29/24	
SHEET 1 of 1		MAP K19	



## Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 1/4/2024 - 1/24/2024

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
73917	01/10/2024	ACWA/JPIA	Workers Compensation 10/2023 - 12/2023	33,134.62
73918	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Cobra	134.88
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Cobra	69.09
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	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Cobra	33.72
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Cobra	69.09
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Employees	190,562.01
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - Retirees	45,801.92
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - R Vasquez	2,128.59
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - P Kuchinsky	1,714.01
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - J MacKenzie	1,714.01
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - M Miller	1,714.01
	01/10/2024		Medical & Dental Insurance 02/2024 - P Sanchez	1,714.01
73919	01/10/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Rain Boots	38.96
	01/10/2024		HP Check Printer	345.32
	01/10/2024		MICR Toner	205.68
	01/10/2024		File Sorter	21.27
	01/10/2024		Tools - Truck 85	70.46
	01/10/2024		Office Supplies	121.32
73920	01/10/2024	Auto Specialist Warehouse	Brake Parts - Truck 29	7.35
73921	01/10/2024	Boot Barn Inc	Footwear Program	137.37
	01/10/2024		Footwear Program	161.01
	01/10/2024		Footwear Program	147.21
	01/10/2024		Footwear Program	164.85
73922	01/10/2024	Bryan and the Bee's	Live Bee Removal (1)	192.50
	01/10/2024		Live Bee Removal (1)	192.50
73923	01/10/2024	Business Radio Licensing	FCC Radio License Renewal	115.00
73924	01/10/2024	California Department of Tax and Fee Administration	E-Waste Return 12/2023	10.00
73925	01/10/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Rockhill Rd	617.50
	01/10/2024		Traffic Control - Alta Vista Drive	1,710.00
	01/10/2024		Traffic Control - Huff Street	1,330.00
	01/10/2024		Traffic Control - Elevado Road	1,045.00
73926	01/10/2024	Citi Cards	Costco Membership	180.00
	01/10/2024		Kitchen & Restroom Supplies	1,223.83

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	01/10/2024		Canva Software for Design	119.99
	01/10/2024		GFI FaxMaker	15.50
	01/10/2024		Microsoft Azure	673.42
73927	01/10/2024	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	8.64
	01/10/2024		Office Supplies	420.83
	01/10/2024		Office Supplies	277.77
73928	01/10/2024	Conсор North America, Inc	Deodor Reservoir Rehabilitation 10/2023	10,145.16
73929	01/10/2024	Core & Main	Deflection Couplings (10)	460.96
	01/10/2024		Angle Ball Mtr Valve .75"Flare w/Swivel Mtr Nu (4)	402.69
	01/10/2024		Ell 6" DI POxFL 45 Degree (1)	312.84
	01/10/2024		Adapter 2" Copper x MIP (12)	298.77
	01/10/2024		Coupling 1" CTSxCTS (8)	227.33
	01/10/2024		Adapter 4" DI FLxPO (2)	205.68
	01/10/2024		Ell 6" DI FL 90 Degree (1)	197.02
	01/10/2024		Ell 6" DI PO 45 Degree (1)	160.21
	01/10/2024		Ball Meter Valve 2" FLG X FIP DD & Lockwing (1)	388.62
	01/10/2024		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 3" (3" gasket) (10)	54.13
	01/10/2024		Service Saddle 6x1 PVC (2)	331.25
	01/10/2024		Coupling 1"x1" Female Flare x Super Grip (10)	340.96
	01/10/2024		Fire Hydrant Spool 6x18 DI (2)	424.34
	01/10/2024		Service Saddle 16x1 PVC (1)	427.59
	01/10/2024		Corp Stop 2" MIP X FIP (2)	608.37
	01/10/2024		Coupling 8" Repair PVC C900 (5)	698.21
	01/10/2024		Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 10"- 12" (10" gasket) (20)	714.45
	01/10/2024		Fire Hydrant LB400 Check Valve (2)	4,200.10
	01/10/2024		Service Saddle 8x1 PVC (2)	409.19
73930	01/10/2024	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	Realquest Online Services 11/2023	309.00
73931	01/10/2024	Craneworks Southwest Inc	Hydraulic Hoses - E3	369.80
73932	01/10/2024	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	108.01
	01/10/2024		Portable Restroom Service	73.00
	01/10/2024		Portable Restroom Service	100.57
73933	01/10/2024	Direct Energy	Electric 12/2023 - Henshaw Buildings & Grounds	375.30
	01/10/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Henshaw Wellfield	451.57
73934	01/10/2024	DIRECTV	Direct TV Service	118.24
73935	01/10/2024	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	Trash Service - VID Headquarter	463.30
73936	01/10/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	Clow Fire Hydrant Parts	630.02
	01/10/2024		Service Saddle 12x1 PVC (4)	1,160.57
	01/10/2024		Service Saddle 4x1 PVC (2)	288.92
	01/10/2024		12" x 8" PO x Flange Tee (DI) (2)	1,288.61
	01/10/2024		1" Anode Clamps (54)	277.66
	01/10/2024		12" x 6" Flanged Reducer (DI) (1)	423.47
	01/10/2024		12" Flanged Cross (DI) (1)	1,303.16

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	01/10/2024		12" x 8" Flanged Reducer (DI) (1)	472.32
	01/10/2024		Pipe 10" PVC DR-14 C900 (20)	857.12
	01/10/2024		Pipe 6" PVC DR-14 C900 (120)	1,958.89
	01/10/2024		12" PVC Pipe C900 DR14 (1600)	96,940.04
73937	01/10/2024	Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co (EyeMed)	Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	8.78
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	(17.56)
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Cobra	22.54
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - Employees	1,585.00
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - P Kuchinsky	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - P Sanchez	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - J MacKenzie	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - R Vasquez	14.24
	01/10/2024		Vision Insurance 01/2024 - M Miller	14.24
73938	01/10/2024	FMLASource	FMLA Program 02/01/2024 - 01/31/2025	1,932.00
73939	01/10/2024	Garda CL West, Inc	Additional Bags for Deposits	11.21
73940	01/10/2024	Hach Company	Turbidimeter & Chlorine Analyzer - E Reservoir	16,580.30
73941	01/10/2024	Hanna Plumbing	Gasket for Toilet	23.80
73942	01/10/2024	Hawthorne Machinery Co	Seat Compressor, Fastener - L6	356.72
73943	01/10/2024	Hi-Line Inc	Shop Supplies	307.20
73944	01/10/2024	IDEXX Distribution Corporation	Bac-T Media & Bottles	2,880.14
73945	01/10/2024	iFlow Inc	Meter 3/4" x 1" electronic read (318)	31,153.27
	01/10/2024		Meter 2" electronic read (20)	10,172.91
	01/10/2024		Meter 5/8" x 3/4" electronic read (104)	6,866.25
	01/10/2024		Meter 1.5" electronic read (15)	5,497.04
73946	01/10/2024	Jackson & Blanc	Water Pump Replacement - Chiller Pump 42	2,442.00
	01/10/2024		HVAC System Troubleshoot	460.00
73947	01/10/2024	Joe's Paving	Patch Paving	2,862.60
73948	01/10/2024	Jan-Pro of San Diego	Janitorial Services 12/2023	4,497.00
73949	01/10/2024	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Door Weather Strips	50.34
73950	01/10/2024	Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Webinar	75.00
73951	01/10/2024	Major League Pest	Monthly Pest Control	225.00
73952	01/10/2024	Makelele Systems Landscape & Maintenance, Inc	Landscape Services 12/2023	1,650.00
73953	01/10/2024	Mission Automotive Equipment & Lifts Inc	Inspected Ceiling Mounted Hose Reels/Manlift Rental	875.84
	01/10/2024		Inspected Vehicle Lifts	585.00
73954	01/10/2024	NAPA Auto Parts	5 Ton Floor Jack	930.95
	01/10/2024		10 Ton Floor Jack	1,612.91
	01/10/2024		Radiator - Compressor A10	1,438.64
73955	01/10/2024	North County Auto Parts	Shop Chemicals, Oil, Wipers	97.48

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73956	01/10/2024	One Source Distributors	Prescription Safety Glasses	302.75
	01/10/2024		Prescription Safety Glasses	203.96
73957	01/10/2024	Opto 22	Solid State Relays (2)	90.26
73958	01/10/2024	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Battery Core - G24	(44.00)
	01/10/2024		Front Brake Rotors - Truck 36	191.60
	01/10/2024		Front Brake Pads - Truck 36	55.20
	01/10/2024		Front Pads & Rotor - Truck 36	151.00
	01/10/2024		Oil Pressure Switch - Truck 13	8.69
73959	01/10/2024	Pacific Safety Center	CPR/First Aid/AED Refresher	75.00
	01/10/2024		Fall Protection Training (2)	390.00
73960	01/10/2024	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tires (2) - Truck 61	420.26
73961	01/10/2024	Rincon del Diablo MWD	MD Reservoir Water Service	31.09
73962	01/10/2024	RS Americas Inc	Switch for Air Handler	88.94
73963	01/10/2024	S & R Towing	Tow Service - Truck 39	176.50
73964	01/10/2024	San Diego County Water Authority	Council of Water Utilities Mtg - J MacKenzie	55.00
	01/10/2024		Council of Water Utilities Mtg - B Hodgkiss	55.00
73965	01/10/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	Gas 12/2023	1,118.15
	01/10/2024		Electric 12/2023	7,007.81
73966	01/10/2024	Save Our Heritage Organisation	WCRH Operating Costs 10/2023 - 12/2023	3,000.00
73967	01/10/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 12/01/23 - 12/15/23	7,494.92
	01/10/2024		Fuel 12/16/23 - 12/31/23	5,903.78
73968	01/10/2024	State Water Resources Control Board	SWRCB Water System Fee FY24	95,885.20
73969	01/10/2024	Sunrise Materials Inc	Waddles (14)	1,151.78
	01/10/2024		Waddles (8)	(597.54)
73970	01/10/2024	The UPS Store 0971	Shipping 12/2023	1,081.80
73971	01/10/2024	Midas Service Experts	Tires (4) - Truck 29	453.98
73972	01/10/2024	Umpqua Bank	Asbestos Hazard Bags (350)	1,057.47
	01/10/2024		CA-NV AWWA D3 - D4 Review (3)	1,590.00
	01/10/2024		CA-NV AWWA D1 - D2 Review (2)	530.00
	01/10/2024		Parts for HVAC System Repair	181.66
	01/10/2024		Cloud Based Phone System	27.49
	01/10/2024		M36 Manual for Water Loss Audit Report	139.50
	01/10/2024		California Legislative & Case Law Update	65.00
	01/10/2024		Music for VID Employee Event	10.99
	01/10/2024		California Legislative & Case Law Update	65.00
	01/10/2024		Urban Water Institute Conference - R Vasquez	217.50
	01/10/2024		2023 Fall ACWA Conference - R Vasquez	723.84
	01/10/2024		2024 State of the Community Event - P Kuchinsky	95.00
	01/10/2024		2024 State of the Community Event - P Sanchez	95.00
	01/10/2024		2024 State of the Community Event - J MacKenzie	95.00
	01/10/2024		CRWUA Conference - J MacKenzie	(547.65)
	01/10/2024		2024 State of the Community Event - R Vasquez	95.00

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	01/10/2024		Retirement Cakes (3)	201.96
	01/10/2024		2023 Fall ACWA Conference - B Hodgkiss	723.84
	01/10/2024		2024 State of the Community Event - B Hodgkiss	95.00
73973	01/10/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	266.43
73974	01/10/2024	T.S. Industrial Supply	Level 9" Torpedo (2)	28.99
	01/10/2024		Wrench Crescent 10" Adjustable (1)	37.56
	01/10/2024		Lifter SS 24" Meter Lid (1)	45.45
	01/10/2024		Shovel 4" Trench (2)	62.79
	01/10/2024		Shovel Round Point (2)	71.45
	01/10/2024		Blade 14" Diamond Concrete (5)	1,166.01
	01/10/2024		Locks 2029 Master (24)	363.72
	01/10/2024		Towel Wypall X80 (7)	362.96
	01/10/2024		Broom 24" Push (5)	287.95
	01/10/2024		Probe Soil 3/8"x4' SSP 400 SS (1)	83.35
	01/10/2024		Shovel Square Point (6)	214.34
	01/10/2024		Digging Bar Light Duty (2)	96.99
	01/10/2024		Lifter SS 36" Meter Lid (2)	90.91
	01/10/2024		Strap 1"x12' Ratchet (6)	113.14
73975	01/17/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Monitor	167.36
	01/17/2024		Work Gloves (3 pr)	55.91
	01/17/2024		Wheels & Caster for Oil Drain Barrel	40.86
73976	01/17/2024	Brock Beeson	Reimburse - Basic Electricity Training	207.57
73977	01/17/2024	Bryan and the Bee's	Live Bee Removal (1)	192.50
	01/17/2024		Live Bee Removal (1)	192.50
73978	01/17/2024	Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Legal 12/2023	3,440.00
73979	01/17/2024	Cal Pacific Truck Center LLC	Fuel Filter - Truck 44	168.21
73980	01/17/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Camino Loma Verde	3,040.00
	01/17/2024		Traffic Control - Watson Way	380.00
	01/17/2024		Traffic Control - Alta Vista Drive	1,377.50
	01/17/2024		Traffic Control - E Vista Way	2,530.00
	01/17/2024		Traffic Control - Vista Terrace	1,520.00
	01/17/2024		Traffic Control - N Avenue	1,520.00
73981	01/17/2024	Coastal Chlorination & Backflow	Chlorination of Main - Camino Loma Verde	460.00
73982	01/17/2024	Consor North America, Inc	Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation 11/2023	6,804.07
73983	01/17/2024	Core & Main	Fire Hydrant 6" Break Off Spool LB400 (2)	573.73
	01/17/2024		Fire Hydrant Spool 6x12 DI (3)	500.12
	01/17/2024		Fire Hydrant 6x4x2.5 (4)	14,709.01
	01/17/2024		Fire Hydrant Spool 6x6 DI (3)	379.96
	01/17/2024		Sleeve 8"x12" Galvanized Top Sections (100)	1,244.86
	01/17/2024		Sleeve 10"x12" Galvanized Top Sections (40)	617.03
	01/17/2024		Ell 4" DI PO 22.5 Degree (1)	102.84
73984	01/17/2024	Cosco Fire Protection, Inc	Fire Sprinkler/Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection	2,095.00

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73985	01/17/2024	Drug Testing Network Inc	Random Drug/After Hour Fee (2)	225.00
	01/17/2024		Random Drug/Breath/After Hour Fee (4)	385.00
73986	01/17/2024	Ferguson Waterworks	Pipe 8" PVC DR-14 C900 (1200)	33,735.03
73987	01/17/2024	Home Depot Credit Services	Cordless Impact - Truck 11	323.67
	01/17/2024		Screwdrivers	30.18
	01/17/2024		Foam Material for Splash Pad	32.46
	01/17/2024		Material - A Reservoir	52.71
	01/17/2024		Material for Above Ground Siphon - Twin Oaks	236.11
	01/17/2024		Adhesive	16.63
	01/17/2024		Stackable Blocks	83.05
	01/17/2024		Stackable Blocks	23.73
	01/17/2024		Office Light, Saw	430.84
	01/17/2024		Corrugated Roofing - Road House Carport	(995.78)
	01/17/2024		Heater	32.29
	01/17/2024		Corrugated Roofing/Supplies - Road House Carport	529.01
	01/17/2024		Corrugated Roofing - Road House Carport	553.31
	01/17/2024		Plumbing & Electrical Supplies	313.85
	01/17/2024		Supplies	65.45
	01/17/2024		Extension Ladder	495.76
	01/17/2024		Employee Event Supplies	47.59
	01/17/2024		Concrete 60lb bag (112)	602.09
	01/17/2024		Concrete Rapid Set 60lb bag (50)	800.79
73988	01/17/2024	InfoSend Inc	Programming to Setup for FedEx Door Tags	350.00
73989	01/17/2024	Joe's Paving	Patch Paving - W California Ave, Cassou Meadow	12,128.75
	01/17/2024		Patch Paving - Valley Crest, Mimosa, Alta Vista	4,162.90
73990	01/17/2024	Marty Miller	Reimburse - CRWUA Conference 12/2023	213.05
73991	01/17/2024	North County Pool Center Inc	Chlorine	82.27
73992	01/17/2024	Pacific Safety Center	Confined Space/Permit Required Training	275.00
	01/17/2024		Trenching & Excavation Training	195.00
73993	01/17/2024	Parkhouse Tire Inc	Tires (4) - Truck 79	566.75
73994	01/17/2024	Patrick Sanchez	Reimburse - CRWUA Conference 2024	443.73
73995	01/17/2024	Paychex of New York LLC	Onboarding/Recruiting/Flex Benefits Svc 12/2023	812.50
	01/17/2024		Onboarding/Recruiting/Flex Benefits Svc 01/2024	812.50
73996	01/17/2024	Raymond Handling Solutions Inc	Scheduled Maintenance - F3	98.00
73997	01/17/2024	Richard Vasquez	Reimburse - CRWUA Conference 2023	651.71
73998	01/17/2024	San Diego Friction Products	Mirror Clamps, DEF Fluid	207.89
73999	01/17/2024	Save Our Heritage Organisation	WCRH Operating Cost 01/2024 - 03/2024	3,000.00
74000	01/17/2024	Sloan Electric Company	Motor for Air Handlers (1)	1,673.88
74001	01/17/2024	State Water Resources Control Board	2024 Permit Fee - E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station	600.00
74002	01/17/2024	Bend Genetics, LLC	HABs Lab Analysis	2,271.00
74003	01/17/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	266.43
74004 - 74010	01/17/2024	Refund Checks 74004 - 74010	Customer Refunds	2,419.85

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74011	01/24/2024	Refund Check 74011	Customer Refund	264.04
74012	01/24/2024	Abraham Gomez	Tuition Reimbursement 01/2024	75.00
74013	01/24/2024	Airgas USA LLC	Oxygen & Acetylene	269.09
74014	01/24/2024	Alignment Plus	Installation of Rear Suspension Springs - Truck 11	1,395.79
74015	01/24/2024	Amazon Capital Services	Registration Decals for Pontoon Boat	49.46
	01/24/2024		Labels for Label Maker	20.45
	01/24/2024		Metal Detector - Truck 43	594.29
74016	01/24/2024	TPC Training	Basic Electricity Training (2)	2,590.00
74017	01/24/2024	American Water Works Association	Safety Training Video Streaming 12/2023 - 11/2024	499.00
74018	01/24/2024	Answering Service Care, LLC	Answering Service	287.50
74019	01/24/2024	AT&T	3680/CALNET 12/13/23 - 01/12/24 - Phones	502.45
	01/24/2024		0230/CALNET 12/13/23-01/12/24 - Teleconference	10.82
	01/24/2024		Voice & Data Service	1,184.13
74020	01/24/2024	Bennett-Bowen & Lighthouse Inc	Magnetic Base Work Lamps (2) - Truck 11	219.45
74021	01/24/2024	Big Drip Plumbing	Meter Tie-Backs - Cabrillo Circle	3,000.00
74022	01/24/2024	CAPPO	CAPPO Membership 2024	140.00
74023	01/24/2024	Canon Solutions America, Inc	Canon Supplies & Maintenance	37.89
74024	01/24/2024	Cecilia's Safety Service Inc	Traffic Control - Warmlands Dr	2,300.00
74025	01/24/2024	City of Vista	Permit Fees 10/2023 - 12/2023	20,393.12
74026	01/24/2024	CleanCapital HC4 Borrower LLC	Solar Energy Use 12/2023	2,819.80
74027	01/24/2024	Complete Office of California, Inc	Office Supplies	209.93
74028	01/24/2024	Core & Main	Ball Valve 1.5" FIP X FIP with handle PSI 300 (14)	3,591.74
	01/24/2024		Coupling 4" Deflection C900 (6)	197.12
	01/24/2024		Coupling 1" CTSxCTS (7)	198.90
	01/24/2024		Ball Meter Valve 2" FLG X FIP DD & Lockwing (5)	1,943.09
	01/24/2024		Corp Stop 2" MIP X FIP (8)	2,433.46
	01/24/2024		Angle Ball Valve 2" FNPT X MNPT (CurbStop) (1)	383.21
74029	01/24/2024	CoreLogic Solutions Inc	Realquest Online Services 12/2023	309.00
74030	01/24/2024	Davis Farr LLP	Auditing Services 12/2023	10,000.00
74031	01/24/2024	Diamond Environmental Services	Portable Restroom Service	135.08
	01/24/2024		Portable Restroom Service	84.23
74032	01/24/2024	Direct Energy	Electric 12/2023 - ViD Headquarter	2,809.65
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - T&D / Cathodic Protection	100.03
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Reservoirs	134.38
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Pump Stations	9,221.47
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Treatment Plants	37.29
74033	01/24/2024	EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc	Trash Service 12/2023	473.87
74034	01/24/2024	Edgehill Road Gate Association	Edgehill Rd HOA Road/Gate Fee 2024	600.00
74035	01/24/2024	Electrical Sales Inc	Fluke Meter	1,006.71
74036	01/24/2024	Grainger	Drinking Water Station Filter	88.40
74037	01/24/2024	Greg Keppler	Reimburse - QSD Renewal	125.00
74038	01/24/2024	Hach Company	Lab Supplies/Field Testing Equipment	2,680.32

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74039	01/24/2024	InfoSend Inc	Data Processing/Mailing Service 12/2023	5,802.26
	01/24/2024		Backflow Notices	205.48
	01/24/2024		Storage & Support 12/2023	1,734.96
74040	01/24/2024	Ken Grody Ford Carlsbad	Oil Drain Plugs, Battery Jacket	86.05
74041	01/24/2024	Lanair Technology Group	SECURE Breach Prevention Platform - 100 Users	180.00
74042	01/24/2024	Leon Perrault Trucking & Materials	Trucking & Material 12/2023	5,227.50
74043	01/24/2024	Lightning Messenger Express	Messenger Service 01/12/24	96.00
74044	01/24/2024	Moodys	Dump Fees/Oversized (4)	2,400.00
74045	01/24/2024	MRC, Smart Technology Solutions	Manage Printer Services	334.76
74046	01/24/2024	Mutual of Omaha	LTD/STD/Life Insurance 02/2024	4,592.76
74047	01/24/2024	NAPA Auto Parts	Filters (3)	77.69
	01/24/2024		Oil (10)	173.09
74048	01/24/2024	North County Auto Parts	Wiper Blades (4)	44.08
	01/24/2024		Air Brake Hose, Heater Hose	138.99
	01/24/2024		Transmission Fluid (6)	53.39
	01/24/2024		Starter Core, Transmission Fluid	(83.03)
74049	01/24/2024	North County Industrial Park	Association Fees 02/2024	1,028.22
74050	01/24/2024	North County Pool Center Inc	Chlorine - Pechstein	108.73
	01/24/2024		Scrubbing Brooms for Reservoir Cleaning (8)	645.08
74051	01/24/2024	Powerland Equipment, Inc	Oil Change & Service for JD Tractor	579.32
74052	01/24/2024	Ramco Petroleum	Fuel 12/2023	1,710.94
74053	01/24/2024	Right-of-Way Engineering Services, Inc	Survey Monuments/As-Built Drawing (Task 23-04)	2,000.00
	01/24/2024		As-Built Survey Olive Ave (Task Order 24-01)	1,940.00
	01/24/2024		Search & Tie Out Survey Monuments ( Task Order 3)	3,800.00
74054	01/24/2024	RouseSign and Graphics Inc	Date Stickers	68.20
74055	01/24/2024	San Diego Gas & Electric	Electric 12/2023 - Cathodic Protection & T&D	462.90
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Reservoirs	363.81
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Pump Stations	14,189.00
	01/24/2024		Electric 12/2023 - Plants	141.05
74056	01/24/2024	San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority	2023 Surplus Supplemental Water & Rincon Exchange	10,221,722.58
74057	01/24/2024	Santa Fe Car Wash	Car Washes (25)	300.00
74058	01/24/2024	Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Fuel 01/01/24 - 01/15/24	4,828.26
74059	01/24/2024	Spok, Inc	Pagers	51.06
74060	01/24/2024	Stephen Huynh	Reimburse - AWWA Backflow Certification Renewal	285.00
74061	01/24/2024	Shred-it	Shredding Service	177.39
74062	01/24/2024	Sunbelt Rentals	Concrete Mixer Rental	95.06
74063	01/24/2024	The Centre for Organization Effectiveness	Supervisor Academy (3)	2,697.00
74064	01/24/2024	UBEO Business Services	One Year Maintenance for Canon TX-3000 Plotter	805.32
74065	01/24/2024	Underground Service Alert of Southern California	New DigAlert Tickets (234)	419.50
	01/24/2024		Safe Excavation Board Fees	153.74
74066	01/24/2024	UniFirst Corporation	Uniform Service	278.99
74067	01/24/2024	Vulcan Materials Company and Affiliates	Cold Mix	3,068.46

Payment Number	Payment Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
74068	01/24/2024	T.S. Industrial Supply	Broom Utility Corn (4)	17.74
	01/24/2024		Whip Air Hoses for Air Chisels	54.44
74069	01/24/2024	White Cap Construction Supply	Rental of Brackets - Twin Oaks Siphon	7.55
	01/24/2024		Hex Head Snap Tie	24.43
Grand Total:				11,114,484.25



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 7**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER AUTHORITY PRESENTATION

**SUMMARY:** Representatives from the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority will be making a presentation regarding potential alternatives to current operations of Warner Ranch and the Warner Basin.

**ATTACHMENT:** Presentation slides

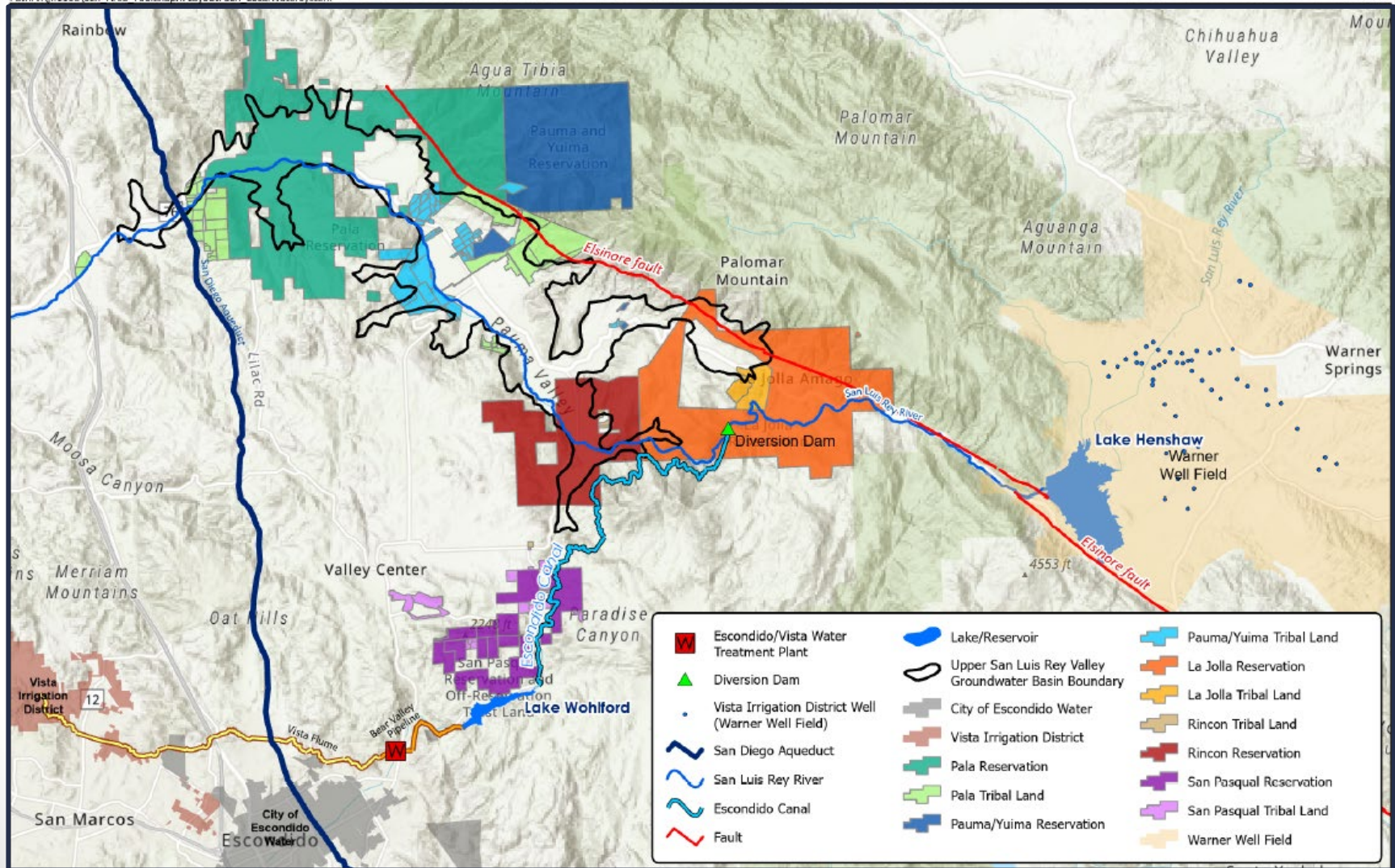
# Warner Basin/Lake Henshaw Discussion

February 7, 2024

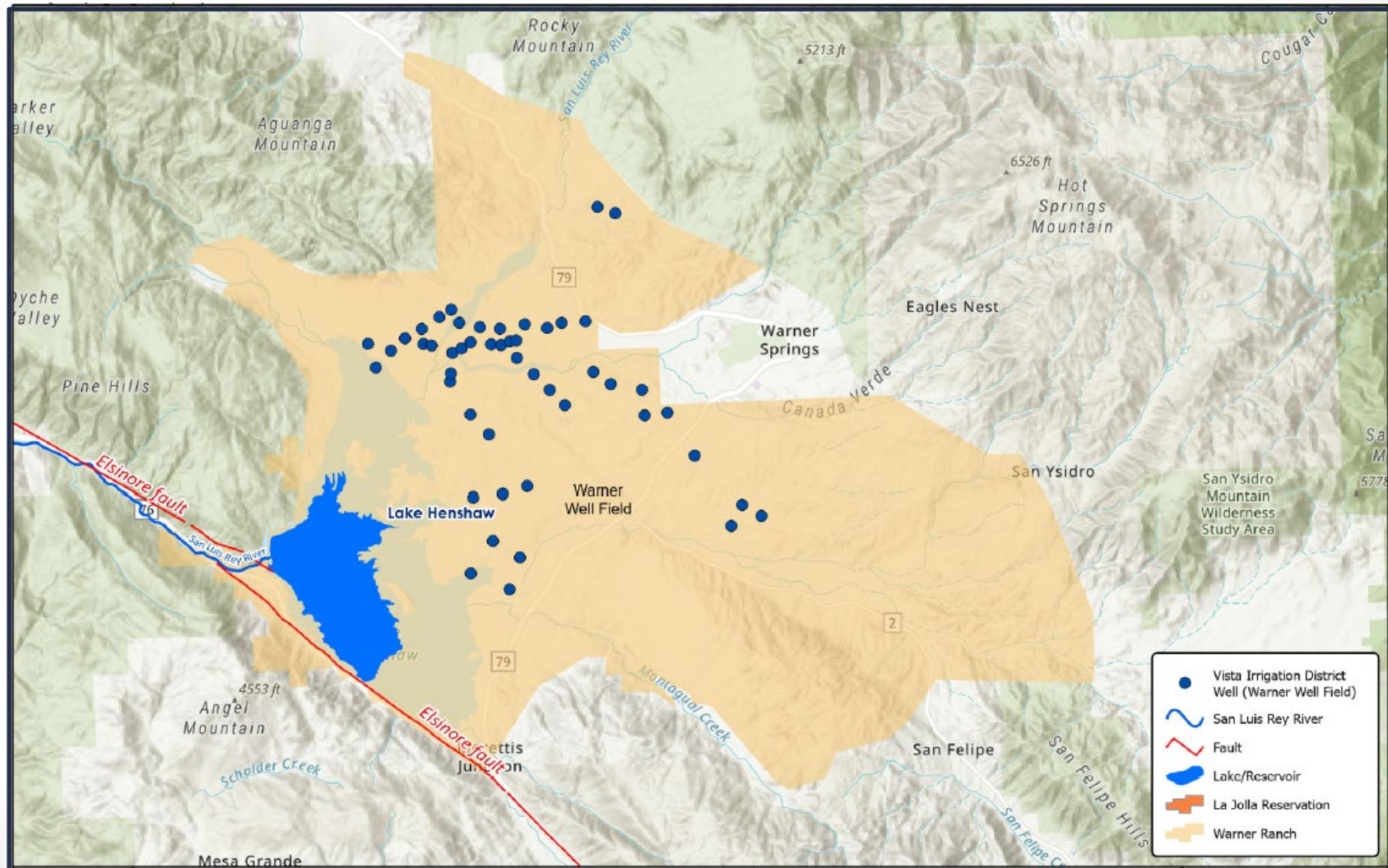
# Introduction

- Introductions
- Overview of the San Luis Rey Water Rights Settlement
- Transition to “Settlement Implementation Parties (‘SIP’)” with approval of the Settlement in 2018, and a new, very positive, relationship among the Settlement Parties
- Based on rising costs to VID to maintain an aging Local Water System, it may be optimal timing to consider alternatives to the present operations.
- Today’s presentation is to explore the options available to VID; among them being a shift to Tribal Stewardship of the Warner Basin while strengthening the financial position of VID.

# Local Water System



# Warner Ranch Facilities

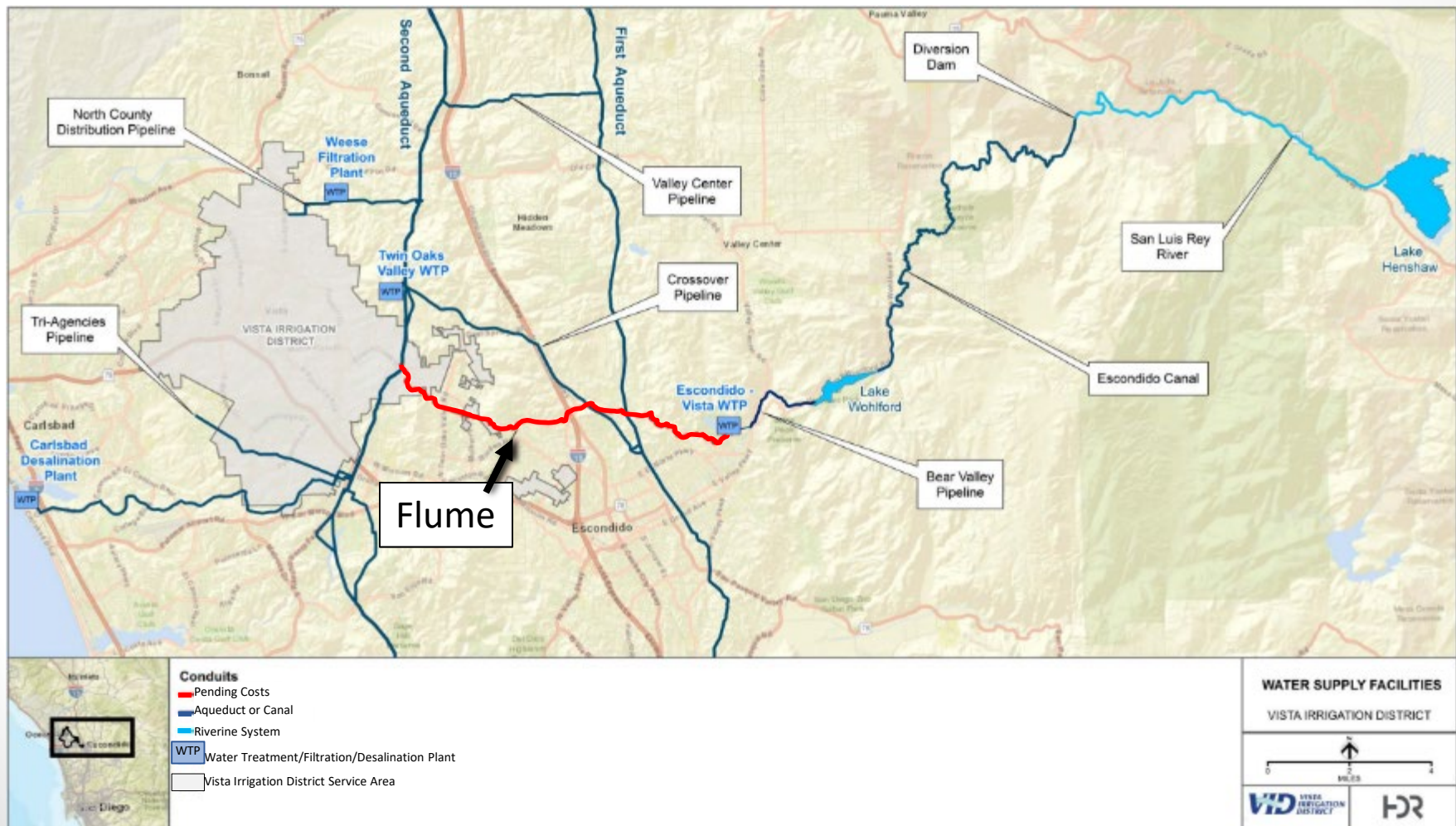


Approximately 43,000 acres of land owned by VID

## Considerations for VID

- Affordability of Local Water Supply
- Aging infrastructure
- Future pricing of imported water from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)
- Water Rate Resiliency
- Reliability of the Escondido Canal

# Pending Improvement Costs for Local Water Delivery



# Pending Improvement Costs for Local Water Delivery

## Vista Flume Replacement

- The almost 100-year-old flume has exceeded its useful service life and The Flume Replacement Alignment Study is evaluating Flume alignment alternatives and risk vs. cost
- Current estimated replacement cost is \$178 million to \$183 million

# Pending Improvement Costs for Local Water Delivery

## Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs)

- The presence of HABs in Lake Henshaw impacts:
  - La Jolla recreational and cultural uses
  - Delivery of Rincon Water Entitlement
  - Delivery of water to Lake Wohlford for Local Entities' uses
- Algicides have had mixed results in treating HABs
- Lanthanum modified clay has not been effective to-date and will have to be applied for several years

# Pending Improvement Costs for Local Water Delivery

## Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs)

- Short-term mitigation costs which include treatment, sampling, and testing, as well as ongoing consulting with SLRIWA and the impacted Bands (particularly La Jolla and Rincon)
- Long-term solutions
  - Algae harvesting, separation, skimming
  - Stream rerouting (divert from warner well field)
  - Oxygenation/aeration
  - ???
- 2024 will be the fifth year of trying to effectively mitigate and manage HABs so that water can safely be delivered from Lake Henshaw

# Pending Improvement Costs for Local Water Delivery

## Long Term Solution Costs (shared 50/50 by VID and Escondido)

- Algaecide Treatments
  - Yearly: \$300,000 - \$1.5 Million (M)
- Chemical Sediment Sealing
  - 4 - 5 years: Approx. \$3 M
- Source Water Nutrient Control
  - \$19K–\$29K per month when wellfield is pumping
  - \$236K–\$353K per year if wellfield is pumping year-round
  - \$40K–\$100K application equipment for two application sites (one time cost).
  - Yearly chemical costs: \$250K - \$350K
- Bypass Pipeline
  - Capital Costs: \$22 M - \$43 M
  - O&M: \$220,000
- Oxygenation
  - Will not remove the source nutrients for HABs, and therefore must be continually applied to work long-term
  - Success of oxygenation is unknown – has not been tested before
  - Estimated costs for Lake Henshaw oxygenation field trial
    - 9-month field trial: \$1.6 M - \$3.1 M
    - 12-month field trial: \$2.0 M - \$3.5 M

# Things to Discuss

- Partnership Framework for Optimizing the Resources of Warner Ranch?
- Financial Considerations
  - Identify funding sources (partners?)
    - State of California Parks
    - Non-governmental Environmental Organizations
    - Revenue Bonds (water sales/mitigation lands/recreation...)
- Attributes
  - Adjacent to Cleveland National Forest
  - Culturally and historically significant property
  - Close to Anza Borrego State Park
  - Traversed by the Pacific Crest Trail

# San Luis Rey Implementing Agreement

- Local Entities have the right to assign or transfer any part of the Local Water System (Art. 10, p. 68–69 of the Implementing Agreement)
- Local Entities have the right to abandon part or all of the Local Water System, subject to the SLRIWA/Bands' right of first refusal (Art. 11, p. 69–71 of the Implementing Agreement)
  - Local Entities still have access to the Supplemental Water under the San Luis Rey Settlement if they abandon the Local Water System

# WIN-WIN FRAMEWORK

- Create a working group consisting of representatives from VID, City of Escondido and the SLRIWA to further explore Tribal Stewardship of Warner Ranch
- The Working Group would identify potential partners and funding sources and alternative frameworks for a Multi-benefit Tribal Stewardship of the Ranch. Meetings could include:
  - Governor's Office
  - Congressional delegations
  - California State Parks
  - Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (e.g., CalWild, the Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, etc.)
- Start the Appraisal Process.
- THE PRIMARY GOAL IN THIS ENDEAVOR IS FOR VID, ESCONDIDO AND SLRIWA TO ACHIEVE A WIN...A RELIABLE FUTURE FOR OUR RESPECTIVE ENTITIES.



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024  
Prepared By: Randy Whitmann, Lesley Dobalian,  
Shallako Goodrick & Frank Wolinski  
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.

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

#### *January*

- Delivered 2024 Water Awareness calendars to fourth grade classes; discussed potential presentations for upcoming poster contest with teachers.
- Continued recruitments for Equipment Operator and Administrative Assistant positions.
- Began recruitment for Construction Supervisor position.

#### *February*

- Participate in the City of Vista Storm Water event on February 3, 2024 at Buena Vista Creek.
- Continue recruitments for Equipment Operator, Administrative Assistant and Construction Supervisor positions.

### ENGINEERING DIVISION

#### *January*

- The District has replaced approximately 10.70 miles of Nipponite pipe since 2002 with 5.21 miles remaining as shown below. Replacement of 0.70 miles of Nipponite pipe is currently in design and 0.11 miles is in construction.

**Miles of Nipponite Remaining**

Diameter	Risk			Total
	High	Medium	Low	
4-inch	0.04	0.33	0.00	<b>0.38</b>
6-inch	0.00	0.10	0.34	<b>0.44</b>
8-inch	0.40	1.01	1.03	<b>2.44</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>3.26</b>
10-inch	0.39	0.14	0.53	<b>1.06</b>
12-inch	0.00	0.00	0.90	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>5.21</b>

- The District has replaced approximately 5,025 feet (0.95 miles) of pipe (steel – 1,284 feet, PVC – 0 feet, non-Nipponite asbestos cement – 1,484 feet and Nipponite – 2,257 feet) in Fiscal Year 2024.

- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Gateway Pacific continued retaining wall construction, backfilling/grading around the reservoir, electrical/plumbing work, roofing on the pump station and site concrete flatwork. As of November 30, 2023, the project was approximately 93.9 percent complete based on time and 77.2 percent complete based on cost (\$7.18 million of \$9.30 million contract amount has been invoiced).
- Flume Replacement Alignment Study – Brown and Caldwell continued to collect and evaluate additional information requested by the Board at Workshop No. 3.
- 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 is ongoing and the relocation of an 18-inch transmission main that feeds the Bennett service area has 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 been requested to allow the additional fill and also to quitclaim the portion of the District’s Flume easement over the property. Staff is currently working with the developer to accept their requests.

## ***February***

- Mainline Replacement Projects in design (current projects): Lonsdale Ln.\*, Alta Vista Dr., Vale Terrace Dr., McGavran Dr., Plumosa Ave., Via Christina, Lado De Loma Dr.\*, Eddy Dr., Rancho Vista Rd., Indiana Ave.\*, Camino Patricia, Camino Corto, Goetting Wy., Oro Avo Dr. \*, Shale Rock Rd., Nevada Ave., N. Citrus Ave., Lemon Ave., Hillside Terrace, Buena Creek Rd., Estrelita Dr., Victory Dr., Oak Dr.\*, Queens Wy. (Total length = 6.87 miles).
- Mainline Replacement Projects in planning (future projects): Camino Culebra\*, Catalina Ave.\*, Friendly Dr.\*, E. Vista Wy., Nordahl Rd.\*, HN Line - Gopher Canyon Rd. to Fairview Dr., Buena Creek Rd.\*, Lower Ln., Easy St.\*, West AB Line – Esplendido Ave. and Bella Vista Dr.\*, Colavo Dr.\*, Rancho Vista Rd., Bandini Pl., HP Line – Hardell Ln. to Camino de las Lomas, Crescent Dr.\*, Descanso Ave., San Clemente Ave.\* (Total length = 6.69 miles).
- Edgehill (E) Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station – Gateway Pacific to deliver pump skid system for the pump station; continue backfilling/grading around the reservoir, electrical/plumbing work, pump station work, and site concrete flatwork.
- Flume Replacement Alignment Study – Brown and Caldwell to continue collecting and evaluating additional information requested by the Board at Workshop No. 3.
- Deodar Reservoir Rehabilitation – Issue Notice to Proceed to Pacific Hydrotech.

\*Nipponite pipe

## **OPERATIONS & FIELD SERVICES**

### ***January***

- Water Quality Call/Incident for January – received one discolored water call. The call was related to a system shutdown and was resolved with flushing.
- Inspected and tested five new backflow devices that were integrated into the District’s cross-connection control program.
- Submitted preliminary lead service line field verification plan to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); the preliminary plan was approved.
- Drained, inspected, cleaned and returned Pechstein Reservoir to service
- Completed repairs to Twin Oaks siphon.

- Completed mainline replacement of non-Nipponite AC pipe on Watson Way – installed approximately 400’ of 8-inch PVC pipe, 8 services and 1 hydrant lateral.
- Continued mainline replacement of Nipponite and non-Nipponite AC pipe on Camino Loma Verde and Grandview Road – install approximately 1,850’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 19 services and 2 hydrant laterals. Approximately 75% complete.
- Completed potholing (phase one) on Independence Way.

### **February**

- Submit final lead service line field verification plan to the SWRCB and begin field survey pilot.
- Continue mainline replacement of Nipponite and non-Nipponite AC pipe on Camino Loma Verde and Grandview Road – install approximately 1,850’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 19 services and 2 hydrant laterals.
- Begin mainline replacement of steel and non-Nipponite AC pipe on Independence Way – install approximately 6,100’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 84 services and 10 hydrant laterals.

### **Electrical Energy Use at VID Headquarters**

**December 2023**

	<b>Current Month Production</b>	<b>Average of Last 12 Months</b>	<b>Total, Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Description</b>	(kWh)	(kWh)	(kWh)
Solar Production (\$0.19 per kWh)	14,650	18,250	78,890
Power purchased from Direct Energy (\$0.05 per kWh)	24,067	23,821	189,437
<b>TOTAL ELECTRICAL ENERGY USE</b>	<b>38,717</b>	<b>42,071</b>	<b>268,327</b>

### **WATER RESOURCES DIVISION**

#### **VID Water Production**

**December 2023**

	<b>Current Month Production</b>		<b>Average Production of Last 12 Months</b>		<b>Total, Fiscal Year-to- Date</b>
<b>Description</b>	(mgd)	(af)	(mgd)	(af)	(af)
<b>VID's EVWTP Water Production</b>					
Local Water	5.00	475.50	3.24	303.38	1,926.40
SDCWA Raw Water	7.00	665.90	8.51	795.66	5,623.70
<b>Subtotal (EVWTP Water Production)</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>1,141.40</b>	<b>11.75</b>	<b>1,099.04</b>	<b>7,550.10</b>
Oceanside Contract Water	0.16	14.80	0.86	79.01	607.50
SDCWA Treated Water	-0.67	-63.50	0.93	87.93	531.20
<b>TOTAL WATER PRODUCTION</b>	<b>11.49</b>	<b>1,092.70</b>	<b>13.54</b>	<b>1,265.97</b>	<b>8,688.80</b>

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

#### **Lake Henshaw**

Storage as of January 30, 2024:

21,955 af (42% of 51,832 af capacity)

Current releases:

0 cfs

Change in storage for month of December:	959 af (loss)
Total releases for month of December:	675 af
Fiscal year-to-date rain total:	10.45 inches (January 30, 2024)
Percent of yearly average rain:	44% (30-year average: 23.78 inches)
Percent of year-to-date average rain:	85% (30-year average through January: 12.27 in.)

### **Warner Ranch Wellfield**

Number of wells running in December:	0
Total production for month of December:	10 af
Average depth to water table (January):	72 ft (see attached historical water table chart)

### ***January***

- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
  - Performed sampling for HABs in Lake Henshaw on December 18, 2023 and January 2, 8, and 16, 2024. Microcystin and anatoxin-a concentrations were “non-detect” over this period.
  - Attended U.S. Environmental Protection Agency webinar on the development and application of HABs forecasting science.
  - Submitted an application to the San Diego County Water Authority requesting they apply on the District’s behalf to the Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan) for funding under its Future Supply Actions Funding Program for an oxygenation pilot project at Lake Henshaw. The funding program is competitive among Metropolitan’s member agencies; the maximum amount that the District could receive is \$500,000.
- Attended San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority Board meeting on January 13, 2023.

### ***February***

- Continue to monitor for HABs.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc., Activity Reports – November 2023
- VID's Warner Wellfield – Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production
- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Expenses related to HABs

## **ACHIEVEMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024**

- Completed mainline replacement of non-Nipponite AC pipe on Watson Way – installed approximately 400’ of 8-inch PVC pipe, 8 services and 1 hydrant lateral. (January 2024)
- Completed mainline replacement of non-Nipponite AC pipe on Cabrillo Circle – installed approximately 150’ 4-inch PVC pipe and five services (December 2023).
- Completed mainline replacement of Nipponite pipe on Olive Avenue – installed approximately 2,000’ of various sizes of PVC pipe, 38 services and 3 hydrant laterals (December 2023).
- Completed report related to implementing alternatives for the long-term management and mitigation of harmful algal blooms in Lake Henshaw (December 2023).
- Recognized at Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Board meeting; Risk Control Grant project (flow control facility solar panel project) and H.R. LaBounty Safety Award winning submittal (valve maintenance truck flatbed build) highlighted during presentations. Received ACWA JPIA President’s Special Recognition Workers’ Compensation Program award (November 2023).
- Hosted the WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Workshop (November 2023).
- Received proclamations from Congressman Mike Levin, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors and City of Vista and resolutions from Senator Catherine Blakespear and Assemblywoman Laurie

Davies and the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians recognizing and congratulating the District on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (September 2023).

- Received a gift from the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority in honor of the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (September 2023).
- Held the District's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event (September 2023).
- Completed mainline replacement of steel and AC pipe on East Taylor Street and Airborne Drive – installed approximately 1,400' of various-size PVC pipe, 10 services and 1 hydrant lateral (August 2023).
- Reduced Workers' Compensation experience modifier from 1.19 to 0.69, resulting in an annual premium savings of \$76,000 (August 2023).
- Received a proclamation from the San Diego County Water Authority and resolution from the Olivenhain Municipal Water District recognizing and congratulating the District on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (August 2023).
- Received a resolution from the Santa Fe Irrigation District recognizing and congratulating the District on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (July 2023).
- Received Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022 (July 2023).
- Received Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority 2023 Wellness Grant (July 2023).

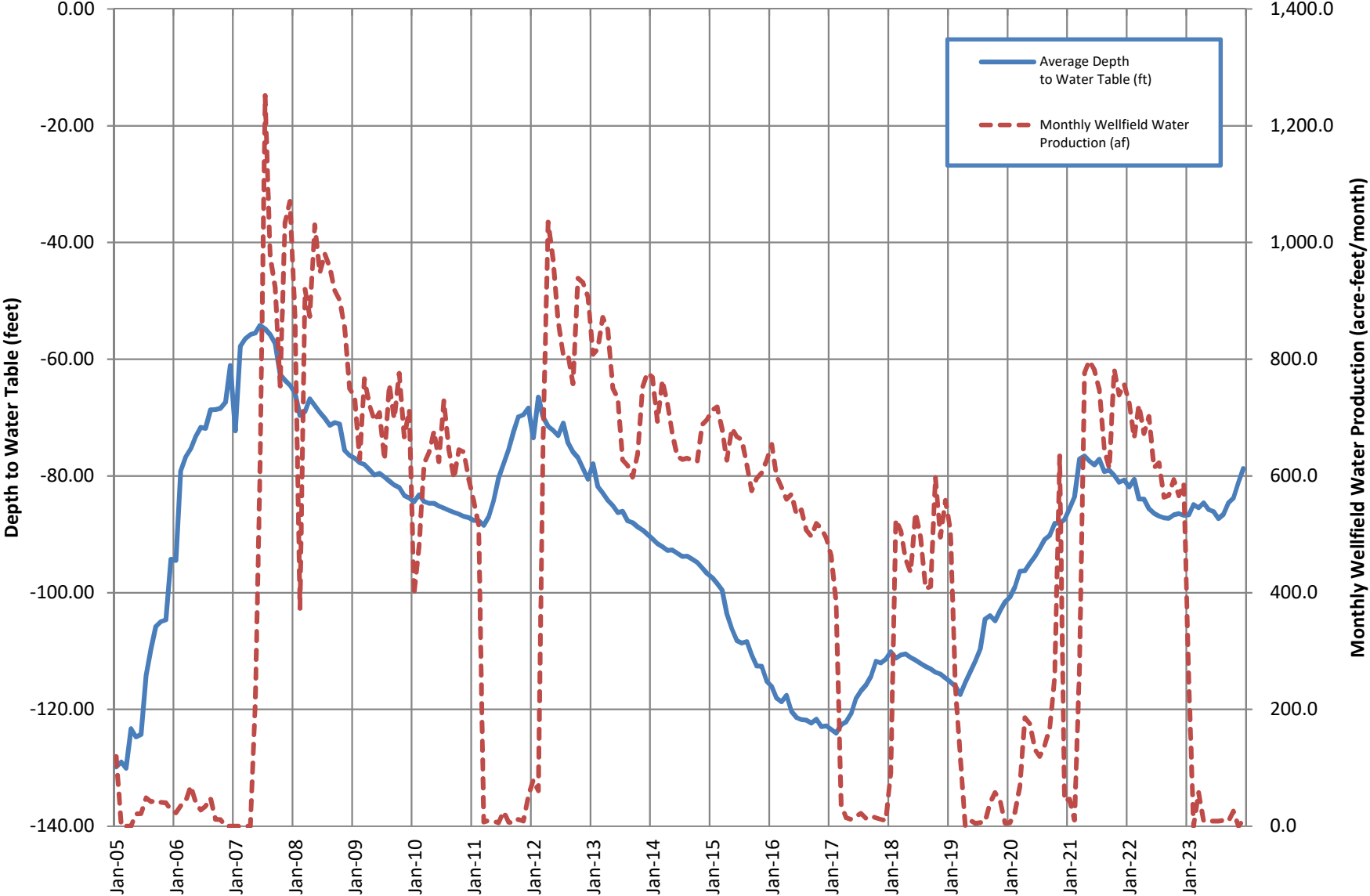


**LAKE HENSHAW RESORT, INC.  
ACTIVITY REPORT  
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

	2022 Nov	2022 Dec	2023 Jan	2023 Feb	2023 Mar	2023 Apr	2023 May	2023 Jun	2023 Jul	2023 Aug	2023 Sep	2023 Oct	2023 Nov	12 MO AVG
Fishing Permits	170	73	63	144	166	451	635	1,019	671	441	562	379	262	406
Boat Launches	6	2	2	0	2	24	44	48	37	26	31	15	12	20
Motor Boats (full day rental)	10	8	7	3	0	22	35	43	31	30	29	14	15	20
Motor Boats (half day rental)	2	0	0	0	0	3	8	3	26	9	11	3	1	5
Campground/Head Count	145	86	80	59	868	579	2,157	820	1,318	453	1,002	581	112	676
Campground/Cars, Trucks, etc.	55	40	30	44	51	186	732	268	416	244	426	204	50	224
Campground/Recreational Vehicles	13	3	10	12	7	22	6	0	16	0	1	31	0	9
Mobile Home/Spaces	72	73	70	70	70	70	70	71	72	72	72	71	76	71
M.H.P. (Residents/Head Count)	98	99	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	100	108	101
Storage	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Cabins	148	162	78	81	180	210	187	51	215	130	235	152	96	148
Hunters	32	142	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24

VID's Warner Wellfield

Water Table Depth vs. Monthly Wellfield Production



**FY 2024 Budget and Expenses related to HABs**

as of 01/30/2024

Description	Amount
<b>Water Quality Testing Services &amp; Supplies</b>	
Cyanotoxin/Cyanobacteria Testing - Bend Genetics	\$ 74,262
Other Lab Testing	\$ 38,239
Sample bottles, misc. supplies & equipment	\$ 1,112
Shipping	\$ 12,799
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$ 126,412
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$ 63,205.99
VID FY 2024 Budget	\$ 64,700
Percent of VID Budget	98%

**Water Treatment Services & Supplies**

Copper algaecide purchase	\$ 116,557
Copper algaecide application	\$ 23,750
Peroxide algaecide purchase	\$ 393,331
Peroxide algaecide application	\$ 89,810
Lanthanum-modified clay purchase	\$ 634,432
Lanthanum-modified clay application	\$ 49,900
Subtotal, approx. total expenses	\$ 1,307,780
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$ 653,890
VID FY 2024 Budget	\$ 1,201,598
Percent of VID Budget	54%

**HABs Consultants**

	\$ 97,077
VID Portion of approximate expenses	\$ 48,539
VID FY 2024 Budget	\$ 105,000
Percent of VID Budget	46%

**Total VID Expenses, FY 2024 to date** **\$ 765,635**



## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 9

Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024  
Prepared By: Susan Montgomery  
Reviewed By: Shallako Goodrick  
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: Informational report concerning the investments of the District.

SUMMARY: Attached for review by the Board of Directors is the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023. The report is formatted to provide information as required by the California Government Code and the Vista Irrigation District Investment Policy. The Treasurer's Report contains both an investment summary and a detailed security listing. Also attached is a five-year cash flow forecast, which indicates the District's investments are sufficiently liquid to meet anticipated cash flow needs.

DETAILED REPORT: Activity for the quarter included deposits and withdrawals from the District's cash and cash equivalent accounts: checking, California Asset Management Program (CAMP), and Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). During the quarter, \$4.0 million of Treasury bills matured and \$3.4 million of new Treasury bills were purchased.

As of December 31, 2023, the net unrealized gain on the portfolio was as follows:

	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Treasury Bills	\$ 262,721
LAIF	(73,295)
Net Unrealized Loss	<u>\$ 189,426</u>

All investment transactions have been made in accordance with the District's Investment Policy.

The following is a five-year summary of the District's investment portfolio:

	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/23</u>
Total Portfolio	\$51,136,758	\$50,218,039	\$53,795,220	\$47,988,685	\$36,553,263
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$298,243	\$99,413	\$(48,925)	\$(159,506)	\$189,426
Weighted Average Maturity	65 Days	77 Days	71 Days	66 Days	59 Days
Portfolio Interest Rate	1.95%	0.34%	0.13%	3.13%	4.71%

ATTACHMENTS:

- Treasurer's Report
- Securities Detail
- Cash Flow Projection

**Vista Irrigation District  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
December 31, 2023**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Maturity Value</b>	<b>Percentage Permitted by Board Policy</b>	<b>Actual Percentage</b>	<b>Weighted Average Maturity (in Days)</b>	<b>Current Interest Rate</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>					
Checking/Petty Cash	\$ 1,408,206	n/a	3.8%	0	0.00%
California Asset Management Program	12,743,576	40%	34.9%	1	5.56%
Local Agency Investment Fund	11,351,481	40%	31.1%	1	3.96%
	<u>25,503,263</u>		<u>69.8%</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.54%</u>
<b>Securities</b>					
U.S. Treasury	11,050,000	100%	30.2%	193	5.11%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<u><u>\$ 36,553,263</u></u>		<u><u>100.0%</u></u>	<u><u>59</u></u>	<u><u>4.71%</u></u>

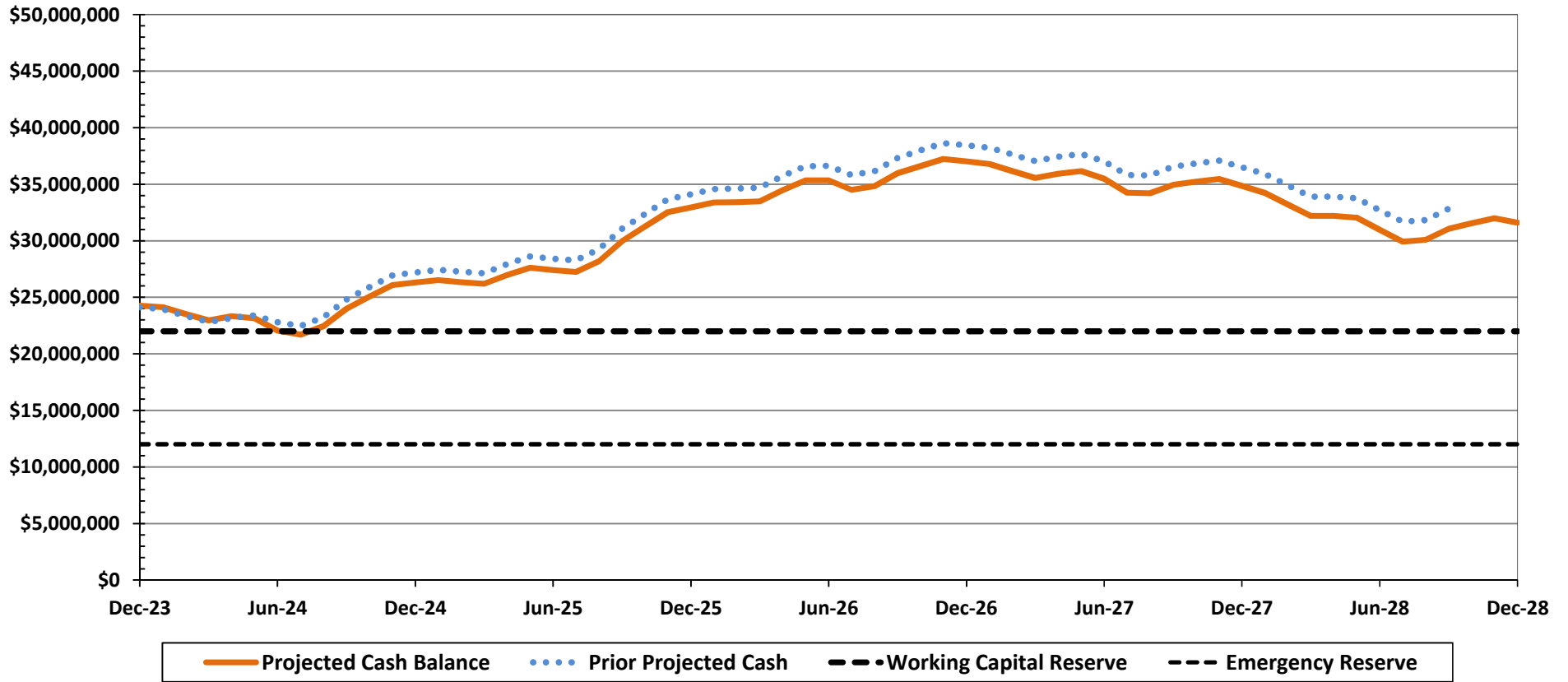
**Notes:**

- ◆ This report excludes accrued interest and employee flexible spending accounts.
- ◆ California Asset Management Program (CAMP) is a California Joint Powers Authority (JPA) established to provide California public agencies with professional investment services. The CAMP pool is a permitted investment for all local agencies under California Government Code Section 53601(p). The market valuation is provided by PFM Asset Management LLC.
- ◆ Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) is a pool of funds invested for California governmental agencies and is managed by the State Treasurer's Office of the State of California. The market valuation is provided by the State Treasurer's Office.
- ◆ The above portfolio is in full compliance with the District's Investment Policy.
- ◆ The District's investment portfolio is adequate to meet the District's cash flow requirements for the next six months.

**Vista Irrigation District**  
**SECURITIES DETAIL**  
**December 31, 2023**

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Days to Maturity</b>	<b>Maturity Value</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Gain</b>
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	4.692%	01/25/24	25	\$ 850,000	\$ 811,583	\$ 846,933	\$ 35,350
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.046%	02/22/24	53	850,000	808,790	843,510	34,720
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	4.617%	03/21/24	81	850,000	812,270	840,204	27,934
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	4.770%	04/18/24	109	850,000	811,067	836,844	25,777
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	4.896%	05/16/24	137	850,000	810,079	833,697	23,618
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.208%	06/13/24	165	850,000	807,629	830,576	22,947
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.428%	07/11/24	193	850,000	805,911	828,840	22,929
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.351%	08/08/24	221	850,000	806,512	825,616	19,104
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.417%	09/05/24	249	850,000	805,996	822,514	16,518
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.488%	10/03/24	277	850,000	805,438	819,598	14,160
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.433%	10/31/24	305	850,000	805,868	817,129	11,261
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	5.214%	11/29/24	334	850,000	807,470	814,532	7,062
U.S. Treasury	Treasury Bill	4.841%	12/26/24	361	850,000	810,509	811,850	1,341
		<u>5.108%</u>		<u>193</u>	<u>\$ 11,050,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,509,122</u>	<u>\$ 10,771,843</u>	<u>\$ 262,721</u>

**Vista Irrigation District  
CASH FLOW PROJECTION  
through December 2028**



Emergency Reserve	\$12 million
Working Capital Reserve	\$10 million
Total Reserves	<u>\$22 million</u>



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

**SUBJECT:** CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

**RECOMMENDATION:** Nominate Board member Jo MacKenzie for election to the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Regular Special District Member position.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** At its January 8, 2020 meeting, the Board nominated Jo MacKenzie for election to the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Regular Special District Member position.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None by this action.

**SUMMARY:** Director MacKenzie's term as a regular special district member on LAFCO is due to expire in 2024; Director MacKenzie has indicated an interest in serving another term. LAFCO has issued a call for nominations for one regular special district member to serve on San Diego LAFCO. The term is four years and commences on May 6, 2024.

**DETAILED REPORT:** The deadline for nominations is February 26, 2024. After nominations are received, it is anticipated that a candidates' forum will be held in conjunction with the California Special Districts Association Quarterly Dinner. Election materials will be mailed out no later than March 1, 2024.

**ATTACHMENT:** January 24, 2024 letter from LAFCO regarding call for nominations.



# San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

January 24, 2024

TO: Independent Special Districts in San Diego County

FROM: Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Call for Nominations | Regular Special District Member Election on LAFCO**

This notice serves as a call for nominations pursuant to Government Code Section 56332(1) to solicit one regular special district member on the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The term is for four years and commences on May 6, 2024. The incumbent holder – Jo MacKenzie with Vista Irrigation District – is expected to seek nomination and run for a new term. Additional details follow.

- **Eligibility**

Candidates eligible for election must be members of the legislative body of an independent special district who reside within San Diego County but may not be members of the legislative body of a city or county.

- **Authorized Nominations**

State Law specifies only the presiding officer or their alternate as designated by the governing board must sign the nomination form. Attached is nomination form for the LAFCO regular special district member (**Attachment A**).

- **Submittal Process and Deadline**

Signed nominations and a limited **two-page** resume indicating the candidate's District and LAFCO experience must be returned to San Diego LAFCO **no later than Monday, February 26, 2024**. Nominations received after this date will be invalid. Nominations and resumes may be mailed to the San Diego LAFCO Office at 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 725, San Diego, CA 92103 or by email to [erica.sellen@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:erica.sellen@sdcounty.ca.gov), if necessary, include "**Special District Call for Nominations 2024**" and your "**District Name**" in the subject title, to meet the submission deadline, but the original form must be submitted.

### Administration

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City of Chula Vista

Stephen Whitburn, Vice Chair  
City of San Diego

Marni von Wilpert, Alt.  
City of San Diego

Jo MacKenzie  
Vista Irrigation

Barry Willis  
Alpine Fire Protection

David Drake, Alt.  
Rincon del Diablo

Vacant  
General Public

Harry Mathis, Alt.  
General Public

January 24, 2024

After nominations and resumes are received it is anticipated a candidate's forum will be held in conjunction with the California Special Districts Association quarterly meeting with confirmation being provided under separate/future cover. Election materials will be mailed out **no later than Friday, March 1, 2024** unless otherwise communicated by the LAFCO Executive Officer. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 321-3380 or by email at [erica.sellen@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:erica.sellen@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erica A. Sellen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica Sellen  
Commission Clerk

Attachment:

- A) Nomination form – LAFCO regular special district member

## ATTACHMENT A

### NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEMBER

The \_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a  
(Name of Independent Special District) (Name of Candidate)

Candidate for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission as a regular special district member with a term expiring in 2028.

As presiding officer or his/her delegated alternate as provided by the governing board, I hereby certify that:

- The nominee is a member of a legislative body of an independent special district who resides in San Diego County.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Presiding Officer Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

#### PLEASE ATTACH RESUME FOR NOMINEE

- Limit two-pages
- Must be submitted with Nomination Form



## STAFF REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** February 7, 2024  
**Prepared By:** Brett Hodgkiss

**SUBJECT:** ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES COMMITTEE NOMINATION

**RECOMMENDATION:** Nominate Board member Patrick Sanchez to the Association of California Water Agencies' Energy Committee for the 2024-2025 term.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:** On September 6, 2023, the following committee nominations were submitted by the Board to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for consideration for the 2024-2025 term:

- Director MacKenzie to Local Government and Membership committees
- Director Vásquez to Groundwater and Water Quality committees
- Director Miller to Energy Committee
- Director Sanchez to Federal Affairs Committee
- Director Kuchinsky to Business Development Committee
- Holly Roberson to Legal Affairs Committee

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Undetermined amount for expenses and per diem should Director Sanchez be appointed to the ACWA Energy Committee.

**SUMMARY:** In June 2023, ACWA solicited nominations for its committees for the 2024-2025 term. The Board submitted its nominations (as noted above) on September 6, 2023. Vista Irrigation District directors were appointed or reappointed to serve on ACWA Committees as follows: Director MacKenzie on the Membership and Local Government committees; Director Miller on the Energy Committee; Director Kuchinsky on the Business Development Committee; and President Vásquez on the Groundwater and Water Quality committees. Director Sanchez was placed on the waiting list for the Federal Affairs Committee.

Director Sanchez reached out to ACWA staff regarding committee appointments. ACWA staff let Director Sanchez know that he could submit a committee consideration form for an ACWA committee with an unlimited composition (see attached for Committee Composition table). At its January 17, 2024 meeting, Director Sanchez requested that the Board place an item on an upcoming agenda to consider his nomination to the ACWA Energy Committee (which has an unlimited composition); the Board directed staff place an item to consider the nomination on an upcoming agenda.

**DETAILED REPORT:** In submitting names for consideration, ACWA has requested that nominees understand the time commitment and expertise needed to meet assigned committee responsibilities; the ACWA Energy Committee meets four times a year. As noted above, Director Miller has been appointed to the ACWA Energy Committee; however, given Director Miller's commitments representing the District at the San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) and representing the Water Authority as a delegate on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors, his availability to attend additional meetings is limited. Director Miller has indicated a willingness to resign should the Board submit a nomination for Director Sanchez to serve on the ACWA Energy Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ACWA Committee Composition table
- ACWA Committee Consideration form

# COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Committee members are appointed for two-year terms that begin on Jan. 1 of even-numbered years. You can learn more about ACWA's 13 standing committees below. For more information and bylaws, visit [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com). If you have any questions, please contact Region and Member Engagement Specialist Ana Javid at [anaj@acwa.com](mailto:anaj@acwa.com).

Committee	Description	Composition	Meetings Per Year	Liaison
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee or other committees, as appropriate, regarding agricultural issues affecting the interests of ACWA and its members.</li> </ul>	Unlimited	4	<b>Stephen Pang</b> State Relations Advocate <a href="mailto:stephenp@acwa.com">stephenp@acwa.com</a>
Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops and recommends to the Board of Directors programs and activities to be provided or administered by the association that generate non-dues revenue and provide a service or benefit to association members.</li> </ul>	Unlimited	2	<b>Joseph Ramos</b> Business Development Representative <a href="mailto:josephr@acwa.com">josephr@acwa.com</a>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops and recommends to the Board of Directors and ACWA staff regarding communications and public affairs programs.</li> <li>Promotes sound public information and education programs and practices among member agencies.</li> <li>Prepares and distributes materials for use by member agencies in their local outreach efforts.</li> <li>Provides input and guidance to ACWA's Communications Department.</li> </ul>	Limited to 40	4	<b>Heather Engel</b> Director of Communications <a href="mailto:heathere@acwa.com">heathere@acwa.com</a>
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommends policies and programs to the Board of Directors, the State Legislative Committee and the Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate.</li> </ul>	Unlimited	4	<b>Nick Blair</b> State Relations Advocate <a href="mailto:nickb@acwa.com">nickb@acwa.com</a>
Federal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinates with other ACWA committees regarding input on federal issues before both Congress and the federal administrative branches.</li> </ul>	Limited to 5 per Region	4	<b>David Reynolds</b> Director of Federal Relations <a href="mailto:davidr@acwa.com">davidr@acwa.com</a>
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding annual budgets, investment strategies, annual audits and auditor selection, dues formula and schedule, and other financial matters.</li> </ul>	Limited to 2 per Region (1 Region Chair/ Vice Chair and 1 with financial experience)	4 - 5	<b>Dan Gumpert</b> Controller <a href="mailto:dang@acwa.com">dang@acwa.com</a>
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on groundwater policy issues.</li> <li>Monitors state and federal regulations and legislation affecting the quality and management of groundwater.</li> <li>Conducts studies and gathers data on groundwater issues.</li> <li>Develops policies regarding groundwater management.</li> <li>Coordinates with other committees on groundwater issues.</li> </ul>	Unlimited	4	<b>Soren Nelson</b> State Relations Advocate <a href="mailto:sorenn@acwa.com">sorenn@acwa.com</a>

Committee	Description	Composition	Meetings Per Year	Liaison
Legal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acts on requests for assistance on legal matters of significance to ACWA member agencies.</li> <li>Reviews proposed ACWA bylaw revisions and works with staff to produce publications to assist member agencies in complying with state and federal laws.</li> <li>Files amicus curiae filing on important cases, comments on proposed regulations and guidelines of state agencies such as the Fair Political Practices Commission and monitors and engages in water rights matters of interest to member agencies.</li> </ul>	Limited to 45	2 - 3	<b>Kris Anderson</b> State Relations Advocate <a href="mailto:krisa@acwa.com">krisa@acwa.com</a>
Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors and the State Legislative Committee on local government matters affecting water agencies, including planning issues, local government organization, and finance.</li> <li>Gathers and disseminates information on the value of special districts, and shares information promoting excellence in local government service delivery.</li> </ul>	Limited to 3 per Region	2	<b>Julia Hall</b> Legislative Relations Manager <a href="mailto:juliah@acwa.com">juliah@acwa.com</a>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding membership policies, eligibility and applications for membership.</li> <li>Assists staff in developing membership recruitment and retention programs and reviews and makes recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding an equitable dues structure.</li> </ul>	Unlimited	2	<b>Katie Dahl</b> Member Services Manager <a href="mailto:katied@acwa.com">katied@acwa.com</a>
State Legislative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviews relevant introduced and amended legislation, and develops positions and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors on ballot measures and other major statewide policy issues.</li> <li>Works with staff amendments to bills and provides direction for staff on legislative matters.</li> </ul>	Limited to 4 per Region	10 - 12	<b>Adam Quiñonez</b> Director of State Relations <a href="mailto:adamq@acwa.com">adamq@acwa.com</a>
Water Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on policy and programs related to water management.</li> <li>Reviews and recommends positions on legislation and regulations as requested by other committees.</li> <li>Assists in gathering and disseminating information regarding agricultural and urban water management, water conservation and water use efficiency, development and use of water resources, wastewater treatment and water recycling and reuse.</li> </ul>	Limited to 4 per Region	4	<b>Chelsea Haines</b> Regulatory Relations Manager <a href="mailto:chelseah@acwa.com">chelseah@acwa.com</a>
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes recommendations to the Board of Directors, the State Legislative Committee and the Federal Affairs Committee on policy and programs regarding water quality issues.</li> <li>Promotes cost-effective state and federal water quality regulations and provides a forum for members to work together to develop and present unified comments on water quality regulations.</li> <li>Develops and recommends positions and testimony on water quality regulatory issues.</li> </ul>	Unlimited	4	<b>Nick Blair</b> State Relations Advocate <a href="mailto:nickb@acwa.com">nickb@acwa.com</a>

TO GET INVOLVED, SUBMIT YOUR CONSIDERATION FORM NOW!



# COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Agency Name (DO NOT use acronyms or abbreviations)		ACWA Region #
Agency Address	City, State & Zip	Phone

**BELOW PLEASE LIST ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN BEING ON ACWA COMMITTEES FOR YOUR AGENCY.  
FOR ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE FILL OUT ANOTHER FORM.**

*\*If an individual is not an agency employee or director, please indicate company affiliation.*

Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice
Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice
Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice
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Name	Title/Company*	Email Address
Committee 1st Choice	Committee 2nd Choice	Committee 3rd Choice

Signature (Agency/District General Manager or Board President signature required)	Title	Date
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## QUESTIONS?

Contact [acwacommittees@acwa.com](mailto:acwacommittees@acwa.com)  
or (916) 441-4545

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Sacramento, CA 95814  
[www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com)



## STAFF REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** February 7, 2024  
**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 January 18, 2023 meeting, the Board appointed Director Kuchinsky to participate on the nominating committee for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame. At its February 1, 2023 meeting, the Board nominated the first District Board of Directors to the Early Residents Division and former Director Paul Dorey to the Regular Division of the Vista 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 2023. The committee will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024 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.

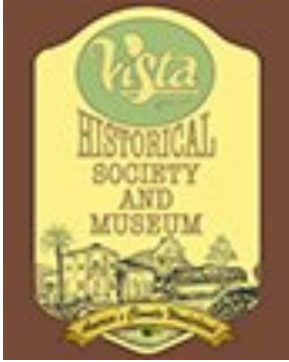
**DETAILED REPORT:** This year the Historical Society will honor Vistans from both the Regular and the Early Residents Divisions of the Vista Hall of Fame. The eligibility criteria for both Divisions include: 1) each nominee must have lived a minimum of 20 years in Vista, not necessarily consecutively (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 be either 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 16, 2024. 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, and Howard Williams. 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 16, 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Letter from Vista Historical Society and Museum
- Booklet of Hall of Fame members and qualifications



**VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM**  
**2317 Old Foothill Drive**  
**P.O. Box 1032**  
**Vista, CA 92085-1032**  
**Phone: 760-630-0444**  
**Email: [Vistahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:Vistahistorical@gmail.com)**

January 8, 2024

Brett Hodgkiss General Manager  
Vista Irrigation District  
1391 Engineer Road  
Vista, Ca 92081

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 Society 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 12, 2024 at The Vista Historical Museum:

2317 Old Foothill Dr.  
Vista, Ca 92084

If you can participate, please let us know by Friday February 16, 2024  
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 16, 2024 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  
Vista, CA 92085-1032

Thanking you in advance

Jack Larimer  
Director, Vista Historical Museum

The Vista Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization  
IRS number 95-3752966

# VISTA HALL OF FAME

1989-2023

THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VOLUME 1 OF 2

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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 90 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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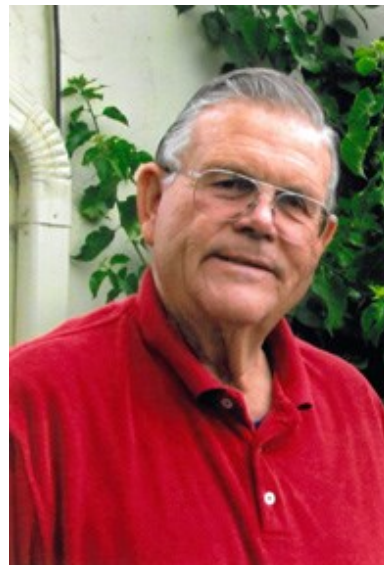
**Thomas J. Adams**  
**1891-1974**

**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**  
**1935-2020**

**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. Carol 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.

In the late 1920s, 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 the Vista Volunteer Fire Department shortly after arriving here. He held the office of president of the

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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

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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.



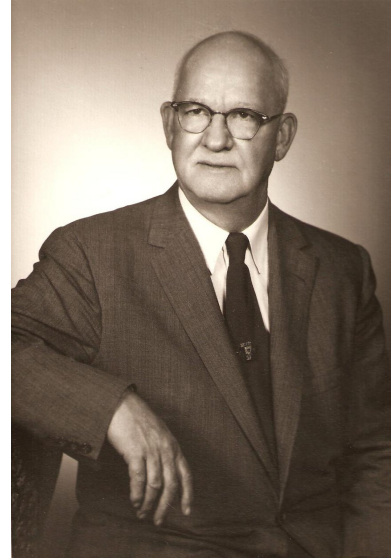
**Cathy Brendel  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2023**

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 Country 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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**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.

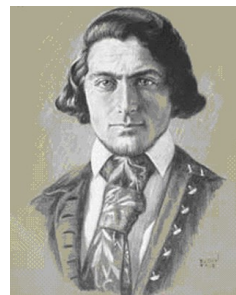
In 2011, Marjorie received the prestigious Na-

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.

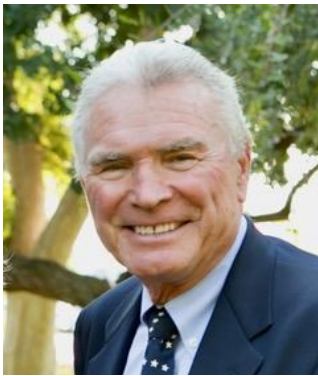
On April 5, 1851, he married Ysidora Bandini of San Diego. They had ten children. In October 1851, he resigned from the army and was

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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

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.



**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**

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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**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 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.



**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

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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.



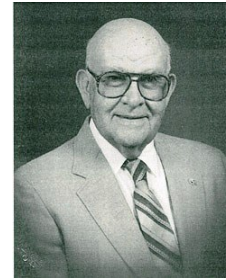
**Antonio "Tony" Duran**  
**1917-1982**

**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**

Very few people can say they know Vista as well as Diane and Paul Eckert know Vista.

Diane's parents, Robert and Myrna El-singer, 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

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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.

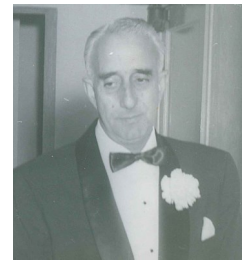
Paul negotiated with the City of Vista to get the Rancho Minerva house for the Historical Society and went

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 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 al-

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so 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."

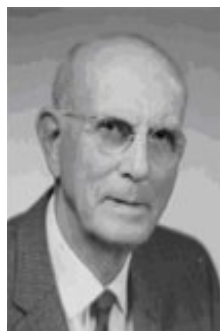
He had three children, Diane Eckert, Nanette Marvin, and Robert Elsinger.



**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.

They have run a successful business and raised their family here.



**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

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he applied for Frazier's Crossing as the name for the community. 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



**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.

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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?

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.

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.

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.

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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)

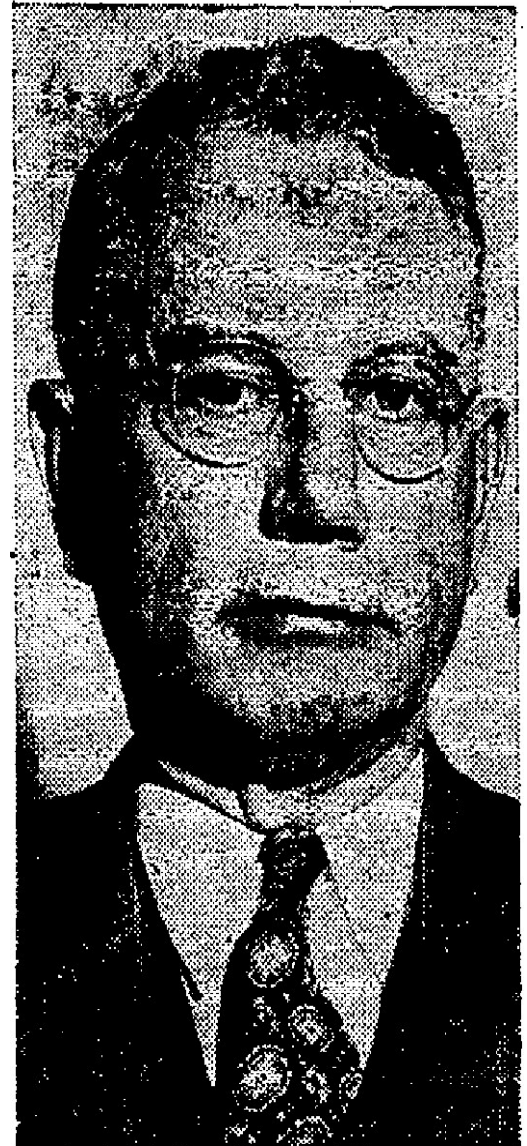
Norm continues to make a positive impact on Vista and what sets him apart, is his love for the city, knowledge of its history, engagement with it's present, and his shared vision for its future. Visitors meeting Norm always walk away knowing more about the city's many amenities and activities. Passionate 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



**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

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years. She was the Mayor of Vista in 1970 when Russell, Spike's son was born.

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 grape vineyards around Fresno and Delano. He, his wife Mildred and family came to Vista in 1927, where he first worked 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.

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In the late 1920s, Hausladen bought a mono-plane 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 the Vista Volunteer Fire Department shortly after arriving here. He held the office of president of the Rotary Club in 1951; 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 1958; and in February 1958 was named superintendent of the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. An 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 was 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 were 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

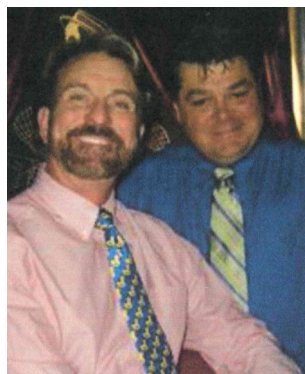
Company and a Western Association of Schools and Colleges evaluator.

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.

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**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.

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

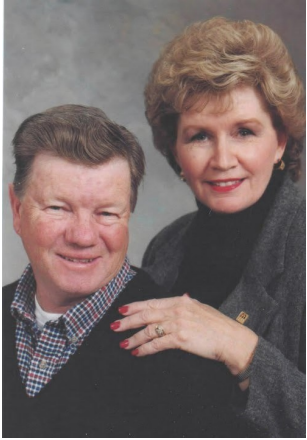
move the project forward and increase its visibility in the community and beyond. He does this with great energy, great cheerfulness, and committed professionalism. He is active in community service and is a 30 year member of the Amigos de Vista Lions Club. He is a member of Vista's youth Basketball 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

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**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**

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.



**Nicholas "Nick" Huntalas  
1884-1980  
Bessie Huntalas  
1896-1992  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Early Residents Division 2011**

Nick Huntalas emigrated from the village of Kadilla, 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 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,

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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 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 Foot-hill 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 col-

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lecting 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.



**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 Ordinance 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.

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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 Proposition 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 re-election 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.



**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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**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.

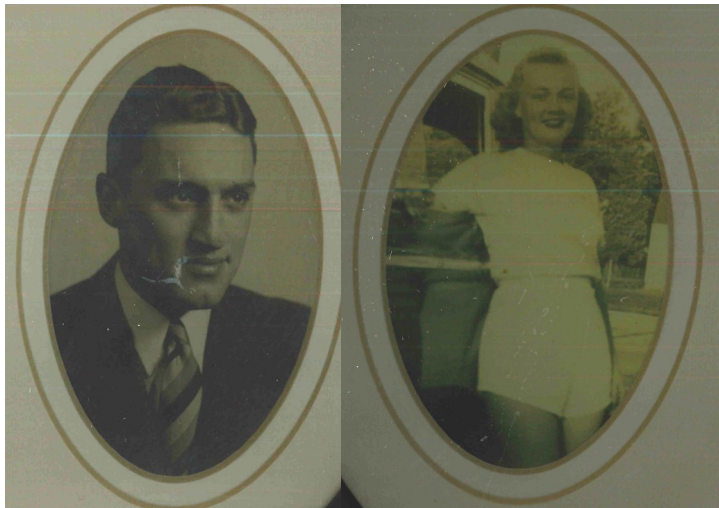
**KIDS, GARDENING, AND COMMUNITY:**

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.



**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

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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.

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 dentists 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 organization 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

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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 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.

In 1963 Dick had an opportunity to teach at Tufts Dental School and do graduate work in the area of prosthetics. After discussing the opportunity with Nancy, they decided to move back to Massachusetts taking the family with them.

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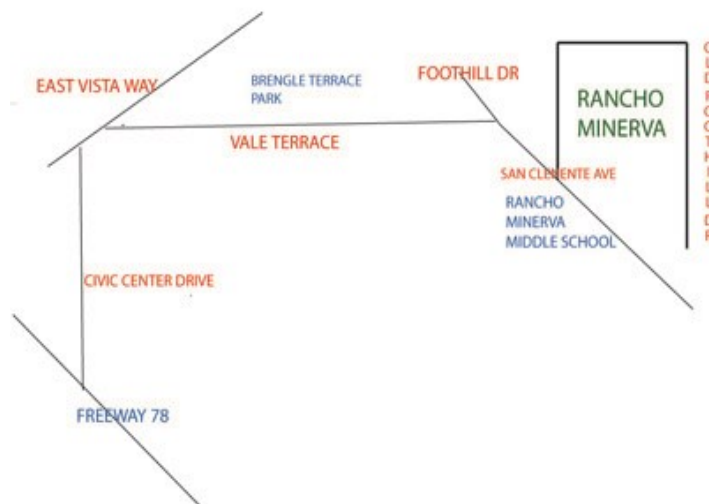
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MAP TO THE VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM  
AT RANCHO MINERVA



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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 90 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

## 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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**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 prepar-

ing 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.

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.

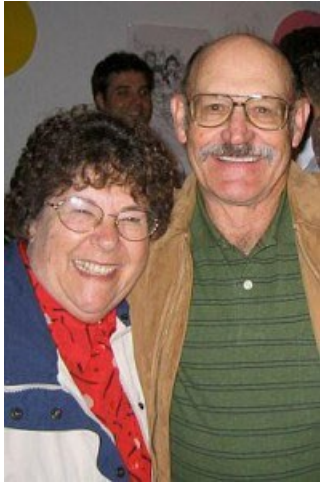
During this time, Jill joined the Palomar Riders with her Palomino horse named Pal. Adele volunteered for the Palomar Riders including pulling horse trailers to their events.

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.

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**Jim and Carlotta Malone  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2020**

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.

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



**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

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**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 Buena 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.

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

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**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.

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**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 received 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.

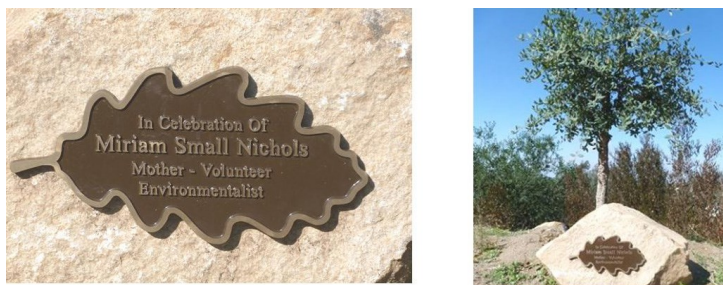
During November 1991 Miriam presented her recycling program to delegates from 70 nations attending the Global Assembly of Women and the Environment: Partners in Life, sponsored by the United Nations Environmental Program. Her presentation was titled: Woman's Club of Vista's Recycling and Hazardous Waste 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.

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**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 damper 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

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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.



**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

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.



**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 Rapaport.

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 en-

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trance. He attends the 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 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 the C.S. Lewis adage, "You're never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream".



**Mary Regan  
Elected to Vista Hall of Fame  
Regular Division 2020**



**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 belongs 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.

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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.

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.



**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

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.



**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 Vista 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 long-time 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.

He flew helicopters, transitioned into OV10S and served as commanding officer of the squadron until he was transferred to CINPAC West in Hawaii.

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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 Bingle 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 Villaseñor-Telles Elected to the Vista Hall of Fame Regular Division 2016**

Velia Villaseñor-Telles 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 Villaseñor, 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**

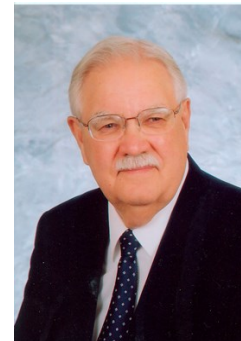
First Board of Directors, Vista Irrigation District  
George S. Henry, Jules J. Delpy, F.J. "Jack"  
Knight, Harry S. Merriam and Chester D. Gunn

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.

The individuals serving as the first VID Board of Directors knew the important role that water would play in not only the growth of farms and orchards but also the community of Vista itself, and they worked tirelessly to secure a local water source and establish a system to deliver the water to Vista. The mission of George S. Henry, Jules J. Delpy, F.J. "Jack" Knight, Harry S. Merriam and Chester D. Gunn was to secure and deliver a reliable supply of water to the Vista community; this mission continues today and is being carried out today by the current Board of Directors



### **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.

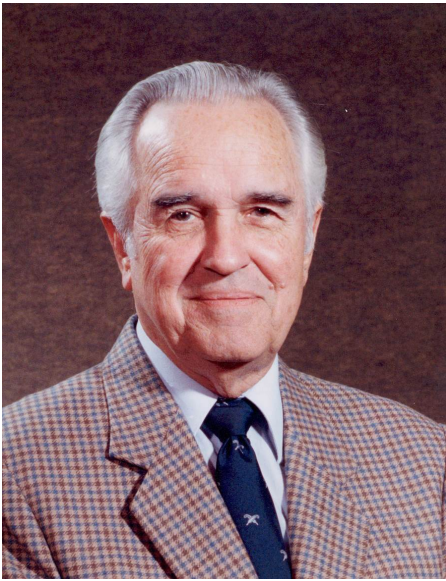
He opened his eye clinic in Toluca Lake, California, where he practiced for over thirty years. He was on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank and was the first eye surgeon in the San Fernando Valley.

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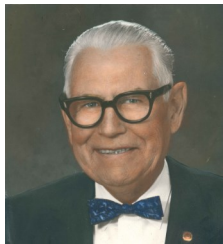
### **Oliver Kenneth "Bub" Williamson 1907-1985**

#### **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

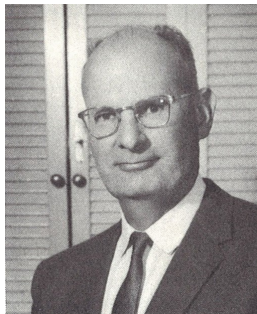
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development of the amazing multiplex sports park off Bobier Drive. When Vista High School football wanted to get game film he facilitated a lift for the end zone. When they desperately needed a new field he reached out to NFL alumni to donate towards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

### **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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Vista 1953 looking south from The Circle

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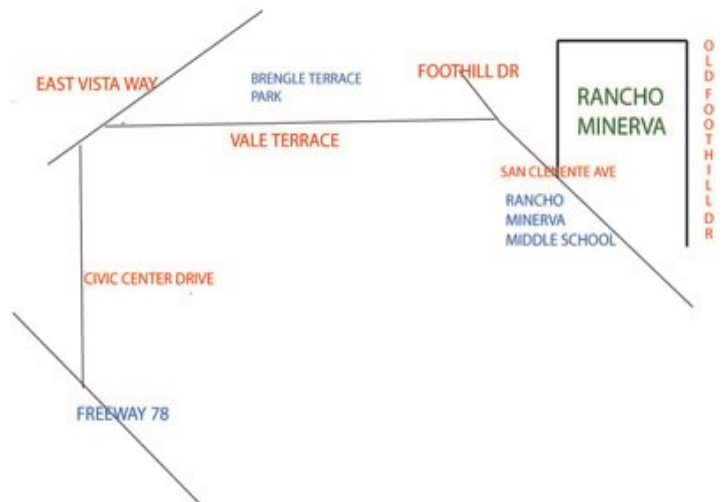
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The hours of the Museum at Rancho Minerva are 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and the first and second Saturday of the month. Special tours can be arranged for other times. Also, programs are available for presentation on request for 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: 13**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**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 OF SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JANUARY 11, 2024**

1. Draft Proposed 2024 Legislative Policy Guidelines.  
The Board adopted the 2024 Legislative Policy Guidelines, with the removal of Item 7 under Colorado River, Imported Water.

## **SUMMARY OF FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JANUARY 25, 2024**

1. Professional services contract for Capital Improvement Program outreach services, as-needed.  
The Board awarded an as-needed professional services contract, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Counsel or General Manager, to provide as-needed outreach support for Board-approved Capital Improvement Program projects for a period of one year, with options to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year periods to Katz & Associates, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the contract.
2. Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.  
The Board noted and filed the Treasurer's report.
3. Vote Entitlement Resolution for Calendar Year 2024 (Amended).  
The Board adopted Resolution 2024-01 establishing the vote and representative entitlements of each member agency effective January 1, 2024.
4. Professional services contracts for construction cost estimating and constructability review services, as-needed.  
The Board awarded professional services contracts, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to Leland Saylor & Associates, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 and Butier Engineering, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000, for construction cost estimating and constructability review services, as-needed, for a period of four years, with the option to extend one year, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the contracts.
5. Amendment with Black & Veatch Corporation for San Vicente Energy Storage Facility Owners' Representative Professional Services.  
The Board approved Amendment 10, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to the professional services contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for San Vicente Energy Storage Facility Owners' Representative professional services for a period of 24 months in the amount of \$2,400,000, increasing the contract amount from \$2,322,000 to \$4,722,000, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the amendment.



6. Professional Services Contract with Hazen and Sawyer for the Long-Range Demand Forecast Update Project.  
The Board awarded a professional services contract, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, with Hazen and Sawyer for a not-to-exceed amount of \$592,123, for the Long-Range Demand Forecast Update Project, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the contract.
7. Professional services contract amendment with AECOM associated with ongoing environmental consulting services for the proposed San Vicente Energy Storage Facility Project.  
The Board approved Amendment No. 4, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Counsel or General Manager, to the professional services agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) increasing the total contract funding by \$638,362, from \$4,603,578 (former maximum) to \$5,241,940 (new maximum), and extending the contract duration by two years, from February 28, 2027, to February 28, 2029, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the amendment.
8. Retirement of Director.  
The Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-02 honoring Tom Kennedy upon his retirement from the Board of Directors.
9. Approval of Minutes.  
The Board approved the minutes of the Formal Board of Directors' meeting of November 16, 2023.



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**Agenda Item: 14.A**

**Board Meeting Date:** February 7, 2024  
**Prepared By:** Ramae Ogilvie  
**Approved By:** Brett Hodgkiss

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: 14.B

Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024  
 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.

	SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS	ATTENDEES
1 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Feb. 1, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
2 *	<b>CSDA Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Feb. 15, 2024; 6:00 p.m.; The Butcher Shop, Kearny Mesa</i> <i>Reservation deadline: February 8, 2024</i>	MacKenzie (R)
3	<b>Urban Water Institute's Spring Water Conference</b> <i>Feb. 21-23, 2024; Palm Springs Hilton</i> <i>Early Bird Registration deadline: Closed; Cancellation deadline: 1/21/24</i>	Vásquez (R, H)
4	<b>Groundwater Resources Association: The Future of Water</b> <i>Feb. 23, 2024; Sacramento, CA</i> <i>Early Bird Registration deadline: 2/7/24; Cancellation deadline: 1/23/24</i>	
5 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Mar. 7, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
6 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Apr. 4, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
7	<b>ACWA Symposium</b> <i>Apr. 10, 2024; SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Sacramento</i> <i>Early Bird Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	MacKenzie
8	<b>Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting</b> <i>Apr. 19, 2024; Noon-2:00 p.m.; Wilson Creek Winery, Temecula</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i>	
9 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>May 2, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
10	<b>Hoover Dam Tour (MWD)</b> <i>May 2-4, 2024; Registration deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky
11	<b>ACWA Spring Conference</b> <i>May 7-9, 2024; Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: April 19, 2024; Cancellation deadline: April 19, 2024</i>	MacKenzie (R) (H) Sanchez (R) (H) Kuchinsky (R) (H)
12	<b>Special Districts Legislative Days (CSDA)</b> <i>May 21-22, 2024; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel; Sacramento</i> <i>Early Bird Registration deadline: April 24, 2024; Cancellation deadline, April 24, 2024</i>	MacKenzie (R)
13 *	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Jun. 6, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
14	<b>Diamond Valley Lake Tour (MWD, Hosted by Director Miller)</b> <i>June 7, 2024; Diamond Valley Lake (1-day tour)</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky MacKenzie

	<b>SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
<b>15 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Jul. 4, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>16 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Aug. 1, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>17 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Sept. 5, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>18</b>	<b>CSDA Annual Conference</b> <i>Sept. 9-12, 2024; Indian Wells</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>19 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Oct. 3, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>20</b>	<b>Western Groundwater Congress: A Sustainable Adventure</b> (Groundwater Resources Association of California) <i>Oct. 7-9, 2024; Tahoe</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>21 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Nov. 7, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>22</b>	<b>ACWA Fall Conference</b> <i>Dec. 3-5, 2024; Palm Desert</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation deadline: TBD</i>	
<b>23 *</b>	<b>Vista Chamber Government Affairs</b> <i>Dec. 5, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i>	Kuchinsky ◇
<b>24</b>	<b>Colorado River Water Users Association Conference</b> <i>Dec. 4-6, 2024; Paris Hotel, Las Vegas</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD; Cancellation 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

**Agenda Item: 15**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**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:*

- H.R. La Bounty Award recipients recognition (February)
- Vista Flume Replacement Alignment Study Workshop (March 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM)
- Board of Directors' Compensation
- Leak Adjustment Policy
- Communication and Engagement Plan



## STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item: 16**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Ramae 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.



## STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item: 17**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

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



## STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item: 18**

**Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2024**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

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

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OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT


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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO )

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Ramae A. Ogilvie, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vista Irrigation District

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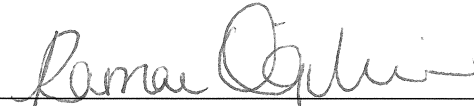
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