

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

March 20, 2024

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, March 20, 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, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

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; Mark Meza, Construction Supervisor; and Lee Hodges, Senior Construction Worker. General Counsel Elizabeth Mitchell of Burke, Williams & Sorensen was also present.

Other attendees: Family members of retiring employee Mark Meza; LaVonne Peck, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| 24-03-37 | <i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), 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

Director of Operations and Field Services Frank Wolinski provided clarification regarding a specific line item in Consent Calendar Item 6.B, Resolution ratifying check disbursements.

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| 24-03-38 | <i>Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director MacKenzie and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 2024-12 approving disbursements.</i> |
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A. Minutes of Board of Directors meeting on March 6, 2024

The minutes of March 6, 2024 were approved as presented.

B. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 74269 through 74352 drawn on US Bank totaling \$798,877.89.

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 20th day of March 2024.

7. RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE MARK MEZA

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Wolinski spoke about retiring Vista Irrigation District employee Mark Meza stating that he will retire on March 22, 2024 with 20 years of exemplary service to the District. He said that Mr. Meza replaced over 10 miles of mainline during his career and his knowledge and skill in pre-construction planning, mainline installation techniques and field engineering led to the development of improved District standards and efficiencies. As a supervisor, he valued hard work and dedication and strived to develop and refine a highly capable and motivated crew. Mr. Wolinski thanked Mr. Meza for his service, as did the Board and General Manager Brett Hodgkiss, and congratulated him on his impending retirement.

24-03-39 *Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2024-13 honoring Mark Meza for 20 years of service to the District and its customers by the following roll call vote:*

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

Resolution No. 2024-13 is on file in the official Resolution book of the District.

At this time a break was taken from 9:25 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

8. WARNER RANCH WORKING GROUP

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss stated that on February 7, 2024 the Board received a presentation from representatives of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority on Warner Ranch and Warner Basin which

concluded with the request that the Board consider forming a working group to explore opportunities for a stewardship on Warner Ranch. He said that should the Board choose to move forward with a working group, an ad hoc committee would need to be appointed to represent the District on the working group. Mr. Hodgkiss noted that the City of Escondido is willing to participate on the working group. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

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| 24-03-40 | <i>Upon motion by Director Kuchinsky, seconded by Director Sanchez and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors agreed to create a working group comprised of representatives from Vista Irrigation District, City of Escondido and San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority to explore stewardship opportunities on the Warner Ranch and selected Directors Miller and MacKenzie to serve on the ad hoc committee to represent the Vista Irrigation District on the working group.</i> |
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9. LAKE HENSHAW/WARNER RANCH INSPECTION TOUR

See staff report attached hereto.

The Board scheduled the Lake Henshaw/Warner Ranch Inspection Tour for Monday, June 17, 2024.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss said that 2015 was the last time the Board increased its compensation (per diem); Board compensation is currently \$200 per meeting. He stated the Board could approve an increase of up to five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment; the maximum per diem allowable would be \$290 per meeting. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that if the Board chooses to consider increasing its compensation that a public hearing on the matter would need to be held. The Board discussed that it had not increased its compensation in nine years, creating the opportunity for a future Board to increase its compensation to a level that may be at the maximum permitted by statute. It was acknowledged that even a nominal increase would serve to “reset the clock” and lessen the possibility of a large increase in the future.

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| 24-03-41 | <i>Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Sanchez and carried (4 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, and MacKenzie; 1 no: Vásquez), the Board of Directors approved calling for a public hearing to receive comments on a revision to the District ordinance to set compensation for the Board of Directors at \$210.</i> |
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11. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

See staff report attached hereto.

Director Miller reported that the next San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) Board of Directors meeting will take place on March 28, 2024; the focus will be on water rates. He said that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is proposing water rate increases of 13% and 8% for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 and 12% and 8% for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, respectively. Director Miller stated that MWD is considering an adjustment to the ad valorem tax to increase revenue in order to offset some of the proposed water rate increases.

12. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

See staff report attached hereto.

Directors MacKenzie and Miller reported on their attendance at the Settlement Implementing Parties consultation meeting at the City of Escondido where they participated in discussions related to the Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) treatment schedule for Lake Henshaw.

Director Miller reported on his attendance at a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Advisory Committee meeting where the discussion focused on increasing committee member terms from two to four years. He reminded the Board of the upcoming Diamond Valley Lake tour on June 7, 2024.

Director Sanchez reported that he would be attending the Countywide Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board meeting in San Diego on March 21, 2024.

Director Kuchinsky reported on his attendance at the Vista Chamber Government Affairs meeting where he heard presentations on current and future development projects in Vista and the upcoming 2024 elections. He reported on his attendance at a meeting for the Vista Historical Society Hall of Fame (HOF) where it was announced that former Vista Irrigation District Board member Paul E. Dorey was elected to the 2024 HOF; the HOF induction lunch is to be held on May 18, 2024 at the Shadowridge Country Club in Vista. Director Kuchinsky said that he would be attending the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Business Development Committee on April 29, 2024 and informed the Board he would not be attending the 2024 Spring ACWA Conference in May as previously authorized, due to a scheduling conflict.

Director MacKenzie asked for authorization to attend the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HABs, Hypoxia, and Nutrients Research webinar on March 27, 2024 and the Council of Water Utilities (COWU) luncheon on April 16, 2024.

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| 24-03-42 | <i>Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Kuchinsky and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Kuchinsky, Sanchez, MacKenzie, and Vásquez), the Board of Directors authorized Director MacKenzie to attend the EPA HABs, Hypoxia and Nutrients Research webinar on March 27, 2024 and the COWU luncheon on April 16, 2024.</i> |
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13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES

See staff report attached hereto.

Mr. Hodgkiss informed that Board that the Lake Henshaw Resort item would be placed on the April 3, 2024 agenda.

14. COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

Director MacKenzie commented on four bills relating to housing development project fees and exactions.

Director Miller commented that he had been appointed as Chair of the Imported Water Committee and to the Board Governance Work Group for the Water Authority; he said that he was no longer on the Water Authority's Financial Stability Work Group.

Director Kuchinsky commended staff for the well-presented Vista Flume Replacement Alignment

Study workshop held on March 18, 2024 and said that the recently adopted Leak Adjustment Policy is well placed and easy to find on the District's website.

15. COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

Ms. Mitchell had no comments.

16. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Hodgkiss advised the Board there would be an opportunity, at the Board's pleasure, to present the adopted resolution congratulating Lakeside Water District (LWD) on its 100th Anniversary at its Anniversary event on August 10, 2024 or at one of LWD's regular board meetings. He commented on a memorandum provided to the Board regarding the District's annual water rate adjustment that will be effective July 1, 2024.

President Vásquez adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and immediately reopened the meeting at 11:13 a.m. to resume discussions. Mr. Hodgkiss clarified that the inflationary adjustment is only on the service charge and does not affect the commodity rate.

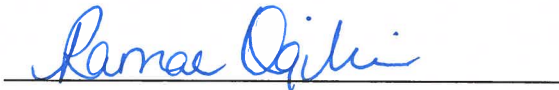
17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 11:14 a.m., President Vásquez adjourned the meeting.



Patrick H. Sanchez, First Vice President

ATTEST:



Ranae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Cash Disbursement Report

Payment Dates 2/22/2024 - 3/6/2024

| Payment Number | Payment Date | Vendor | Description | Amount |
|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 74269 | 02/28/2024 | Active Auto Collision | Body Damage Repair - Truck 33 | 3,472.67 |
| 74270 | 02/28/2024 | A-1 Irrigation, Inc | Utility Jugs, Check Valve | 148.85 |
| 74271 | 02/28/2024 | Airgas USA LLC | Welding Supplies | 249.44 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Weld Screen | 134.57 |
| 74272 | 02/28/2024 | Amazon Capital Services | E-Truck Cord Keepers (2) | 47.72 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Tire Tools | 196.52 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Microsoft Surface Pro | 1,493.84 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Office Supplies | 9.73 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Office Supplies | 6.47 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Surface Pro Accessories | 305.37 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Label Maker Tape | 10.71 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Carburetor for Generator - Truck 20 | 21.64 |
| 74273 | 02/28/2024 | Asbury Environmental Services | Disposal of Non-Metal Filters | 90.00 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Disposal of Metal Oil/Gas Filters | 55.00 |
| 74274 | 02/28/2024 | AT&T | 3680/CALNET 1/13/24 - 2/12/24 SIP Trunks | 503.51 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | 0230/CALNET 1/13/24 - 2/12/24 Teleconference | 22.10 |
| 74275 | 02/28/2024 | AT&T | Voice & Data Service | 1,184.16 |
| 74276 | 02/28/2024 | Branden O'Donnell | Reimburse - Supervisor Academy | 63.38 |
| 74277 | 02/28/2024 | Bryan and the Bee's | Live Bee Removal (1) | 192.50 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Live Bee Removal (1) | 192.50 |
| 74278 | 02/28/2024 | Cecilia's Safety Service Inc | Traffic Control - Tierra Del Cielo | 1,472.50 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Traffic Control - Casper Lane | 1,472.50 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Traffic Control - Independence Way & Warmlands Ave | 1,155.00 |
| 74279 | 02/28/2024 | CleanCapital HC4 Borrower LLC | Solar Energy 01/2024 | 3,118.14 |
| 74280 | 02/28/2024 | Complete Office of California, Inc | Custom Stamp | 34.06 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Office Supplies | 70.74 |
| 74281 | 02/28/2024 | CoreLogic Solutions Inc | Real Quest Online Services 01/2024 | 309.00 |
| 74282 | 02/28/2024 | Diamond Environmental Services | Portable Restroom Service | 135.08 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Portable Restroom Service | 84.23 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Portable Restroom Service | 108.01 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Portable Restroom Service | 100.57 |
| 74283 | 02/28/2024 | FedEx | Express Shipping | 27.75 |
| 74284 | 02/28/2024 | Ferguson Waterworks | 3/4" Gasket Meter / 1/8" Thick (240) | 90.93 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Fire Hydrant 6" Break Off Spool LB400 (2) | 568.31 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Clamp 1x3 Repair Full Circle Copper SS Romac SCC 1 (4) | 181.60 |

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|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 02/28/2024 | | Gate Valve 10" FL R/W (2) | 4,585.28 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Fire Hydrant "Out of Service" Bags (bags of 8) (6) | 297.47 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Keys for Locking Meter Box Lids (6) | 162.38 |
| 74285 | 02/28/2024 | Flyers Energy, LLC | Fuel | 195.79 |
| 74286 | 02/28/2024 | Grainger | Needle Valves (10) | 1,837.12 |
| 74287 | 02/28/2024 | Hawthorne Machinery Co | Lights - L7 | (613.29) |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Filters - B22 & L7 | 437.07 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Service Call/Repair - Henshaw B22 | 934.26 |
| 74288 | 02/28/2024 | Lanair Technology Group | SECURE Breach Prevention Platform - 100 Users | 180.00 |
| 74289 | 02/28/2024 | Lightning Messenger Express | Messenger Service 02/02/24 | 96.00 |
| 74290 | 02/28/2024 | NAPA Auto Parts | Filters (8) | 104.41 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Filters (2) | 64.01 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Filters (6) | 348.75 |
| 74291 | 02/28/2024 | North County Auto Parts | Engine Oil (48) | 259.28 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Running Lamp - Truck 40 | 10.16 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Long Hitch Pins (2) | 12.36 |
| 74292 | 02/28/2024 | North County Industrial Park | Association Fees 03/2024 | 1,028.22 |
| 74293 | 02/28/2024 | O'Reilly Auto Parts | Battery Warranty - Truck 39 | (188.94) |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Battery - Truck 17 | 194.51 |
| 74294 | 02/28/2024 | Pacific Pipeline Supply | Compression Angle Stops (5) | 768.84 |
| 74295 | 02/28/2024 | Pacific Safety Center | Safety Training | 595.00 |
| 74296 | 02/28/2024 | Ramona Disposal Service | Trash Service | 327.83 |
| 74297 | 02/28/2024 | Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC | Fuel 02/01/24 - 02/15/24 | 6,879.19 |
| 74298 | 02/28/2024 | Midas Service Experts | Tires (2) & Alignment - Truck 41 | 647.29 |
| 74299 | 02/28/2024 | UniFirst Corporation | Uniform Service | 262.03 |
| 74300 | 02/28/2024 | Valley CM, Inc | E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 01/2024 | 33,360.00 |
| 74301 | 02/28/2024 | Verizon Wireless | Air Cards (4) | 152.04 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Cell Phones 02/16/24 - 02/15/24 | 2,227.25 |
| 74302 | 02/28/2024 | Vista Printing | Letterhead & Envelopes | 1,470.27 |
| 74303 | 02/28/2024 | Vulcan Materials Company and Affiliates | Cold Mix | 3,119.49 |
| 74304 | 02/28/2024 | VWR International LLC | Graduated Cylinders | 251.07 |
| 74305 | 02/28/2024 | West Coast Civil, Inc | Independence Way LCC Bid Preparation (TO 24-02) | 840.00 |
| 74306 | 02/28/2024 | TS Industrial Supply | Chipping Gun Bits | 135.02 |
| | 02/28/2024 | | Carrying Harnesses (3) | 115.55 |
| 74307 - 74308 | 03/06/2024 | Refund Checks 74307 - 74308 | Customer Refunds | 7,803.72 |
| 74309 | 03/06/2024 | Amazon Capital Services | Lights - Truck 6 | 232.93 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Seat Covers - Truck 75 | 128.82 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Torque Wrench | 182.93 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Footwear Program | 232.68 |
| 74310 | 03/06/2024 | Bryan and the Bee's | Live Bee Removal (1) | 192.50 |

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| 74311 | 03/06/2024 | Christopher Craghead | Reimburse - Building Permit Fees | 458.98 |
| 74312 | 03/06/2024 | Civic Center Villas LLC | Refund Commercial Irrigation Conversion Fee | 2,364.00 |
| 74313 | 03/06/2024 | Akeso Occupational Health | DOT Physicals, Breath Test, Rapid DS | 295.00 |
| 74314 | 03/06/2024 | Complete Office of California, Inc | Office Supplies | 223.35 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Office Supplies | 11.89 |
| 74315 | 03/06/2024 | County of San Diego | Permit Fees 01/2024 - Watson Way | 944.50 |
| 74316 | 03/06/2024 | DIRECTV | Direct TV Service | 125.17 |
| 74317 | 03/06/2024 | Downtown Ford Sales | 2023 Ford F150 4x2 Super Cab Pickup | 40,744.95 |
| 74318 | 03/06/2024 | EDCO Waste & Recycling Services Inc | Trash Service 02/2024 | 463.30 |
| 74319 | 03/06/2024 | FedEx | Express Shipping | 29.34 |
| 74320 | 03/06/2024 | Ferguson Waterworks | Corp Stop 1" MIP X Flare (50) | 3,893.75 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Aquaphalt Asphalt Repair (36) | 2,279.75 |
| 74321 | 03/06/2024 | Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co (EyeMed) | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 35.12 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 26.34 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 22.54 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 16.38 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Cobra | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - Employees | 1,559.84 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - R Vasquez | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - M Miller | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - J MacKenzie | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - P Kuchinsky | 14.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Vision Insurance 03/2024 - P Sanchez | 14.24 |
| 74322 | 03/06/2024 | Gateway Pacific Contractors, Inc | E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 12/2023 | 222,356.95 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | E Reservoir Replacement & Pump Station 01/2024 | 171,455.72 |
| 74323 | 03/06/2024 | Hawthorne Machinery Co | Equipment Grease | 56.25 |
| 74324 | 03/06/2024 | Hello Deli | Lunch 02/29/24 (5) - Construction Supervisor Interviews | 85.25 |
| 74325 | 03/06/2024 | Insight Public Sector, Inc | Microsoft Surface Pro 9 LTE | 1,707.86 |
| 74326 | 03/06/2024 | J.D. Sales Company Inc | HVAC Replacement Parts | 1,121.07 |
| 74327 | 03/06/2024 | Joe's Paving | Patch Paving | 11,408.85 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Asphalt Repair - Watson Way | 28,438.90 |
| 74328 | 03/06/2024 | Jan-Pro of San Diego | Janitorial Service 02/2024 | 4,497.00 |
| 74329 | 03/06/2024 | Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard | Legal 01/2024 | 5,362.00 |
| 74330 | 03/06/2024 | Lawnmowers Plus Inc | Air Filter (1) | 32.31 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Air Filters (4) | 129.26 |
| 74331 | 03/06/2024 | Lightning Messenger Express | Messenger Service 02/16/24 | 96.00 |
| 74332 | 03/06/2024 | Makelele Systems Landscape & Maintenance, Inc | Landscape Service 02/2024 | 1,650.00 |

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| 74333 | 03/06/2024 | McMaster-Carr Supply Company | Claval O-Rings, Washers, Grease | 197.42 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Stainless Steel Anchors (2) | 126.58 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Hardware | 256.43 |
| 74334 | 03/06/2024 | Moodys | Dump Fees/Oversize (3) | 1,800.00 |
| 74335 | 03/06/2024 | NAPA Auto Parts | Filters (4) | 82.01 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Fuel Filter, Bulbs | 44.29 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Bulbs (10) | 18.94 |
| 74336 | 03/06/2024 | NHA Advisors, LLC | NHA Municipal Financial Advisor 01/2024 | 3,868.75 |
| 74337 | 03/06/2024 | North County Auto Parts | Distributor Rotor - Truck 5 | 6.90 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Food Grade Lubricant, Penetrant Sprays | 180.24 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Coolant - A10 | 38.99 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Distributor - Truck 5 | 142.52 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Transmission Line - Truck 6 | 41.46 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Transmission Cooler Line | 26.22 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Fittings - Truck 6 | 15.04 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Alternator, Belt - Truck 32 | 372.27 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Gear Oil - E3 | 53.39 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Spark Plugs for Concrete Saw | 13.25 |
| 74338 | 03/06/2024 | Occu-Med, Ltd | Medical Exam | 65.85 |
| 74339 | 03/06/2024 | Pacific Pipeline Supply | Parts for Repair Drain - MD Reservoir | 115.23 |
| 74340 | 03/06/2024 | Quadra Manufacturing. Inc | Hydraulic Pump/Tank Assembly - T22 | 685.00 |
| 74341 | 03/06/2024 | Interstate All Battery Center | Solar Batteries (2) | 468.29 |
| 74342 | 03/06/2024 | San Diego Gas & Electric | Gas 02/2024 - VID Headquarter | 1,622.27 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Electric 02/2024 - Henshaw Buildings & Grounds | 564.71 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Electric 02/2024 - Henshaw Wellfield | 14,143.40 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Electric 02/2024 - VID Headquarter | 5,996.63 |
| 74343 | 03/06/2024 | San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority | 2019 Rincon Supplemental Exchange July Credit | 152,540.44 |
| 74344 | 03/06/2024 | SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC | Parts for Plumbing Meters | 543.07 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Parts for Plumbing Meters | 71.96 |
| 74345 | 03/06/2024 | The UPS Store 0971 | Shipping 02/2024 | 661.10 |
| 74346 | 03/06/2024 | Bend Genetics, LLC | HABs Lab Analysis | 2,146.00 |
| 74347 | 03/06/2024 | Umpqua Bank | E Res Replacement & Pump Sta 01/24 - Retainage D2346 | 9,023.98 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | E Res Replacement & Pump Sta 12/23 - Retainage D2346 | 11,702.99 |
| 74348 | 03/06/2024 | UniFirst Corporation | Uniform Service | 318.54 |
| 74349 | 03/06/2024 | Verizon Wireless | SCADA Remote Access | 409.42 |
| 74350 | 03/06/2024 | VWR International LLC | Graduated Cylinders (2) | 82.12 |
| 74351 | 03/06/2024 | TS Industrial Supply | 2" Black Pipe Wrap Tape / 10 Mil / 100' (24) | 227.34 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Max Earplug / Uncorded / #Max 1 (200 per box) (1) | 38.97 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Nemesis Safety Glasses/Smoke Lens/Black Frame (12) | 81.97 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Marking Paint Fluorescent Orange #222 (12) | 85.47 |

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| | 03/06/2024 | | Nemesis Safety Glasses/Clear Lens/Black Frame(12) | 88.85 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Gilmore Pistol Grip Water Nozzle (12) | 98.20 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Striping Paint Blue #750 (12) | 99.37 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Fittings, Grease Guns | 85.20 |
| | 03/06/2024 | | Water Filter Screens (3) | 111.07 |
| 74352 | 03/06/2024 | Xerox Corporation | Xerox Maintenance & Supplies | 297.58 |
| Grand Total: | | | | 798,877.89 |



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2024
Prepared By: Frank Wolinski
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE MARK MEZA

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-XX honoring Mark Meza for 20 years of service to the District and its customers.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Mark will retire with over 20 years of exemplary service to the District and its customers on March 22, 2024. The District would like to honor Mark by passing the attached resolution.

DETAILED REPORT: Mark started his career as a Temporary Laborer Trainee with the District on September 15, 2003. In less than two months, he was hired as a regular Laborer Trainee and subsequently promoted to Construction Worker in 2004. After perfecting his skills in the Construction section, where he installed new water mains and service laterals, Mark was promoted to Welder Helper in October 2005. After getting the opportunity to expand his skill in equipment operation, Mark was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in November 2007. In 2011, Mark was promoted to Senior Construction Worker and then to Construction Supervisor in August 2018.

Since being promoted to Construction Supervisor, Mark has led the charge to replace over 10 miles of mainline. During this time, he has increased the efficiencies of mainline production by developing and refining a highly capable and motivated crew that values hard work and safety. Mark's knowledge and skill in pre-construction planning, mainline installation techniques and field engineering have led to the development of improved District standards and efficiencies.

Mark's career has been embodied by pride, hard work and dedication. As a leader, he values these same traits and has always strived to help others achieve their goals. Outside of work, Mark is a dedicated husband and father and has coached various youth sports in the Vista community for over 40 years. Mark's institutional knowledge, jovial personality and quick wit will be missed by all.

Mark's last day with the District will be March 22, 2024. In retirement, Mark plans to spend time with his wife, Eleanor, and their family, which includes five grandchildren.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution No. 2024-XX

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HONORING MARK MEZA
FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Mark Meza, starting as a temporary Laborer Trainee and progressively advancing to the position of Construction Supervisor, has provided the District and its customers with 20 years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, serving in his many capacities, Mark was charged with the installation, repair and maintenance of the District's extensive infrastructure, facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, his hard work, dedication and perseverance have enabled the District to provide exemplary customer service and superior system reliability; and

WHEREAS, Mark's leadership ability, skill in construction planning and extensive knowledge of mainline replacement techniques have been an essential part of the growth and success of the District's Main Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, his continued support and mentoring of co-workers have ensured the District is abundantly staffed with a knowledgeable and highly capable workforce; and

WHEREAS, Mark's wide range of abilities, institutional knowledge, resourcefulness and good-natured personality will be sorely missed at the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District does hereby wish Mark Meza a long, healthy and prosperous retirement and expresses its appreciation for his dedication to the District and its customers for the past 20 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 20th day of March 2024.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Richard Vásquez, President

ATTEST:

Ramae Ogilvie, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2024
Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: WARNER RANCH WORKING GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Consider request to create a working group comprised of representatives from Vista Irrigation District, City of Escondido and San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority to explore stewardship opportunities on the Warner Ranch.
- 2) Select an ad hoc committee to represent the Vista Irrigation District, if the decision is to create a working group.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown costs related to District representation on the working group as well as legal counsel participation and support.

SUMMARY: At its February 7, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors received a presentation from representatives from the San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority (SLRIWA) regarding the Warner Ranch and Warner Basin. At the conclusion of their presentation, the SLRIWA representatives requested that the District consider creating a working group comprised of representatives from the District, City of Escondido and SLRIWA to explore stewardship opportunities on the Warner Ranch. As noted by the Board at its February 7, 2024 meeting, this is a complex matter and preliminary discussions will need to consider agreements related to existing uses of the Warner Ranch property.



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2024
Prepared By: Ranae Ogilvie
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: LAKE HENSHAW/WARNER RANCH INSPECTION TOUR

RECOMMENDATION: Schedule a Board inspection tour to Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: The Board last conducted an inspection tour of Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch on September 29, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUMMARY: Each spring the Board typically conducts an annual inspection tour of District facilities associated with the District’s local water system, primarily at Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch, to receive briefings from District staff regarding the facilities and issues arising from their operation, maintenance, condition and related matters. As noted, the Board last conducted an inspection tour of Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch on September 29, 2021. Instead of conducting its annual inspections in 2022 and 2023, the Board visited the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Campgrounds and San Pasqual Undergrounding Project (SPUP) site on November 14, 2022 and toured local water facilities (SPUP and Edgehill Reservoir Replacement and Pump Station Project construction sites) on April 12, 2023. The Board has expressed interest in conducting its annual inspection tour of Lake Henshaw and the Warner Ranch in 2024.

DETAILED REPORT: All Directors are requested to consult their individual calendars and be prepared to discuss their availability to participate in the inspection tour at the Board meeting. Please see attached calendar below for potential tour dates in May and June.

| MAY/JUNE 2024 | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------|------|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Board Meeting</i> | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 <i>Board Meeting</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |



Available dates for Lake Henshaw/Warner Ranch Tour



Unavailable dates



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2024
Prepared By: Ranae Ogilvie
Approved By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

RECOMMENDATION: Review Board of Directors' compensation and consider setting public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on a revision to the District ordinance setting compensation for Board Directors.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: On May 13, 2015, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 15-01 setting \$200 as the Directors' per diem compensation for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board. On May 11, 2022, the Board reviewed the Board of Directors' per diem compensation; a motion to set a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on a District ordinance setting compensation for Board of Directors was made, a vote was taken and the motion failed.

FISCAL IMPACT: Amount will vary based on Board action; however, since annual Board per diem expenses have averaged \$55,000 (excluding Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic), District costs could increase by up to \$24,600 annually (based on the maximum compensation allowable) depending on the action taken by the Board.

SUMMARY: Water Code Section 20202 authorizes the governing body of a water district to increase compensation to individual directors by an amount up to five percent for each calendar year since the date of their last adjustment.

DETAILED REPORT: Since October 2015, Directors have received \$200 for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board. According to State Water Code Section 20202, the governing board of a water district may increase its compensation up to five percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment of the compensation, which is received when the ordinance is adopted. This means that the maximum compensation allowable to the Directors is \$290 per meeting, as shown in the following table.

| Year | Max. % | Maximum Per Diem Allowable |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2015 | | 200.00 |
| 2016 | 5% | 210.00 |
| 2017 | 10% | 220.00 |
| 2018 | 15% | 230.00 |
| 2019 | 20% | 240.00 |
| 2020 | 25% | 250.00 |
| 2021 | 30% | 260.00 |
| 2022 | 35% | 270.00 |
| 2023 | 40% | 280.00 |
| 2024 | 45% | 290.00 |

If the Board elects to increase Director compensation, it must hold a public hearing (date and time as determined by the Board) for the purpose of receiving comments on an ordinance setting compensation for the Board of Directors. A notice of public hearing must be published once a week for two successive weeks with at least five days intervening in a newspaper of general circulation. If adopted, the ordinance would become effective 60 days after its adoption.

ATTACHMENT: Board of Directors Per Diem Survey, February 2024

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PER DIEM SURVEY
FEBRUARY 2024**

| | DISTRICT | Per Diem (February 2023) | Per Diem (February 2024) |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Carlsbad MWD | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 2 | Eastern MWD | \$ 245.00 | \$ 258.00 |
| 3 | Elsinore Valley MWD | \$ 232.50 | \$ 244.13 |
| 4 | Encina Wastewater Authority | \$ 221.41 | \$ 221.41 |
| 5 | Fallbrook PUD | \$ 127.63 | \$ 134.00 |
| 6 | Helix Water District | \$ 225.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| 7 | Lakeside Water District | \$ 125.00 | \$ 125.00 |
| 8 | Leucadia Wastewater | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 9 | Olivenhain MWD | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 10 | Otay Water District | \$ 158.00 | \$ 165.00 |
| 11 | Padre Dam MWD | \$ 145.00 | \$ 160.00 |
| 12 | Rainbow MWD | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 13 | Ramona MWD | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 14 | Rancho California Water District | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 15 | Rincon Del Diablo MWD | \$ 160.00 | \$ 160.00 |
| 16 | SDCWA Directors <small>*Officers compensation \$180.00</small> | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 17 | San Dieguito Water District | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 18 | Santa Fe Irrigation District | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| 19 | South Bay Irrigation District | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 20 | Sweetwater Authority | \$ 150.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 21 | Vallecitos Water District | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 22 | Valley Center MWD | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| 23 | Vista Irrigation District | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| 24 | Yuima MWD | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |

2024 Average Per Diem \$162.19

** Did not respond to the survey request, used previous survey amount*



Agenda Item: 11

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 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.



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 12.A

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| Board Meeting Date: | March 20, 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: 12.B

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 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 * | Vista Chamber Government Affairs <i>Apr. 4, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky ◇ |
| 2 | ACWA Symposium <i>Apr. 10, 2024; SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Sacramento</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: April 1, 2024; Cancellation deadline: April 1, 2024</i> | MacKenzie (R, H, A) |
| 3 | Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting <i>Apr. 19, 2024; Noon-2:00 p.m.; Wilson Creek Winery, Temecula</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i> | Vásquez (R) |
| 4 * | Vista Chamber Government Affairs <i>May 2, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky ◇ |
| 5 | Hoover Dam Tour (MWD) <i>May 2-4, 2024; Registration deadline: TBD</i> | |
| 6 | ACWA Spring Conference <i>May 7-9, 2024; Sacramento</i> <i>Registration deadline: April 19, 2024; Cancellation deadline: April 19, 2024</i> | MacKenzie (R, H, A) Sanchez (R, H, A) Vásquez (R, H) |
| 7 | Special Districts Legislative Days (CSDA) <i>May 21-22, 2024; Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel; Sacramento</i> <i>Early Registration deadline: April 24, 2024; Cancellation deadline, April 24, 2024</i> | MacKenzie (R, H, A) |
| 8 * | Vista Chamber Government Affairs <i>Jun. 6, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky ◇ |
| 9 | Diamond Valley Lake Tour (MWD, Hosted by Director Miller) <i>June 7, 2024; Diamond Valley Lake (1-day tour)</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky MacKenzie |
| 10 * | Vista Chamber Government Affairs <i>Jul. 4, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky ◇ |
| 11 | Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting <i>July 29, 2024; Noon-2:00 p.m.; Downey, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: None</i> | |
| 12 * | Vista Chamber Government Affairs <i>Aug. 1, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky ◇ |
| 13 | Urban Water Institute Annual Conference <i>Aug. 21-23, 2024; San Diego, CA</i> <i>Registration deadline: TBD</i> | |
| 14 * | Vista Chamber Government Affairs <i>Sept. 5, 2024; 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Film Hub, Vista</i> <i>Reservation deadline: TBD</i> | Kuchinsky ◇ |

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

* *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

VISTA CHAMBER GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARS A VISTA RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AT MARCH MEETING

By [Editor](#) / March 8, 2024 / [No Comments](#)

TR Robertson – The Vista Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee heard from Vista Community Development Director Joe Vacca and Jennings Imel from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at their March meeting. Using a power point presentation, **Joe Vacca, Vista Community Development Director**, detailed the Vista General Plan for residential development as well as the approved and pending new residential developments. Joe stated he is “here to work together to weave the fabric of the Vista Community and is open and available to all.” He said the City Council is currently working on the General Plan, required by state law. He also said this General Plan is a comprehensive and long-term document. Land Use Circulation Housing takes in a number of factors like open space, safety and noise. There has already been a series of workshops on the General Plan starting in 2023. A number of outreach efforts have been used to notify citizens about these workshops. Joe’s department and the City Council will also be looking at Land Use Alternatives. Once completed, the proposals will go back to the City Council, making sure that they also abide by the California Environmental Quality Act. This will apply to all residential, commercial, mixed-use, industrial, and civic activity/parks and open space. The various Mixed-Use designations will all look at the number of dwelling units, their height and space along with other considerations. Two examples of these types of approved developments include The Ryland complex and Paseo Artist Village in the downtown area. Joe encouraged citizens to go online to the city’s web site to check out the maps detailing the proposed and approved residential developments for Vista and to take part in the various workshops that deal with the General Plan for the City of Vista. He then presented an overview of various projects either recently completed, approved for construction and/or underway and recently approved.

These included:

- Santa Fe Terrace – 51 Townhomes – some low income
- Postal Way Residential – 36 units – some low income
- South Santa Fe Multi-Family – 96 units – some low income
- The True Life Companies – 28 units
- Palomar Annexation and Subdivision – 24 units
- Taylor Terrace – 51 Townhomes
- Kensho Housing – 183 units
- Park Avenue Apartments – 176 units – some low income
- TTLC Melrose Matagal – 34 units
- North Santa Fe Apartments – 36 units
- Vista Hannalei – 75 units
- Alliance North Santa Fe – 60 units
- Santa Fe Plaza Apartments – 19 units
- Civic Center Villas – 10 units
- Soltaire – 107 units
- Santa Fe Apartments – 45 units

The next presenter was **Jennings Imel from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce**. Jennings reminded everyone that we are in the middle of an election season and the Chamber is looking at both the outcomes of the elections for the House and Senate and the Presidential election. He said recent polls show both main Presidential candidates have low approval ratings. Jennings also said there are some very interesting elections around the country that could cause interesting changes in the Republican and

Democratic levels in Congress. Various projects and bills could be affected by the election results. The U.S. Chamber is very concerned about the effect this may have in the business climate for the nation. He also said not a lot of bills have recently been approved by Congress. Some other areas of concern that may affect the business climate are border security, the Ukraine war and tension in Taiwan. Jennings did say a tax package had been passed by the House and is now in the Senate for approval. He also said we should keep a possible tax increase in 2025 as an area of concern.

Governmental Updates:

Salome Tash from Congressman Mike Levin's Office – The Congressman is working on several proposed programs to provide food sources for children during non-school time. He recently visited the Oceanside Community Clinic promoting lowering health care costs for those in need. The Congressman supports the Health Insurance Premium Act that would assist in covering the cost of insurance for many people.

Fernando Hernandez from Senator Catherine Blakespear's Office – The State Senator's priority issues concern housing and gun violence. She currently has 24 bills introduced dealing with these issues. The Senator has also been appointed to a number of committees for the Senate. She has co-authored bills dealing with trying to charge utility bills based on income and a bill dealing with unsafe camping on the streets by homeless individuals. The Senator recently took part in the opening of the Buena Vista Creek Center. One other area of concern deals with a bill dealing with the theft occurring in retail stores where those stealing are not serving any significant jail time. The Senator will be holding a Town Hall on the 20th talking about drugs in this region. It will be held at Mira Costa College's San Elijo campus.

Ryan Ewart from Assembly Member Laurie Davies Office – The Assembly Member has introduced and has concerns in the areas of retail theft, young people used in commission of theft human trafficking, and fentanyl sales.

Kristal Jabara from County of San Diego Supervisor Jim Desmond's Office – The Blue Envelope Program is underway sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. The program assists autistic individuals and their interactions with law enforcement. The Supervisor does not support a bill on the November ballot that would add a ½ cent sales tax supposedly to be used for road improvements. The America Rescue Plan Act has \$110 million unspent that will be used for infrastructure programs for addiction treatment. \$20 million was recently allocated for assistance with homeless services and \$10.6 million allocated for affordable housing projects. It is estimated that 600-900 people are crossing the border every day and being dropped off at various locations in the county. Prop 47 is close to having enough signatures to be placed on the ballot. Prop 47 would close the loopholes on the \$950 limit before felony charges can be leveled for theft.

Josh Sino Cruz from the City of Vista – The City Council will be dealing with issues dealing with cannabis special events and the upcoming financial report on expenditures and revenue. There will be some upcoming Vista street closures. A committee will soon be formed to assist with the use of the Avo Theatre in Downtown Historic Vista. Upcoming Events:

Mar 19 – Planning Commission meeting

March 21 – Moonlight Amphitheatre season begins

March 23 – Unity with the Community

March 27 – Townsite Phase II Community meeting

March 30 – Pride of Vista Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

Rachel Beld – CEO Vista Chamber of Commerce – Vista Magazine is out, Heroes of Vista on March 22 at the Vistonian, Applications are out for the Chamber Velocity Summer Student Internship Program (applications due April 10)

From Peter Kuchinsky Vista Irrigation District

VID residential and commercial customers can learn more about available rebates at: <https://www.vidwater.org/rebates>

Sign up for workshops that include topics, including soil, design, turf removal, plant selection, planning, irrigation, rainwater catchment and implementation — all the elements needed to convert high-water-use turf to a beautiful, water-efficient landscape. Next on is Saturday March 16, 2024, from 10 am – 1 pm. to register for the workshop. Sign up online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/design-shape-your-space-tickets-796469470627> or for more information contact Sandra Sanchez at ssanchez@vidwater.org<mailto:ssanchez@vidwater.org> or (760) 597-3155.

VID employees Equipment Operator Oscar Chavez, Utility Worker Luis Ramos and Senior Equipment Mechanic Steve Tester were recently recognized with a safety award from the District's insurance provider, ACWA JPIA, for improvements made the valve exercising truck. One of the issues with the existing valve exercising truck was available storage for valve lids on the vehicle. Due to the amount of space the valve exercising equipment occupied on the truck bed, there was limited space for valve lids; therefore, the valve lids had to be stored in the bed of the valve exercise equipment or under the flatbed in bins. Access to the valve lids, which weigh 20 – 40 pounds each, required climbing in the truck bed or stooping/bending to access the bins where they were located. The employees collaborated on a design for the flatbed that would make the valve lids easier to access. The design located the valve lid bins on top of the flatbed (waist high) in a cage system that was secured with small stake gates that could be easily removed to access the valve lids without having to stoop/bend or climb into the truck bed reducing injuries related to strains, sprains and lifting.

<https://www.vidwater.org/files/8f3eb7b01/HR+Labounty+Safety+Awards+-+Vista+ID+3-6-2023.pdf>

Federal officials have released a final conservation plan to prevent Lake Mead from falling to critically low levels, threatening water delivery and power production at Hoover Dam. The agreement among the seven Colorado River Basin states would save some 3-million-acre feet of water through the end of 2026. It is expected to be formally adopted in the coming weeks, officials said. Water levels at Lake Powell and Lake Mead remain historically low, even after heavy rainfall in the past two years, and long-term conservation measures are needed to ensure the sustainability of the Colorado River. <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2024/mar/05/feds-release-final-colorado-river-water-conservati/>

The next Government Affairs meeting is April 4th at the Film Hub.



Agenda Item: 13

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 20, 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:

- Ethics Training (April 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM)
- Capital Project Financing Workshop (April 29, 2024 at 9:00 AM)
- Lake Henshaw Resort
- Communication and Engagement Plan



Agenda Item: 14

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2024
Prepared By: Ranae Ogilvie

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS

SUMMARY: This item is placed on the agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public not requiring discussion or action.



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 15

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2024
Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL

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



Agenda Item: 16

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: March 20, 2024
Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

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