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VID'S LONG-TIME HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER RETIRES

Jim Black retires from the Vista Irrigation District after 16 years of service.

Vista, CA—

At its regular meeting yesterday, the Vista Irrigation District (VID) board of directors honored retiring human resources manager Jim Black. He received a resolution from the board members expressing their gratitude and appreciation for his 16 years of service to the district.

During his career with VID, Mr. Black has been responsible for human resources activities related to staffing, employee recruitment and retention, labor relations, and compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws. Prior to his employment with the district, he worked as a human resources professional in both large and small public sector environments. Mr. Black has a background in counseling and health care administration.

In 2009, Mr. Black received the Muriel M. Morse Achievement Award from the western region of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IMPA-HR), an organization that represents the interests of human resource professionals at the federal, state and local levels of government. This award is given to one person in the western United States each year for leadership and commitment to the profession of human resources.

“Jim has demonstrated compassion in his job and has helped many employees over the years,” said Eldon Boone, the district’s assistant general manager. “His commitment to service and devotion to the district’s employees has been unwavering over the years and will be sorely missed.”

Following his retirement, Mr. Black plans on spending more time with his family. He and his wife plan to pursue their life long passion for hiking and camping to further explore the wilderness.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 123,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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