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VID'S LONG-TIME MANAGER AT LAKE HENSHAW SET TO RETIRE

Water Resources Manager Ralph Provost will retire from the Vista Irrigation District in April 2010 with over 28 years of service.

Vista, CA—

After 28 years of service with the Vista Irrigation District (VID), Ralph Provost, the district's water resources manager at Lake Henshaw since 1994, will retire April 1, 2010. Provost, who also held the positions of foreman and supervisor, has spent his entire career as a "caretaker" of the district's 43,000 acre Warner Ranch and Lake Henshaw.

During his time at Lake Henshaw, Provost has seen the only two times the lake has spilled, in 1983 and 1993, since the dam was lowered in the early eighties. He was involved with repair of the Warner Ranch wellfield, which supplies water to Lake Henshaw during dry periods, and its canals that were damaged after the floods in those years. Provost also was involved with the construction of a new boat launch ramp at the lake.

Provost said that the key to his long career at the district was "enjoying the work that he did and the people who worked along side of him." He said after he retires that he plans on spending more time with his grandchildren and staying active with his favorite hobbies, classic cars and wood working.

Warner Ranch and Lake Henshaw are located 60 miles northeast of San Diego at the foot of scenic Palomar Mountain. The district has owned the Warner Ranch property since 1946 for the purpose of safeguarding its water supply in Lake Henshaw. Historically, about thirty percent (30%) of the district's water supply has come from the lake with the remaining seventy percent (70%) coming from the Colorado River and northern California.

In addition to being the district's local water source, Lake Henshaw provides recreational opportunities for boaters, anglers and hunters. A concessionaire oversees activities at the lake as well as at the nearby restaurant and store. Cabin and campground rentals are also available for visitors seeking overnight accommodations.

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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