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Vallecitos Water District Board moves forward with its annual reorganization, naming Jim Hernandez Board President for 2018

San Marcos, CA – At a regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors voted to move forward with their annual reorganization. Jim Hernandez was elected to serve as president and Hal Martin was elected to serve as vice president for 2018.

President Jim Hernandez, Division 2 representative, was elected to the Board in 2010. Jim is an architect and small business owner and has lived in San Marcos for over 40 years. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, he attended Palomar College while working locally, and continued his education at California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly, Pomona). Jim was a San Marcos Planning Commissioner for 14 years, past president of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos and Palomar College Foundation. He was a community volunteer on various San Marcos City task forces and community projects, some of which include the Water Ways Taskforce, Ridge Line Ordinance, Creek Street Specific Plan, Chairman of the University District Specific Plan, and the founder of the San Marcos Boulevard Christmas Lights. Jim and his wife Barbara have been married for more than 28 years and have four children and two grandchildren.

Vice President Hal Martin, Division 5 representative, was elected to the Vallecitos Board in 2012 and again in 2016. He served as President in 2014. Previously, he was elected to the San Marcos City Council for four terms and a total of 16 years from 1996 to 2012, when he was termed out. He represented the City Council on the League of California Cities and served on the statewide environmental board for the League from 1996 to 1998. He served on the City's Planning Commission from 1991 to 1996 and was on the Board of Directors for the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce for three years. Additionally, Hal served as an alternate for the North County Transit District, North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority and SANDAG. He has also been active with the Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos for more than 26 years. Hal is a professional photographer and has owned Focus on U Wedding Photography in San Marcos since 1990. The San Marcos Chamber of Commerce named him Business Person of the Year in 1996.

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Hernandez and Martin are joined by three Directors who round out the Vallecitos Board: Directors Betty Evans, Division 1; Craig Elitharp, Division 3; and Mike Sannella, Division 4. The Board meets regularly the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in Vallecitos' Administration Building, located at 201 Vallecitos de Oro, in San Marcos. Meetings are open to the public and recorded for viewing on San Marcos television. Please visit www.san-marcos.net/smtv for a complete programming schedule.

For complete biographies of the Vallecitos Board, go to www.vwd.org/Board.

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About Vallecitos Water District: *As an independent, special district, Vallecitos is dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 97,000 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos' Administration Building - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos. Board meetings are also televised on San Marcos TV. Visit www.san-marcos.net/smtv for a complete programming schedule.*