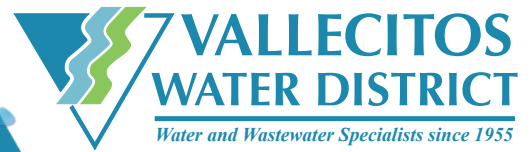


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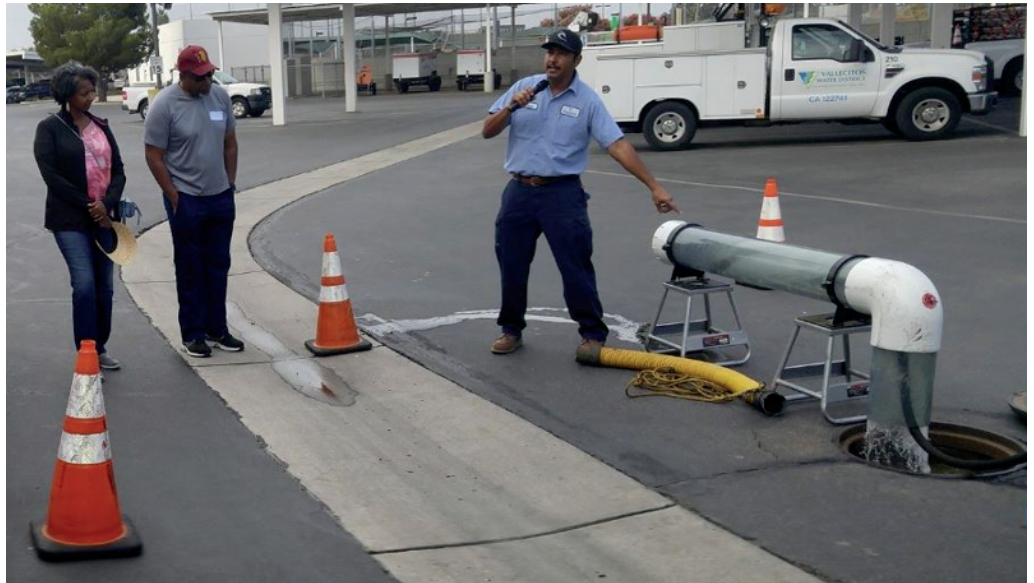
Fall 2023

Vallecitos Behind the Scenes 'Water Academy' Tour Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Have you ever wondered how your drinking water is treated and delivered to your home or business? Or how the water from your toilets and sinks is recycled so that it can be used for irrigation?

You can have these and more questions answered by getting a behind-the-scenes look during our FREE award winning 'Water Academy' tour.

Our water and wastewater specialists offer customers a first-hand look at what it takes to operate the Vallecitos Water District and provide reliable, exceptional and sustainable water and wastewater service to the more than 105,000 residents in our service area.



Participants board a chartered bus for a first-hand look at the District's 33-million-gallon and 40-million-gallon capacity Twin Oaks Reservoirs, currently said to be the largest of their kind in the western hemisphere.

The grand finale of the tour is a visit to the District's Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility in Carlsbad, capable of recycling up to 74% of the wastewater generated in our service area. At this facility, participants learn how microorganisms help clean the water and see how increased capacity from the recent plant upgrade benefits the community by lowering the overall demand for limited, imported water.

In addition to these destinations, other tour highlights include seeing how specialized equipment is used in the field to keep the wastewater flowing, visiting the Water Operations Department's computerized control room to see how the District ensures that the drinking water is safe, and touring the Sustainable Demonstration Garden where participants will learn easy steps to conserve water. Various presentations will also be given at the beginning of the tour where participants will hear an overview of the District and have an opportunity to have questions answered by staff and Vallecitos Board members.

Space is limited. Register today at www.vwd.org/wateracademy. Customers can also register by phone at 760-744-0460 ext. 312 or email at lurabe@vwd.org.

Vallecitos Water District awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association

The Vallecitos Water District's annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, has met the requirements to be awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA's) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and is a testament to Vallecitos' commitment to transparency.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving this goal.



FitchRatings

Vallecitos Water District Receives Coveted 'AAA' Bond Rating from Fitch

Fitch Ratings (Fitch), one of the big three international ratings agencies, upgraded its rating to 'AAA' for the Vallecitos Water District. 'AAA' is the highest possible rating available from Fitch. The 'AAA' rating benefits the District by allowing Vallecitos to issue debt at a lower interest rate resulting in lower financing costs for necessary water reliability and infrastructure projects.

Each year, Fitch reviews credit rating scores to determine creditworthiness and financial standings for companies and countries around the world. AAA-rated bonds are considered to have the highest degree of creditworthiness and a strong financial profile with exceptionally low risk for default. Key components of the rating that Fitch assesses include revenue defensibility or the ability to diversify income; operating risk including foreseeable expenses and the need to rely on loans; and financial profile or the liquidity and flexibility of the budget.

"The announcement of Vallecitos Water District's upgrade to a 'AAA' rating from Fitch is a substantial honor," said Westley Owen, Chief Financial Officer for Vallecitos Water District. "Our dedication to financial stability, transparency, and strong reserves have led to this achievement."

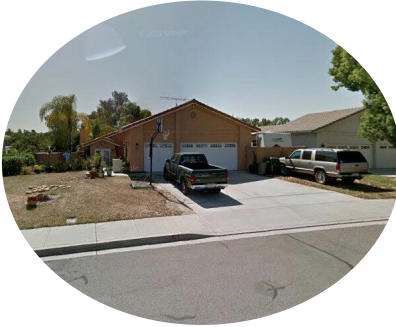
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1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



**Vallecitos Water District
2023 Landscape Contest
Winners**

1st place - Dean Williams, Carlsbad

2nd place - Donald De Tar, San Marcos

3rd place - Mily Le, San Marcos





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Between the Pipes is a publication of information and interest to Vallecitos water and sewer customers. If you receive water or sewer services from another district, please disregard any information that does not apply to you.

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The public is welcome to attend the Vallecitos Board Meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration building—201 Vallecitos de Oro in San Marcos.

To provide public comments prior to the meeting, submit comments via e-mail at PublicComment@VWD.org up to 90 minutes in advance of the meeting. Comments received are handled by the Clerk of the Board of Directors as if submitted in person. All written comments that are received at least 90 minutes before the meeting will be provided to the Board, and a record of the receipt of comment will be noted during the meeting. To watch or listen to the live meeting, go to www.vwd.org/meetings.

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Seasonal Adjustments for Sprinklers

Plants have different irrigation needs depending on the time of year and the corresponding season. During the spring, grass and plants need a lot of water to help them grow. In the summer, they need even more water to sustain the growth that was put on in the spring, and the extra water helps to keep the plant cool.

As autumn approaches, plants and grass need less water due to reduced solar radiation. Plants are preparing to go into the winter dormancy phase of their life. So, don't forget to reduce the run times on your irrigation timer once the weather cools. Doing this can save money on your monthly utility bill by reducing unnecessary water consumption.

If you need help doing this, sign up for a free landscape irrigation audit. For more information, go to www.vwd.org/landscapeaudit.