

AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018, AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE  
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT HERNANDEZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An emergency is defined as a work stoppage; a crippling disaster; or other activity which severely imperils public health, safety, or both. Also, items which arise after the posting of the Agenda may be added by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2018

PRESENTATION

Chris Palmer, Public Affairs Field Coordinator with the California Special Districts Association, will present the Vallecitos Water District with two awards: the “District Transparency Certificate of Excellence” and the “District of Distinction” accreditation by the Special District Leadership Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address a matter not on the Agenda may be heard at this time; however, no action will be taken until the matter is placed on a future agenda in accordance with Board policy. Public comments are limited to three minutes. A Request to Speak form is required to be submitted to the Executive Secretary prior to the start of the meeting, if possible. Public comment should start by stating name, address and topic. The Board is not permitted during this time to enter into a dialogue with the speaker.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be voted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Board member or member of the public requests that a particular item(s) be removed from the Consent Calendar, in which case it will be considered separately under Action Items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (pp. 4-11)

- A. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MARCH 21, 2018
- B. FINANCE/INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 22, 2018

*Approved minutes become a permanent public record of the District.*

**Recommendation: Approve Minutes**

1.2 WARRANT LIST THROUGH APRIL 4, 2018 – \$3,026,300.52 (pp. 12-14)

**Recommendation: Approve Warrant List**

1.3 SPRING 2018 BETWEEN THE PIPES – VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (pp. 15-18)

**Recommendation: Approve Spring 2018 Between the Pipes Newsletter**

\*\*\*\*\*END OF CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

ACTION ITEMS

2.1 ACWA “NO DRINKING WATER TAX” CAMPAIGN SUPPORT (pp. 19-21)

*Proposed legislation to provide funding for disadvantaged communities to improve their water quality would implement a tax on each water service connection throughout the state.*

**Recommendation: Authorize Contribution**

\*\*\*\*\*END OF ACTION ITEMS\*\*\*\*\*

REPORTS

3.1 GENERAL MANAGER

3.2 DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

3.3 SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

3.4 ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY  
- *Capital Improvement Committee*  
- *Policy and Finance Committee*

3.5 STANDING COMMITTEES

3.6 DIRECTORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

\*\*\*\*\*END OF REPORTS\*\*\*\*\*

OTHER BUSINESS

\*\*\*\*\*END OF OTHER BUSINESS\*\*\*\*\*

4.1 DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

\*\*\*\*\*END OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS\*\*\*\*\*

5.1 ADJOURNMENT

\*\*\*\*\*END OF AGENDA\*\*\*\*\*

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Diane Posvar, Executive Secretary of the Vallecitos Water District, hereby certify that I caused the posting of this Agenda in the outside display case at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2018.

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Diane Posvar

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,  
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

President Hernandez called the Regular meeting to order at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Director Elitharp led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp  
Director Evans  
Director Martin  
Director Sannella  
Director Hernandez

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim  
Legal Counsel Gilpin  
Administrative Services Manager Emmanuel  
District Engineer Gumpel  
Finance Manager Owen  
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi  
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard  
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2018

18-03-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2018.

PRESENTATION

Andy Sells, Chief Executive Officer, and Bill Knutson, Executive Committee member of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Power Insurance Agency, presented a refund check to the District in the amount of \$145,176. The refund was given due to the District's low insurance claims history.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alfredo DiNunzio, member of the public, addressed the Board stating he purchased a lot at 1810 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, on the corner of El Norte and Nordahl which included a sewer lateral and water meter. The pad was installed incorrectly and is one foot lower than it should have been. The County of San Diego approved a permit for a pump in order to pump the sewer water. A civil engineering firm/architecture firm determined the pump was not acceptable. He has been asked to purchase a new pump and another lateral which will cost over \$50,000. Mr. DiNunzio's contractor spoke on his behalf to explain the situation in more detail and asked for the Board's assistance in resolving the matter.

President Hernandez suggested Mr. DiNunzio contact General Manager Pruim regarding this matter and place it on a future Board agenda for additional discussion, if necessary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 18-03-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
- 1.1 Approval of Minutes
- A. Regular Board Meeting – March 7, 2018
- 1.2 Warrant List through March 21, 2018 - \$1,485,716.46
- 1.3 Financial Reports
- A. Water Meter Count – February 28, 2018  
B. Water Production/Sales Report – 2017/2018  
C. Water Revenue and Expense Report – February 28, 2018  
D. Sewer Revenue and Expense Report – February 28, 2018  
E. Reserve Funds Activity – February 28, 2018  
F. Investment Report – February 28, 2018
- 1.4 Request to Start New Employee at Step D of Salary Range
- 1.5 Resolution Concurring in the Nomination of Jo MacKenzie to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors

ACTION ITEMS

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD OF STARGAZE COURT AND RIVER RUN CIRCLE WATER LINE REHABILITATION

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard stated this project is a rehabilitation project, not a replacement project. Pipes are failing on Stargaze Court and River Run Circle. The project is to rehabilitate the two pipelines. He explained the project goals and what staff is trying to achieve with this project. During planning discussions for replacement of the water lines, staff reviewed alternate methods to traditional open-cut installation, including trenchless technology options. Sanexen Water Inc. was contacted for a possible pilot project for installation of their composite structural liner product, Aqua Pipe. Sanexen has provided water management solutions in North America for approximately 20 years. Aqua Pipe meets industry standards for structural liners and is certified for potable water applications. He further stated that Sanexen is currently working with other water districts in the San Diego region and the District may benefit from shared mobilization costs.

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard further stated that staff worked with Sanexen to provide a quote in the amount of \$383,500 for rehabilitation of both the Stargate Court and River Run Circle water lines. Rehabilitation of the water lines versus

replacement of the water lines will reduce project construction costs by approximately 67% and planning and design costs by approximately 90%. Combining both projects under one budget will further reduce design and construction costs. In addition to reducing project costs, use of Sanexen's Aqua Pipe will strengthen and extend the life cycle while reducing impacts to customers.

Discussion took place. During discussion, Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Hubbard shared a video with the Board explaining the process and benefits of installing the Aqua Pipe.

18-03-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Evans, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to award the construction contract and increase the budget.

### SAN MARCOS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION

General Manager Pruim requested direction from the Board as to whether attending Directors should receive per diem as well as expenses to attend the Boys and Girls Club annual auction and if the District would like to sponsor the event.

General discussion took place regarding whether or not to purchase a table at the event and/or allow per diem/expenses. In previous years it has been difficult to fill a table of ten attendees.

President Hernandez suggested this item be added back onto the membership list to avoid having to approve attendance each year. Discussion took place on this and it was determined that any changes would require an amendment to the policy.

18-03-09 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Martin, and carried 4-1, with Director Evans voting no, to sponsor a table in the amount of \$1,500.

### REPORTS

#### GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported the following:

- The most recent snow survey indicates that the snowpack has increased from 32% of normal in February to 49%.
- The San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) is performing annual maintenance on the pipeline that delivers desalinated water from the plant to their distribution system. No desalinated water is being distributed during the maintenance period which started on March 18 and will continue until March 27 or 28. This is not a problem as the District is receiving desalinated water from other connections.

- Metropolitan Water District is proposing to change their water supply from State Water Project water to 100% Colorado River water. Both of those supplies are treated at Lake Skinner. No significant problems are anticipated due to this change.
- The Encina Wastewater Authority secondary treatment plant experienced an upset which occurred a couple of weeks ago, impacting the biological process. The exact cause is not known; however, the process has improved, resulting in fewer odor complaints.

#### DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin provided an update on recent actions taken by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). In February, the SWRCB proposed amendments to the regulations pertaining to prohibiting water waste. Due to opposition, the SWRCB postponed adopting the amended regulations until their March meeting. The SWRCB adopted regulations last week which will allow greater latitude for use of indirect potable reuse water into surface water facilities, benefiting many agencies.

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated that he has been working with General Manager Pruiem on the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act, essentially a water tax issue, which is moving forward in Sacramento. The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has taken a lobbying stance on this issue.

General Manager Pruiem stated the District has submitted letters of opposition and will consider making a monetary contribution to assist ACWA in their efforts to fight the water tax, at the April 4 Board meeting.

General discussion took place regarding a proposed bill that would prevent water utilities from shutting off customers' service for nonpayment. Director Sannella requested more information on the bill be provided to the Board.

Director Martin requested Legal Counsel Gilpin's opinion on the status of the Lake San Marcos matter. General Manager Pruiem stated he has received a concluding memo from former District Legal Counsel Scott on that issue which he will share with the Board soon after he discusses it with Legal Counsel Gilpin.

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated Best Best & Krieger is sponsoring a symposium scheduled for April 24 at the Nixon Library entitled, "The Bill Is Due," regarding infrastructure, pension, and environmental issues. He will provide General Manager Pruiem with more details about the symposium.

#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans stated the SDCWA Board has been discussing topics such as are we going into a drought or not, will restrictions have to be more or less strict, and bills that are of concern.

Director Evans further stated Senator Toni Atkins became the first woman to lead the California Senate today and noted that Senator Atkins has been very involved in water issues in San Diego County and is currently sponsoring a bill pertaining to conservation issues.

The SDCWA Board's next meeting is scheduled for March 22.

#### ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

President Hernandez reported on his attendance to the Capital Improvement Committee meeting this morning at which the Committee discussed the 2015 major rehab project that will be completed in May. The project had been delayed due to an issue with the contractor/supplier of the basin covers. EWA has also been dealing with the odor complaints due to the recent issue at the plant. It will take 7 to 10 days to resolve the problem completely. The Committee also discussed a study of the septic system/area of coverage.

Director Elitharp reported on his attendance to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on March 13 at which the Committee considered information on EWA's CalPERS unfunded pension liability.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

#### DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Martin, Hernandez, Sannella and Elitharp reported on their attendance to the Council of Water Utilities meeting on March 20.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

#### DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Evans praised staff for the great traffic control they provided during the recent sewer cleaning on Deer Springs Road.

Director Martin commented that the District's refund from ACWA/JPIA is a direct result of staff's effort and commitment to safety.

President Hernandez inquired about sending emails via personal email accounts and the emails' legal accessibility to the public. Legal Counsel Gilpin suggested discussing at a future meeting what email accounts or phones are being used to send email. A new law came into effect last year relative to opening up personal devices to the public

through Brown Act requests for information concerning District business that is on those devices. He stated that sending informational items via blind carbon copies is not a violation of the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Hernandez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 6:20 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

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James Hernandez, President  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

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Glenn Pruum, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE/INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M.  
AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 VALLECITOS DE ORO,  
SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

Director Martin called the meeting to order at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

Present: Director Martin  
Director Sannella  
General Manager Pruim  
District Engineer Gumpel  
Finance Manager Owen  
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi  
Financial Analyst Arthur  
Administrative Secretary Johnson

ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

2018/19 BUDGET REVIEW

General Manager Pruim provided the Committee with an overview of the budget process to date, explaining how staff budget requests and projections are reviewed and by whom. Staff has revised the draft budget already and will take into consideration any input from the Committee for further revisions. The goal is to have the budget completed by the end of May.

General discussion took place during which staff explained how the budget process has changed over the years from a broader format to a much more detailed format, the result of all departments working collaboratively with finance staff.

Finance Manager Owen facilitated a presentation to the Committee as follows:

- Agenda
- Budget Calendar
- Draft Operating Budget – Water
- Pumping
- Transmission and Distribution
- Services
- Engineering
- Draft Operating Budget – Sewer
- Collection/Conveyance
- Salary and Benefit Estimates
- Next Steps – Budget Calendar

Finance Manager Owen focused on the draft water operating budget-to-budget comparison because it is too early for some of the projections as there are several months remaining in the current fiscal year. The total requested increase is 2.52%. The items with the most significant variances were reviewed in detail by Finance Manager Owen and Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi, and included pumping, transmission and distribution, services, engineering, and labor.

A budget-to-budget comparison of the draft sewer operating budget was also reviewed. The total requested increase is \$25,000 or less than 1%. The most significant variances were discussed in detail and included labor, collection/conveyance, and outside services.

Finance Manager Owen reviewed the preliminary salary and benefits estimates. Staffing levels have remained level and all full-time employee positions are fully funded for FY 2018/19, including six months for an Assistant General Manager. Total estimated savings is \$1.5 million for 2018. Overall total budgeted savings for FY2018/19 is \$50,185 for salaries and benefits which includes a small increase of \$10,000 in salaries. This will be the second year in a row where there is a reduction in salaries and benefits.

The Committee will meet on April 2 at 4:00 p.m. to review the finalized operating budget and preliminary capital budget requests, and again on April 25 at 4:00 p.m. for review of the finalized capital budget, draft proposed budget, and any items requested by the Board. The Committee may need to meet in early May before the Board workshop meeting on May 21 at which the proposed budget will be reviewed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 4:56 p.m.

VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
WARRANTS LIST  
April 4, 2018

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK#	AMOUNT
<b>CHECKS</b>			
Air Pollution Control District	Emergency Engine Maintenance Settlement - Twin Oaks	113240	1,000.00
Core & Main LP	Hydrant Valves 5, Gate Valves 2, Pipe Restraints 6, Hardware Supplies	113241	4,296.93
CWEA	Collection Cert Renewal T Moritz	113242	90.00
Garnishments	Payroll Garnishments 113243 through	113245	-
Airgas USA LLC	Cylinder Rental	113246	97.95
All American Asphalt	Closed Account Refund	113247	922.97
Allen Instruments & Supplies, LLC	GPS Unit	113248	7,460.92
Amy Brown	Closed Account Refund	113249	62.06
Bridget Anderson	LCW Conference 2-25-18	113250	148.27
Andrew Walton	Closed Account Refund	113251	53.05
AT&T	Phone Svc Feb	113252	2,982.35
AT&T	SCADA Phone Svc Mar	113253	245.90
B & C Crane Service Inc	Crane Rental Prj 2017-17 & 18	113254	507.50
Bay City Electric Works Inc	Generator Heater, Filters For Annual Generator Servicing	113255	1,458.33
BearCom	Svc Call Antenna, Radio Antenna EOC	113256	1,459.17
Black & Veatch Corporation	Recycled Water Plan Prj 20141-712	113257	1,549.75
Boncor Water Systems	Soft Water Svc March	113258	1,680.00
Boot World Inc	Safety Boots	113259	285.72
Brady Sand & Material Inc	Rock & Cold Mix	113260	3,054.64
Branislav Visnjic	Closed Account Refund	113261	93.15
Brittney Hefner	Closed Account Refund	113262	23.76
CA Dept of Forestry/Fire Protection	Crew Work Feb	113263	685.20
California's Own Native Landscape Design Inc	Maintenance Heritage Park Prj 20181-48	113264	700.00
Calolympic Safety	Forklift Training 23 Employees	113265	1,111.08
Core & Main LP	Repair Supplies For 3 Inch Meter, 12-18 Inch Plug For Sewer Flow	113266	2,892.31
Core Logic Information Solutions Inc	Real Quest Engineering Maps Feb	113267	200.00
Corodata Media Storage Inc	Back Up Storage Tape Files	113268	173.63
Council of Water Utilities	Meeting 3-20-18, Elitharp, Hernandez, Martin, Sannella, Pruim	113269	200.00
San Diego County Vector Control	Mosquito and Vector Disease Control Assessment Fees, 16-17 & 17-18	113270	369.17
Craig Elitharp	CASA/ACWA Conference 2-25-18	113271	1,586.17
CWEA	Collection Cert Renewal J Halbig	113272	90.00
CWEA	Membership Renewal R Salazar	113273	180.00
Denise Di Fabio	Closed Account Refund	113274	4.55
DirecTV Inc	Satellite Svc Mar	113275	174.23
Patrick Drummond	MISAC Meeting 3-1-18, Cyber Futurist Symposium 3-13-18	113276	74.45
Electrical Sales Inc	Hardware Supplies	113277	97.41
Emcor Service	HVAC Preventative Maintenance	113278	3,048.00
Emily William	Closed Account Refund	113279	59.42
Erin Veit	Closed Account Refund	113280	99.38
Esri Inc	GIS License Renewal 3-18 To 9-18	113281	265.75
Evantec Corporation	Furnace Oven MRF	113282	4,419.63
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc	Valve Boxes 4, Couplings 13, Fire Service Replacement Prj 20171-5	113283	12,271.27
Gallade Chemical Inc.	Sodium Hypochlorite	113284	293.66
Golden State Graphics	Year In Review Prj 20181-43	113285	416.99
Grainger Inc	Wrench Kit Veh 269, Hardware Supplies	113286	1,322.81
Grangetto's Farm Garden Supply	Weed Killer	113287	582.19
Haaker Equipment Co.	Hardware Supplies	113288	132.74
Hawthorne Machinery Co.	Fleet Supplies, Brushes For Power Broom Sweeper	113289	954.95
James R Hernandez	COWU Meeting 3-20-18	113290	18.09
Hopkins Technical Products Inc	Declor Pump System Upgrade Supplies MRF	113291	2,044.31
Interstate Batteries	Gel Cell Batteries 14	113292	271.40
James & Kristine Elmer	Closed Account Refund	113293	75.31
Jim Hernandez	Closed Account Refund	113294	713.57
JCI Jones Chemicals Inc	Chlorine	113295	2,043.21
KB Home California Inc	Closed Account Refund	113296	1,845.94
KDG Investments Inc.	Closed Account Refund	113297	40.05
Kristy & Jeff Iannamico	Closed Account Refund	113298	10.72
Larry Gooding	Closed Account Refund	113299	82.07
Lloyd Pest Control	Pest Control Svc Feb	113300	797.00

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PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK#	AMOUNT
Lusardi Construction	Closed Account Refund	113301	884.48
Mahmoud Abdelaty & Ann Hornby	Closed Account Refund	113302	109.88
Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC	Safety Supplies	113303	2,801.18
Manpower Temp Services	Customer Service Reps 2, Week Ending 3-4-18, 3-11-18, & 3-18-18	113304	4,967.33
Hal Martin	COWU Meeting 3-20-18	113305	18.09
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Cylinder Rental	113306	46.47
NCB Reprographics	Black & White, Color Copies Prj 20161-5	113307	339.52
MGM Plastics Inc	Repair Waste Water Treatment Plant Model	113308	50.00
Michael Baker International, Inc.	Montiel Outfall Prj 20161-3	113309	1,980.00
Mike Arthur	MAFO Meeting 3-13-18	113310	31.39
Morton Salt, Inc.	Industrial Salt MRF	113311	3,189.91
O.G. Supply Inc	Hardware Supplies	113312	69.50
Olivenhain MWD	Deposit Furman Group	113313	1,181.68
One Source Distributors LLC	Hardware Supplies	113314	188.59
Ostari Inc	Data Tape Cartridges	113315	193.17
Palomar Community College District	Closed Account Refund	113316	826.05
Penco, Inc.	Trioxyn	113317	9,019.16
Pinnick Inc	Closed Account Refund	113318	292.58
Rick Post Welding	Welding Svcs - Palomar Tank, Welding Svcs - Main Leak Coronado Hills Dr	113319	2,468.75
Pura Vida Properties LLC	Closed Account Refund	113320	29.60
Quality Hoist & Electric	Annual Hoist Inspection & Load Testing MRF	113321	950.00
Recycled Aggregate Materials Co Inc	Concrete Recycling	113322	75.00
Rely Environmental	Fuel Island Maintenance March	113323	175.00
Rodney James Greek	Continuing Disclosures Requirements Review	113324	1,600.00
SDG&E	Power Feb	113325	91,617.00
San Marcos Unified School District	Transportation Svcs Prj 20181-45	113326	75.00
Shred-It US JV LLC	Shredding Svcs Mar	113327	174.00
Marc Smith	Math Review Class 2-20-18	113328	146.83
Solc Interiors	Concrete Svcs For Antenna Mast Footing	113329	810.00
Southern Counties Lubricants, LLC	Unleaded & Diesel Fuel	113330	17,148.72
Spatial Wave Inc	Mapplet Annual Maintenance 18-19	113331	4,860.00
Specialty Seals & Accessories	Spare Seal Prj 20181-17, Mechanical Seal Rebuild 20181-18	113332	1,624.50
State Board of Equalization	Rancho Coronado/South Lake Annexation	113333	300.00
Steel-Toe-Shoes.com	Safety Shoes	113334	150.00
Manning Performance Hotrods, Inc.	Body & Paint Repair Veh 203	113335	2,475.74
Toni Schuette	Closed Account Refund	113336	75.62
Total Resource Mgt Inc	Maximo Support Feb	113337	1,793.00
Tri State General Contracting	Closed Account Refund	113338	70.99
Unifirst Corporation	Uniform Delivery	113339	1,210.08
Univar USA Inc	Sodium Hypo Liquichlor, Caustic Soda, Sodium Bisulfite	113340	4,520.63
UPS	Shipping Svcs Mar	113341	26.73
Verizon Wireless	Phone Svc Mar	113342	325.77
VWR International	Hardware Supplies	113343	15.31
Waxie Sanitary Supply	Cleaning Supplies	113344	1,301.03
Westley Owen	CSMFO Conference 2-20-18	113345	119.31
Xylem Dewatering Solutions Inc	CL2 Injection Pump Prj 20181-38, Chlorine Injection Pump Repair	113346	14,507.03
Adobe Lock & Safe	Chlorine Storage Room Lock	113347	951.36
Aqua-Metric Sales Co	Meters 100	113348	25,419.06
CCI	Water Treatment Mar	113349	220.00
Fisher Scientific LLC	Lab Supplies MRF	113350	1,188.04
Hach Company	Turbidity Meter Prj 20181-40, Chlorine Analyzer - Water Quality Monitoring	113351	8,136.30
Idexx Distribution Corp.	Sample Vessels, Colilert	113352	2,391.73
Infosend Inc	Support Fee Feb, Postage, Processing, Door Hangers Feb & Mar	113353	42,305.84
Kelsey Structural APC	Odor Scrubber Design MRF	113354	3,960.00
Safety-Kleen Systems Inc	Parts Washer Rental	113355	363.69
Pacific Pipeline Supply	Hardware Supplies, Bolt Sets Prj 20181-17	113356	886.59
Quality Gate Company	Repair To Gate, 200 Travelers Way (Camping World) Due to 8" Main Leak	113357	1,401.00
South Bay Foundry Inc	Manhole Rings & Covers 28, 36" Cast Iron Ring - Las Posas Rd	113358	6,863.68
Steven Enterprises Inc	Inkjet Film For Plotter	113359	436.82
Traffic Safety Solutions LLC	Message Board Rental	113360	960.00

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PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK#	AMOUNT
Traffic Supply Inc	Custom Signs 24	113361	1,254.80
Trussell Technologies Inc	Biological Evaluation	113362	8,648.50
3E Company Environmental,	Spill Hotline Support 18-19	113363	580.00
Total Disbursements (121 Checks)			<u>348,621.11</u>
<b>WIRES</b>			
San Diego County Water Authority	February Water Bill	Wire	2,181,513.46
Public Employees Retirement System	Retirement Contribution - March 28, 2018 Payroll	Wire	69,092.16
Union Bank	Bank of America loan payment - Interest	Wire	36,946.80
Union Bank	Union Bank debt payment - Interest	Wire	27,620.82
Total Wires			<u>2,315,173.24</u>
<b>PAYROLL</b>			
Total direct deposits		Wire	228,222.35
VWD Employee Association		113243	612.00
Garnishments		113244 through 113245	970.14
IRS	Federal payroll tax deposit	Wire	90,672.24
Employment Development Department	California payroll tax deposit	Wire	17,584.56
CalPERS	Deferred compensation withheld	Wire	18,001.53
VOYA	Deferred compensation withheld	Wire	6,443.35
Total March 28, 2018 Payroll Disbursements			<u>362,506.17</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>			<u><u>3,026,300.52</u></u>

## Concerned About Drought? Have No Fear!

After a historically wet season last year, very little precipitation has fallen this year in California during two of the three historically wettest months. In early March, the Sierra snowpack — a critical factor in water availability — climbed to just 39 percent of normal. In February, the Department of Water Resources measured snowpack levels in the Sierra Nevada, 90 miles east of Sacramento. A little over 2 inches was reported in the monthly survey, or about 14 percent of the average for that time of year since 1964.

In early January, the snowpack levels were also gloomy, about 24 percent of normal. On average, snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs as it melts in the spring and early summer. The greater the snowpack water content, the greater the likelihood California’s reservoirs will receive enough runoff to meet the state’s water demand in later months.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for California, as of February 13, 2018, about 80 percent of the state is defined as abnormally dry, or in drought condition. The good news is that California did receive some heavy rains and snow in late March. Still, this lack of steady rain and snow begs this question. Has the drought returned?

In truth, the U.S. Drought Monitor’s classification of the San Diego region as an area of “Moderate Drought” does not reflect water supply conditions. The San Diego region continues to embrace water-use efficiency even though the region has not been subject to state-mandated

water-use standards since May 2016. Additionally, regional water-use from June 2016 through December 2017 was 15 percent below 2013 levels.

Further, the Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant delivers approximately 50 million gallons a day of drought-resilient water supplies for regional use. Vallecitos has a direct connection to the Desalination Plant, which provides about 27 percent of the District’s annual water needs.

The District’s water wholesaler, the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) stored 100,000 acre-feet of conserved water in the San Vicente Reservoir during the 2012-2016 drought for future dry years. The region’s storage is up more than 140,000 acre-feet compared to this time last year.

So don’t fear a drought. Vallecitos and the CWA have both invested in local water sources to keep your tap water flowing



**U.S. Drought Monitor map of California**

# The California Water Environment Association awards Vallecitos employee Dawn McDougle with “Supervisor of the Year” Award

From her first day on the job at Vallecitos Water District in 1988, Dawn McDougle knew that she wanted to finish her career here. Her dedication, innovation, and commitment to the community have paid off in many ways over the decades — and in January, they brought Dawn to the forefront of the region’s water industry when the California Water Environment Association of San Diego recognized her as “Supervisor of the Year” for a career marked by excellence, safety and protecting the environment.

Dawn started at Vallecitos in 1988 as an Industrial Waste Technician. It was an era when few women performed this work, and that increased her determination to succeed. She advanced her career by taking classes and earning certifications — and she helped others by mentoring and coaching them along the way. In 2002, she was promoted to Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor.

Over the past 16 years, Dawn played a major role in the operation and management of the Meadowlark Reclamation Facility, which was recognized in 2009 with an Award of Excellence from the American Society of Civil Engineers and the previous year the District won the Recycled Water Agency of the Year by the WaterReuse Association.

Dawn’s tenure at Meadowlark included the recent completion of a \$30 million expansion to an important part of Vallecitos’ water supply program that reduces demand on imported water supplies for northern San Diego County. The facility produces recycled water for golf courses at La Costa and The Four Seasons Resort Aviara in Carlsbad, as well as several school sites, Legoland and the Carlsbad Flower Fields.

Dawn masterminded the use of new process units that extended the useful life of the Meadowlark plant well beyond 2030. With many constraints along the way, she kept the existing plant operating while constructing a new plant and meeting the plant expansion output goal of 5 million gallons per day.



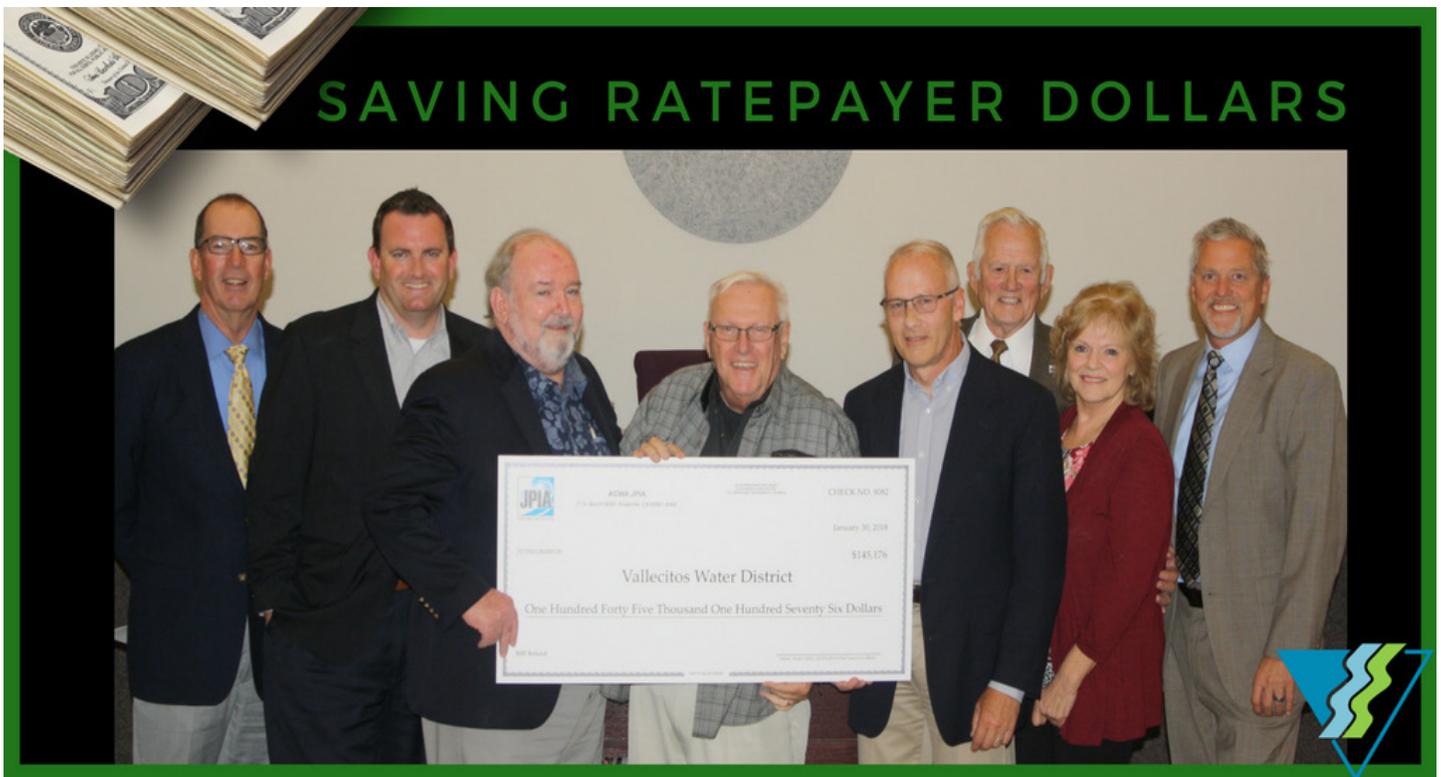
The Meadowlark facility is visited frequently by students and ratepayers because it provides an excellent opportunity to see how wastewater is converted to a valuable resource. With Dawn’s help, Vallecitos has developed successful outreach programs, including the California Water Environment Association “Wake up to Wastewater” tour and the District’s award-winning “Water Academy” tour.

During the Water Academy tour, Dawn highlights how the District plays an integral role in protecting the environment through water reuse — the perfect role for an industry leader who has spent her career making sure the District’s facilities live up to their promise. Please join us in congratulating Dawn McDougle for her award as “Supervisor of the Year!”

*“Dawn implemented several innovative designs at Meadowlark that improved safety, increased efficiencies, and reduced operating costs. She is an extremely dedicated employee to her staff, the District, and the customers we serve.” - Ed Pedrazzi - Operations and Maintenance Manager*

# Vallecitos Receives Refund Check of \$146,176

At the Vallecitos Water District's Board meeting on March 21, 2018, Andy Sells, Chief Executive Office , and Bill Knutson, Executive Committee member of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Agency (ACWA/JPIA) presented Vallecitos with a \$145,176 refund check due to the District's history of low insurance claims. Actions like this demonstrate the commitment of the Vallecitos Board, General Manager, management team and Vallecitos staff, to keep water and sewer rates as low as possible.



From left to right: Andy Sells, Mike Sannella\*, Hal Martin\*, Jim Hernandez\*, Craig Elitharp\*, Bill Knutson, Betty Evans\*, Vallecitos General Manager - Glenn Pruim. (\*Vallecitos Board members).



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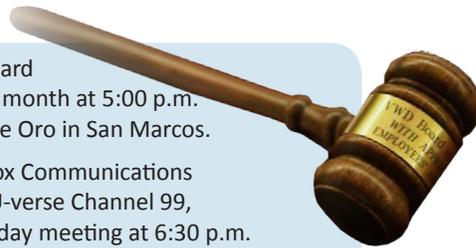
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Meetings are also aired on San Marcos TV on Cox Communications Channel 19, Time Warner Channel 24 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99, which air on the Monday following the Wednesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.san-marcos.net/smtv](http://www.san-marcos.net/smtv) for programming schedule.



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**2017 Water Quality/Consumer Confidence Report**

The 2017 Water Quality Report will be available online June 30, 2018 at [www.vwd.org/waterquality](http://www.vwd.org/waterquality). The report will list the more than 200 compounds tested for throughout the year and the results. Tested water from Vallecitos consistently meets or exceeds all drinking water standards. To request a hard copy of the report, call us at 760-744-0460.

**Speakers Bureau**

The wet and wonderful world of water can be slippery to understand, but it doesn't have to be. Get a firm grasp on water, wastewater, and issues related to their services through Vallecitos Water District's Speakers Bureau.

Let a member from the District's knowledgeable staff or Board of Directors enlighten your group, class, club or association on a wide variety of topics. Call 744-0460 Ext. 314 to schedule an event.



**DATE: APRIL 4, 2018**  
**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SUBJECT: ACWA “NO DRINKING WATER TAX” CAMPAIGN SUPPORT**

**BACKGROUND:**

Recently, the State Water Resources Board has identified over 300 water systems throughout California that are in violation of state drinking water quality standards. These water systems serve more than 500,000 people and many of the systems are in disadvantaged communities in which the customers do not have the financial means to make the improvements necessary to improve their water quality.

State Senator Monning (D) introduced legislation in 2017 (Senate Bill 623) that would provide funding for communities such as these for drinking water quality improvement projects by implementing a tax on each water service connection throughout the state. Under the proposed legislation, retail water agencies such as Vallecitos, would be responsible for collecting the taxes from its customers and remitting the proceeds to the state. No action was taken on this bill during the 2017 legislative session, causing this to be carried forward into 2018, a process called a two-year bill. The Governor’s office also developed a new Budget Trailer Bill with similar provisions. That bill is working its way through the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees.

Due to concerns about the financial impacts of this funding approach, Vallecitos has sent letters to the local State Senate and Assembly members with an “oppose unless amended” position on both SB 623 and the Budget Trailer Bill (BTB). Vallecitos has also supported ACWA’s opposition to the proposed water tax. Because this would be a tax on water, a two-thirds vote in both the Senate and Assembly would be required.

**DISCUSSION:**

In February of this year, ACWA notified member agencies of its intent to launch a campaign against SB 623 and the BTB, requesting voluntary financial contributions to fund the effort. For an agency of Vallecitos’ size, ACWA recommends a contribution of \$10,000.

ACWA’s efforts will consist of building widespread opposition from organizations outside the water industry and targeting key legislative districts in an effort to influence the language in the proposed legislation to eliminate a tax on water customers.

Vallecitos staff supports the overall goal of helping disadvantaged communities secure adequate supplies of safe drinking water but do not believe that taxing an essential commodity is the way to do that. There are many existing programs, bond measures and funding sources at the state level to achieve this objective without levying a tax on water. Establishment of a tax for this purpose would also set a dangerous precedent.

Vallecitos has been actively advocating for its customers in opposing SB 623 and the Budget Trailer Bill and it is in the District's best interests to support ACWA's efforts to do so on a broader basis.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The direct fiscal impact of this item depends upon the Board's direction. ACWA is recommending that Vallecitos contribute \$10,000 to help fund their efforts.

Based on the information contained in the proposed legislation, if the tax were to be enacted, the direct impact to Vallecitos' customers would be approximately \$300,000 per year in new taxes that would be collected through their bills.

There would also be costs to Vallecitos to develop the systems necessary to collect the taxes and transmit those funds to the state. SB 623 also includes an exemption process for qualifying households that would be difficult to administer. No estimate has yet been developed for these costs, which would ultimately be collected from Vallecitos customers as well.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a contribution of \$10,000 to ACWA's "No Drinking Water Tax" campaign.

**ATTACHMENT:**

No Drinking Water Tax Education and Outreach Campaign Contribution Form



No Drinking Water Tax Education and Outreach Campaign  
**CONTRIBUTION FORM**

Please Print or Type

**MEMBER AGENCY INFORMATION**

Organization

Contact Person

Phone Email

Billing Address City, State, Zip

**CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

We contribute a total of \$

- Payment Option**
- Please send an invoice for processing
  - A check will be mailed to ACWA within 30 days.  
Please make check payable to ACWA and mail it to 910 K Street, Ste. 100, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**Please send this completed form to Michaela Martinez at michaelam@acwa.com**

Printed Name Title

Signature Date

